

A Spirit Filled Life

Romans 8: 1-11 CSB

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus,^[a] **2** because the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you^[b] free from the law of sin and death. **3** What the law could not do since it was weakened by the flesh, God did. He condemned sin in the flesh by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh as a sin offering,^[c] **4** in order that the law's requirement would be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5** For those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit have their minds set on the things of the Spirit. **6** Now the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set of the Spirit is life and peace. **7** The mind-set of the flesh is hostile to God because it does not submit to God's law. Indeed, it is unable to do so. **8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. **9** You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him. **10** Now if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit^[d] gives life^[e] because of righteousness. **11** And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through^[f] his Spirit who lives in you.

In these verses Paul divides people into two categories: those who let themselves be controlled by their _____ and those who follow after the _____.

The reality is that all of us would be in the first category if Jesus hadn't offered us a way out. Once we have said yes to Jesus, we should want to continue _____ him, because his way brings _____ and _____.

Daily we must choose to _____ our life on _____.

If you have sincerely trusted Christ for your _____ and acknowledged him as Lord, then the Holy Spirit lives within you and you are a _____. You can be assured that you have the Holy Spirit because Jesus _____ that he would send the Holy Spirit.

The word of encouragement I want each of us to hear today is that in our pain and in our suffering and in our distress the _____ helps us. The Spirit that is in our hearts is God. And God knows our hearts

We can _____ ourselves from God - but God never is _____ from us. God is always with us and always working in us. God never gives up on us! Even with all of our sins and all of our temptations - there is NOTHING that can separate us from God's love!