



ROMANS

DOCTRINE & LIFE

Sanctification Review

There is a new way to “*walk in newness of life*” as God’s justified children who are united with Jesus. This new way of living is “*of the Spirit*” - out of our new spiritual aliveness that we have with God. It is not of the flesh in any way; there is no reforming, reclaiming, revitalizing of the flesh. The flesh can only be recognized, battled against, and brought under submission to the will of the Spirit in us.

A Burning Question

How do we actually pursue this new way
“of the Spirit”?

Principle

Our newness of life is through the relational choice to completely follow the indwelling Holy Spirit; increasingly and meaningfully choosing to walk in step with Him by embracing the wisdom that He provides.

Romans 8:12-30

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **15** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” **16** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. **23** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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Galatians 5:16

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

John 15:5

*I am the vine; you are the branches.
Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

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“huios”

a child mature enough to take on adult family privileges and responsibilities.”

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“tekna”

children,” is lit., born ones. The believer’s birth relationship to God.

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Philippians 2:5,8-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by **becoming obedient to the point of death**, even death on a cross. ⁹ **Therefore** God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Summary Romans 8:12-17

Believers should feel a sense of indebtedness to the Spirit. Those who are following the lead of the Spirit in close, intimate relationship with Him are showing themselves to be mature children ready for more responsibility. God will reward such children with eternal joint heirship with Christ.

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“To reckon, to calculate, to credit, to put on to one’s account, to charge one’s account”

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Summary Romans 8:18-25

Our future glory, including our redeemed bodies, should galvanize us to continue in our current suffering as we follow the lead of the Spirit.

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in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Summary Romans 8:26-30

Believers who suffer as a result of following the Spirit's lead can be encouraged knowing that the Spirit is interceding on their behalf, God is working all things for their good, and their suffering is conforming them to the image of Christ.

Principle

Believers should feel a sense of obligation to live in the new Spirit empowered way that God has prepared for us. God not only motivates and empowers this new Spirit led life in us, but eternally rewards those who faithfully live in it.

Next Week

Romans 8:31-39