



LAW OF THE SPIRIT

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OPENING VERSE

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 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 to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit

ROMANS 8:2-4

WHAT IS THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT?

Greek Meaning of Law in Romans 8

νόμος, νόμου, ὁ (νέμω to divide, distribute, apportion), in secular authors from Hesiod down, **anything established, anything received by usage, a custom, usage, law**; in the Sept. very often for תּוֹרָה, also for חֻקִּים, תְּנָיִם, etc. In the N. T. a **command, law**; and

1. of **any law whatsoever**: **διὰ ποίου νόμου**; Romans 3:27; **νόμος δικαιοσύνης**, a law or rule producing a state approved of God, i. e. by the observance of which we are approved of God, Romans 9:31, cf. Meyer (see Weiss edition), Fritzsche, Philippi at the passage; **a precept or injunction**: **κατά νόμον ἐντολῆς σαρκίνης**, Hebrews 7:16; plural of the things prescribed by the divine will, Hebrews 8:10; Hebrews 10:16; **νόμος τοῦ νως**, the rule of action prescribed by reason, Romans 7:23; the mention of the divine law causes those things even which in opposition to this law impel to action, and therefore seem to have the force of a law, to be designated by the term **νόμος**, as **ἕτερος νόμος ἐν τοῖς μέλεσί μου**, a different law from that which God has given, i. e. the impulse to sin inherent in human nature, or **ὁ νόμος τῆς ἁμαρτίας** (genitive of author), Romans 7:23, 25; Romans 8:2, also **ὁ νόμος τοῦ θανάτου**, emanating from the power of death, Romans 8:2; with which is contrasted **ὁ νόμος τοῦ πνεύματος**, the impulse to (right) action emanating from the Spirit, *ibid.*



What are the commands or precepts (rules) of the Spirit?

What rules does the Holy Spirit teach?

JESUS TELLS US WHAT THE SPIRIT WILL TEACH

23 Jesus answered him, “**Those who love me will keep my word,** and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 **Whoever does not love me does not keep my words,** and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

25 “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.**

John 14:23-26 NRSV

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TEACHES

The Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us into all truth.

13 Howbeit when he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, he **will guide you** into **all truth**:

John 16:13

REMINDS US

The Holy Spirit will remind us of everything Jesus said. He will lead us to obey the commands of Jesus.

- HOLY SPIRIT WILL
LEAD YOU TO WALK IN
TRUTH & NOT IN THE
FLESH

LED BY THE SPIRIT

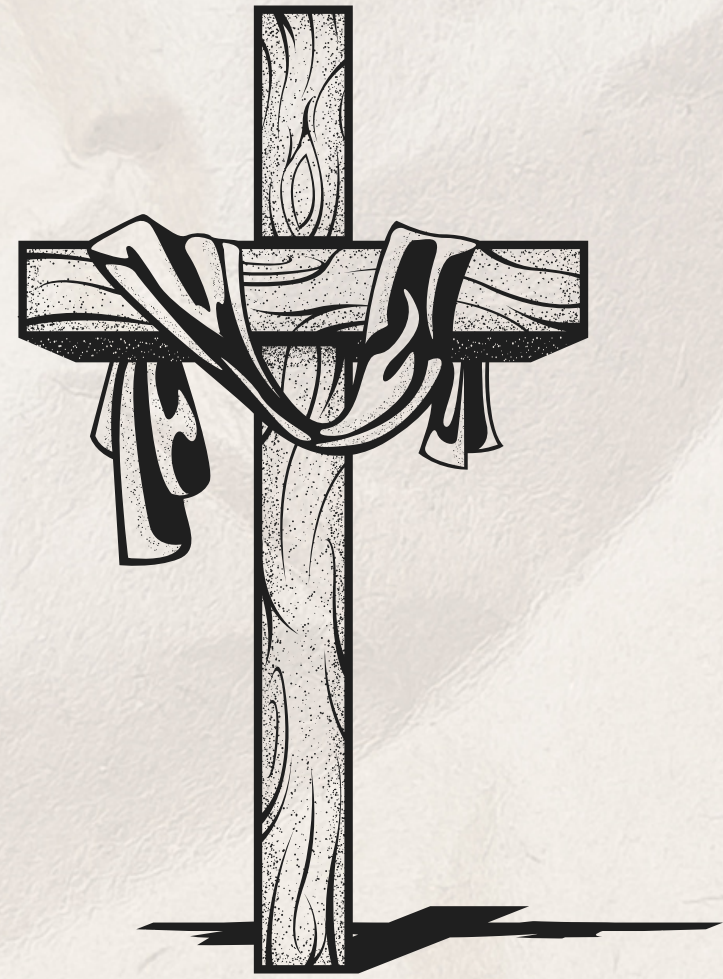
12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if **by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body**, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Romans 8:12-14

EXAMPLES



Thief steals money.



Then repents & believes in Jesus.



The Holy Spirit will lead this man to return what was stolen.

8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” 9 Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.

Luke 19:8-9

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11 And he saith unto them, **Whosoever shall put away his wife**, and **marry another**, **committeth adultery** against her.

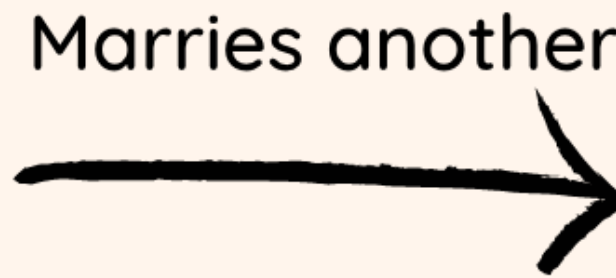
12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

Mark 10:11-12 KJV



for fornication
(adultery)

Does not



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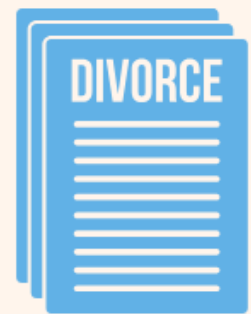
The Holy Spirit will lead this man to remain single or be reconciled to his wife.

MATTHEW 19:9

EXAMPLES

3 So then if, **while her husband liveth**, she be married to another man, **she shall be called an adulteress**: but if her husband be dead, **she is free** from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Romans 7:3



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SIN



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SIN

Adulteress



Many people teach that if she is already remarried and has asked for forgiveness she is not in sin. She doesn't need to leave her 2nd marriage. Paul says she **SHALL BE CALLED AN ADULTERESS** as long as her **HUSBAND IS LIVING!**

The Holy Spirit will lead this woman to remain single or be reconciled to her husband.

GRACE OF GOD

TITUS 2:11-12

11 For the **grace of God** that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 **Teaching us** that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we should live soberly, righteously, and godly**, in this present world;





**THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL
NOT TEACH YOU TO
DISOBEY WHAT JESUS
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TEACH YOU AND HELP
YOU TO OBEY!**