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V. Living by Grace in a Sinful World
Part 3: 8:1-17 “Living by the Spirit”

Rom 6:1-8:39

1. **Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.** *Because through Jesus Christ, God has made atonement once and for all and satisfied the law's demands.*
 - a. **Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.** (e.g., Jhn 8:34-35; Rom 6:22; Heb 2:14-15)
 - b. **What the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh** (Heb 8:7-13) **God did by sending His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.** See Jhn 1:14; Gal 4:8-11; Col 1:22; Heb 2:14-16/4:15)
 - c. **And He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met** (or, “*fulfilled/completed*”) **in us,**
 - Who do not live according to the flesh (*by what we can do on our own*)
 - But according to the Spirit. (See Rom 7:6; 2 Cor 3:6-8; Gal 3:1-6; 5:25)
2. **Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires, but those who live according to the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.** (Php 3:17-21). *What guides your thought processes - do you go with your “gut” or do you try to seek God’s guidance?*
 - a. **The mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.** (e.g., Act 13:39; Rom 5:1)
 - b. **The mind governed by (“of”) the flesh is hostile to God.** (e.g., Rom 10:1-4; Col 1:21)
 - It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. *As long as one depends on their own means to acquire righteousness, they will reject the sufficiency of Christ and doom themselves to eternal destruction.*
 - Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. (Job 14:4; Isa 64:6; Rom 3:20)
3. **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.** (Gen 15:6; Hab 2:4; Act 16:31; Tit 3:5) *And how does He live in us? - 1 Cor 12:12-13, and how is He named (Gal 4:6; 1 Pet 1:10-11)?*
 - a. **And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.**
 - b. **But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.**
 - c. **And if the Spirit of Him who raised Christ from the dead is living in you, He will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you.** (e.g., Jhn 11:25-26; 1 Cor 15:35-58)

4. Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation - but not to the flesh, to live according to it. (Gal 3:10-14). *We owe the flesh nothing, but to Christ everything.*

a. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. *Yes, a believer will always live in this world and battle their own sinful impulse, the influence of the world and the enmity of Satan ET AL. But they are forgiven, adopted, indwelled, equipped, sealed and empowered by the Spirit. Seek Him and REJOICE! Rom 12:1-2 is a good passage to remember.*

b. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. What is an indication of the indwelling Spirit. Fruit! (Gal 5:22-23; 2 Pet 1:5-9)

c. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again;

- Rather, the Spirit Himself testifies with our Spirit that we are God's children.
- Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, (Psm 2:27)
 - * If indeed we share in His suffering in order that we may share in His glory. (Php 3:7-10)
 - * *He shared in our humanity, taking our place in judgment, by one sacrifice for all time and by His subsequent resurrection He paid humanity's sin debt. We cannot earn this, only trust in Him and follow.*
 - * *If we had to earn our salvation No matter how hard one tried could they ever have any assurance that they'd done enough? Especially knowing Jas 2:10. But because Christ has done it all for us, removing the barrier between ourselves and the Father, we are free and adopted into the family of God on the basis of grace and faith ..alone.*

Because of the Lord Jesus, those who trust in Him for salvation are free, the law's requirements having been fully satisfied by Him for all.

The tension between the desire of humanity to "earn it" and the ministry of the Spirit still divides us today. The mind determined to achieve salvation its own way finds itself actually hostile toward God.

Believers live in the realm of the Spirit, and are at peace with God and possess eternal Life.

Having trusted Christ as our Savior, our obligation/debt is to Him for He has done it all.

- ***We are set free from the fear of death and judgment.***
- ***God is our merciful Judge, not our executioner.***
- ***We need to seek to know Him in all things.***