

“Walking After the Spirit”

I. There is no condemnation if we walk after the Spirit. Romans 8:1

II. The Law of Sin and Death. Romans 8:2

A. All have sinned. Romans 3:23

B. The wages of sin is death. We are all going to die unless Someone pays our penalty.
Romans 6:23

III. The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:2

A. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh. Romans 8:3 Because of our sinful flesh, it is impossible for us to escape the *penalty* of breaking the law or have the *power* to obey.

B. Jesus became a man and for sin (by a sacrifice for sin) condemned sin in the flesh (in His human nature). Romans 8:3

1. Because Jesus is human, He can pay the *penalty* for our sins and die.

2. Even though Jesus is human, He kept the law perfectly and illustrated the *power* that can be ours to be obedient to the law.

C. That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us. Romans 8:4

D. Provided that we walk after the Spirit and not the flesh. Romans 8:4

IV. Walking after the flesh or walking after the Spirit. Romans 8:5-11

A. Those who walk after the flesh are not interested in spiritual things. Their enmity (hatred) against God leads to their death. Romans 8:5-8

B. Those who walk after the Spirit have the Spirit & Jesus dwelling in them. Romans 8:6,9-11

1. They have life and peace. Romans 8:6

2. They are dead to sin. Romans 8:10 and Galatians 2:20

3. They have life because of righteousness and the awareness of their spiritual nature.
Romans 8:10

4. We all have four dimensions: Physical, Mental, Social and Spiritual. Satan has corrupted or tried to destroy our spiritual nature.

5. When we allow the Holy Spirit to dwell completely in us, our spiritual nature is given new life. Romans 8:11

V. Not debtors to the flesh but to God because now we have been adopted and are His children. Romans 8:12-16

A. We don't owe the flesh anything. Romans 8:12

B. If we live after the flesh, we will die. But if we *through* the Spirit mortify (continue to put to death) the deeds of the flesh, we will live. Romans 8:13

C. Those who walk after the Spirit (led by the Spirit) become the children of God. Romans 8:13

D. As God's children we are not under the enslavement of fear to again be afraid. Romans 8:14

E. The Holy Spirit becomes the Spirit of Adoption as He reminds us of our Father through the strengthening of our spiritual nature. Romans 8:15&16