

***Walk By The Spirit:
The Role and Importance of the Holy Spirit in the Life of a Believer***
3 - The Spirit vs The Flesh

February 19, 2017
Romans 8:1-17
Sunday Evening Bible Study

1. Review
 - 1.1. Trinity
 - 1.2. Characteristics of the Holy Spirit
 - 1.3. Wrong reasons to seek to be filled with the Spirit - Acts 8:9-24
 - 1.4. Right reason to seek to be filled with the Spirit - 1 Corinthians 12:7
 - 1.5. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit - Eph 5:18-21
 - 1.6. Things that prevent us from experiencing the Holy Spirit

2. Man's Ability Chart:

Pre-Fall Man	Post-Fall Man	Reborn Man	Glorified Man
Able to sin	Able to sin	Able to sin	Able to not sin
Able to not sin	Unable to not sin	Able to not sin	Unable to sin

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3. No one else was qualified except Jesus - Romans 8:3-4; Philippians 2:6-8; Colossians 2:9
 - 3.1. Likeness of Sinful Flesh
 - Not In sinful flesh - Denies the Divinity of Jesus Christ
 - Not in the likeness of flesh - Denies the Humanity of Jesus Christ
4. The Flesh
 - 4.1. σάρξ - sarx - BDAG
 - The material that covers the bones of a human or animal body
 - The physical body as a functioning entity
 - In Paul's thought especially, all parts of the body constitute a totality known as flesh, which is dominated by sin to such a degree that wherever flesh is, all forms of sin are likewise present, and no good thing can live in the σάρξ. i.e. the unregenerate state (Gal 5:19-21; Col 3:5-11)
5. The Spirit
 - 5.1. πνεῦμα - pneuma - BDAG
 - blowing, breathing, breath
 - the immaterial part of the human personality as the source and seat of insight, feeling, and will, generally as the representative part of human inner life
 - The Holy Spirit
6. Comparison of the flesh and the Spirit - Romans 8:5-8

Unregenerate Man	Spirit Redeemed Man
Lives according to the flesh	Lives according to the Spirit
Hostile towards God	Peace with God
Insubordination to His Law	Submission to God's Law
Failure to please God	Able to please God
DEATH	LIFE

“Those who walk after the Spirit are not such as have wholly put off all the emotions of the flesh, so that their whole life is redolent with nothing but celestial perfection; but they are those who sedulously labour to subdue and mortify the flesh, so that the love of true religion seems to reign in them.” (John Calvin’s commentary on Romans, p 276)

7. Application

- 7.1. Read Romans (at least read Romans chapter 1-8). Come on, I know you can do it!
- 7.2. Do I set my mind on the things of the flesh or the things of the Spirit? Which reigns more in my life?
- 7.3. What situations and circumstances cause me to be drawn to the things of the Flesh? How can I avoid these or persevere through them?
- 7.4. Read through Galatians 5:19-21; Colossians 3:5-9. What deeds of the flesh do I need to put to death?
- 7.5. What do I need to do in my life to set my mind on the Spirit?
- 7.6. Memorize Romans 8:1
- 7.7. Read Roman 7:15-8:1. Spend time in confession this week. Write down your sin. Be comforted that Jesus Christ can and will deliver us from this body of death. Be comforted that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.