

NOT the FLESH but the SPIRIT ~ Romans 8:9-11

→Scripture Reading Rom 8:1-2, 8-9, 10-11

INTRODUCTION

^{8:1} Therefore, **no condemnation** now exists **for those IN Christ Jesus**...(HCS)

^{8:8} Those who are **IN the flesh** cannot please God. (HCS)

We Have an OBLIGATION ~ Romans 8:9-11

⁹ You, however, are controlled NOT by the sinful nature but BY the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And IF anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not BELONG to Christ.

⁹ ...are not **IN the flesh**, BUT **IN the Spirit**, since the Spirit of God lives in you. (ESV)

⁹ 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.) (NLT)

¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

¹¹ And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.

God promises spiritual resurrection life NOW for each believer's mortal body and physical resurrection in the FUTURE for that mortal body. BKC

1 Corinthians 15:51-55 (NLT) But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! ⁵² It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. ⁵³ For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. ⁵⁴ Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be FULFILLED: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

IMPLICATIONS

→The Holy Spirit Empowers us so that we can Say NO to sin

⁹ 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... (NLT)

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV) Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were BOUGHT at a price. Therefore HONOR God with your body.

When we FEEL Trapped by Habitual Sin...

- ask God to help you see it AS SIN
- talk to someone
- remember God's WORD is POWERFUL
- do NOT GIVE up

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) For the **WORD of God** is **LIVING** and **ACTIVE**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it **judges** the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

The Scriptures were not given to increase our knowledge but to **change our lives**. DL Moody

→Because we are IN Christ - Christ is IN US

¹ ...there is now no condemnation for those who are **IN Christ Jesus**...

¹⁰ But if **Christ is IN you**, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

Ephesians 3:16-17 (NLT) I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. ¹⁷ Then Christ will make His home IN your hearts as you TRUST in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's LOVE and keep you STRONG.

→ALL True Believers HAVE the SPIRIT of God

⁹ ...And if anyone does NOT have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

1 Thes. 5:19 (ESV) Do not QUENCH the Spirit. - ¹⁹ Do not STIFLE the Holy Spirit. (NLT)

Eph. 4:30 (NIV) And do not GRIEVE the Holy Spirit of God...

³⁰ And do not BRING SORROW to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. (NLT)

→We can KNOW that we are IN Christ

John 3:16 (NIV) For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever BELIEVES in Him shall NOT perish but HAVE eternal life.

John 3:36 (NIV) Whoever believes in the Son HAS eternal life, but whoever REJECTS the Son will not see life, for God's WRATH remains on him.

John 5:24 (NIV) I tell you the truth, whoever hears My Word and believes Him who sent me HAS eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

1 John 5:13 (NIV) I write these things to you who BELIEVE in the NAME of the Son of God so that you may KNOW that you HAVE eternal life.

TAKE AWAY ??

⁹ 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... (NLT)

All to Jesus I surrender, All to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him, In his presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at his feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender; Make me, Savior, wholly thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee,
Fill me with thy love and power, Let thy blessing fall on me.

I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.