

Life in the Spirit, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 8.

B. If one is a Christian, he lives in the Spirit.

II. The Christian life is life in the Spirit. Only the Spirit has power over the flesh.

III. The law of the Spirit regenerates a person and sets him free from the condemnation of the law. (John 3:3)

A. We are born again by the Spirit.

B. Positionally, we stand in righteousness through faith by Jesus Christ.

C. The characteristic of the Christian is that he walks by the Spirit.

D. We do not walk after the flesh because we have been renewed by the Spirit.

IV. The ministry of the Spirit.

A. He subdues our flesh.

1. The Spirit of God changes the pattern of our living.

2. The flesh is the problem.

3. No Christian can be subject to sin as a pattern of life.

4. We will sin, but the overall pattern has been changed. (1 John 1:10; 1 Corinthians 3; 1 John 2:1; 38)

5. The process of holiness is going on whether we like it or not.

6. The unsaved person is in constant rebellion against God.

7. Faith is the only way to please God because it is the only thing that brings about the righteousness of God. (Ephesians 2:10, 2 Corinthians 7:1)

8. We are debtors to the Spirit to kill the deeds of the flesh. (Galatians 5:24)

B. He witnesses to our sonship.

C. He guarantees our inheritance.

D. He helps us in our prayers.

Application Questions:

1. What is the “law of the Spirit” in contrast to “the law of sin and flesh” in Romans 8?

2. Should we have certain expectations with regard to how a Christian acts? Explain.

3. What does it look like to experience the Spirit’s power? How can a Christian access that power today?
