

Life in the Flesh vs Life in the Spirit

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We are in a Gospel RACE – It is a race between the Pseudo-Gospel (False Gospel) and the Biblical Gospel (True Gospel). The grace of God, sending Jesus Christ to die for our sin, is the basis of the Biblical Gospel through faith in Jesus Christ to reconcile us to God to serve God by bearing spiritual fruit

	Pseudo-Gospel (False)	Biblical Gospel (True)
G ospel	Man's Gospel (1:11) Salvation by works following the Law (2:16)	Gospel of Christ (1:7) Salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ – (2:16)
R equirements	Follow the works of the law to be justified before God. The problem is that no one can be justified by following the law (2:16)	Follow Christ by faith based on the reality that He died for you to deliver you from sin so you can live for God (1:4, 2:16)
A cceptance	<p style="text-align: center;">What you do for God (2:21)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From men through man (1:1) to please man (1:10) 2. Grace plus works does not work (3:2-7) 3. To be justified by the law you must keep ALL the law which is impossible (3:10-12, 5:3) 4. The law showed people their sin until Christ came to die for sin (3:19, 21-22, 23-26) 	<p style="text-align: center;">What God does for you through Christ (2:21)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Justified by faith (2:16) 2. Death to the law so you can live to God (2:19) 3. Christ died because that is the only way you can be right with God (2:21) 4. Christ redeemed you from curse of the law (3:12-14)
C ourse in Life	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slaves to Sin – you are powerless to overcome sin in the flesh (4:8-11) 2. Use your freedom to indulge in the flesh (5:13-15) 3. If you walk in the flesh, you fight against the Spirit (5:17-18) 4. You behave in fleshly manner (5:19-21) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Freedom in Christ – Christ gives us power through the Holy Spirit to free us from sin to be servants of God NOT the flesh (5:1, 13) 2. Christ is formed in you (4:19) 3. Bear fruit (5:18, 22-25)

End Results	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You are severed from Christ (5:4) 2. Sin enslaves you (5:1) 3. The flesh reaps corruption (6:8) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Spirit frees you from sin (5:13) 2. Christ is formed in you 3. Serving in the Spirit leads to life (6:8)
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Spirit Controlled Life vs Sin Controlled Life

Sins of the Mind: evil thoughts, unforgiveness, covetousness, greed, lust, arrogance, despiteful, pride, ingratitude, selfish ambition, deceit, heartless, faithless

Spirit filled Mind: self-control, forgiveness, humility, appreciation, humility, mercy, confidence, wisdom, faithful, gratitude, hope, impartiality, hope

Sinful Emotions: hatred, rebellion, bitterness, envy, bad temper, anger, unloving attitude, jealous, malice, rage

Spirit filled Emotions: love, joy, peace, patience, gentle spirit, kindness, compassion

Sins of the Mouth: lying, complaining, yelling, contentious, boasting, gossip, slander, disputer, backbiter, quarreler

Spirit filled Mouth: truthful, thankful, gentle answer, encourager, tactful, praise, pleasant, peace maker

Sins of Behavior: fornication, adultery, drunk, murder, ruthless, causes factions, without self-control, steals, violent, disobedient to parents, shows favoritism

Spirit filled Behavior: kind, righteous, obedient, good, courageous, endures, considerate, gentle, self-control, cooperative, sincere, servant, submissive, impartial

(Scriptures for the lists above: Mark 7:21-23, Romans 1:28-31, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 4:25-31, and 2 Timothy 3:1-5)

Steps to repentance

Step 1 – “I am wrong; I have sinned” (Name specific sin or sins and confess those sins before your Father).

Step 2 – “I am sorry. I have sinned” (admit you were wrong and tell your Father you are sorry because you know your sins grieve Him).

Step 3 – “Father, forgive me of my sins” (Ask your Father for forgiveness knowing you will be forgiven)

Step 4 – “Father, cleanse me of my sins.” (Ask your Father to cleanse you from sin so that you will have a clear conscience and a clean heart. You will be able to walk away whole).

Step 5 – “Father, empower me with your Spirit.” (Acknowledge to your Father that you need His power every day to become like Him in what you say, how you act, and how you relate to others).

Keys to Spirit controlled living

(1) Keep your heart pure, 2 Tim 2:22, (2) Set apart Christ as Lord, 1 Pet 3:15, (3) Seek first His kingdom and righteousness, Matt 6:33, (4) Let the Spirit fill you continually, Eph 5:18, (5) Let the Spirit conform you to God's image, Rom 8:29, (6) Give thanks in all circumstances, 1 Thess 5:18, (7) Do not put out the Spirit's fire, 1 Thess 5:19