

The Holy Spirit's Liberating Power



The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Why the struggle with sin
after receiving Christ?



Holy Spirit...



- Is the 3rd member of the God-Head
- Rebirths and Indwells believers
- Desires Christ-likeness in our lives
- Begins this internal transformation utilizing God's powerful Word
- Seals our salvation forever and gives us the deposit of His Holy Spirit

The question ...

- Why the struggle with sin after I receive Christ?

Scripture Texta

1. The Law will kill you

Romans 7:10-17 NKJV NIV

10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.
11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. 12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. 13 Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. 14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. 16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17 But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

Scripture Text

Romans 7:18-24 NIV

18 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

19 For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

Scripture Text

Romans 7:18-24 NIV

21 So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law;

23 but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

1. Sin's stronghold in our fallen humanness
2. The Struggle / The internal war/The Conflict of indwelling sin

Romans 7:14-19 NIV

14 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. **15** I do not understand what I do. For what **I want** to do I do not do, but what **I hate** I do. **16** And if I do what **I do not want to do**, **I agree that the law is good**. **17** As it is, it is **no longer I myself** who do it, but it is **sin living in me**. **18** For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in **my sinful nature**. For **I have the desire to do what is good**, but I cannot carry it out. **19** For I do not do **the good I want to do**, but the **evil I do not want to do**—this I keep on doing.

Fruit of the flesh

Galatians 5:19-21 NIV

- 19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;
- 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions
- 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

2. Sinful patterns of the flesh war against our new self / The internal war

Romans 7:20-24 NIV

20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. **21** So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. **22** For in my inner being I delight in God's law; **23** but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. **24** What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

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Romans 8:1-9 NIV

1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, **2** because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. **3** For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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Romans 8:1-9 NIV

5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. **6** The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. **7** The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

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Romans 8:1-9 NIV

7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. **8** Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. **9** You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.



The Spirit's Transformation

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in Your Christian Walk