

(Romans 8:1-2) So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

(Romans 8:3-4 ESV) For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Who is the Life-giving Spirit?

(John 16:7 NASB) But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

✓ He is _____.

(Matthew 28:19) Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

✓ He is _____.

(John 14:16) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.

✓ He is _____.

(John 14:17) He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him.

(Romans 8:5-8 ESV) For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

The sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit begins with the renewing of _____.

(Romans 12:2) Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

- I've got old _____ that don't lead to life and peace.
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(Romans 8:9-11) But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

--- My Advantage ---

1. "Holy Spirit... reveal _____ to me."

(1 Corinthians 2:9-10) "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.

(John 14:17 ESV) the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him.

2. "Holy Spirit... _____ and _____ my thoughts."

(Romans 8:5 NASB) For those who are in accord with the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are in accord with the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

3. "Holy Spirit... help me _____ speak what _____ have in mind."

(Psalm 19:14) May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

4. "Holy Spirit... _____ my thought life."

(Romans 8:12-14) Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.