

Tacoma Grace Bible Conference



**Growing Pains:
The Roller Coaster Spiritual Life**



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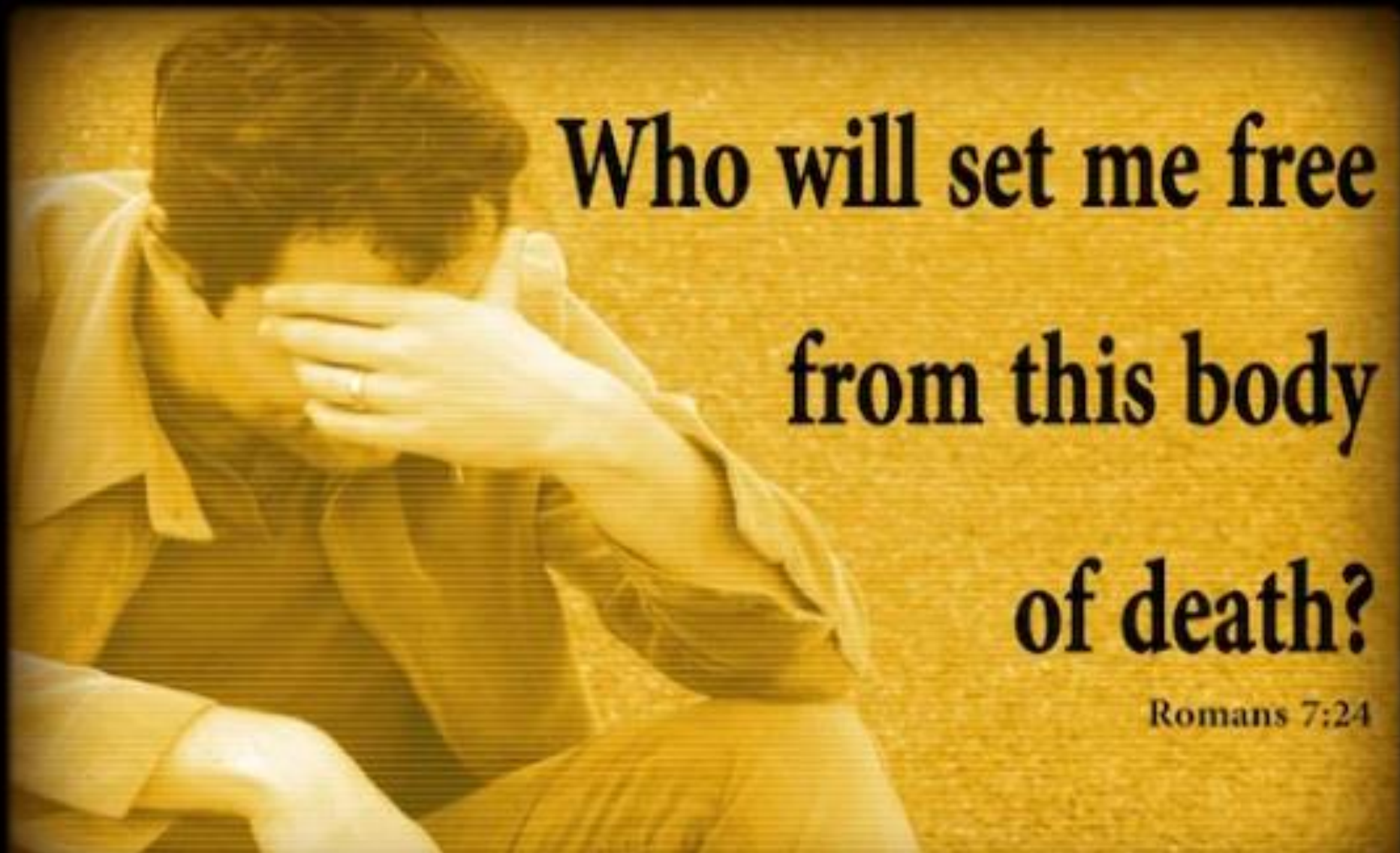
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OH! wretched man that I am!



**Who will set me free
from this body
of death?**

Romans 7:24

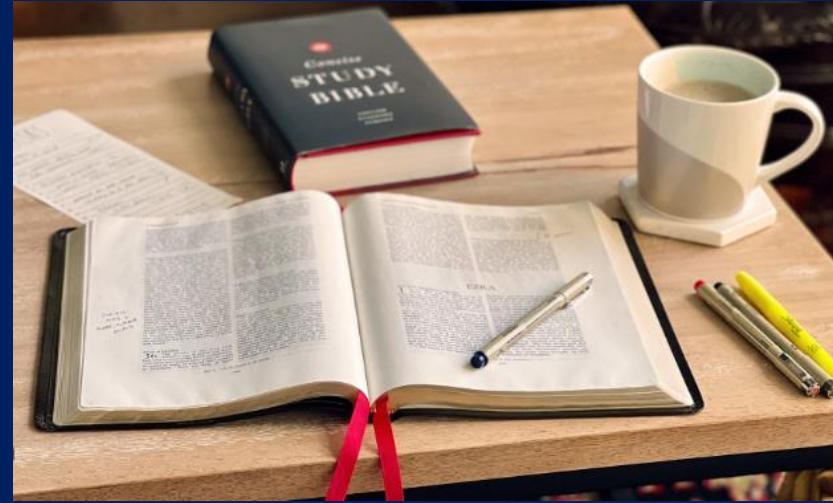


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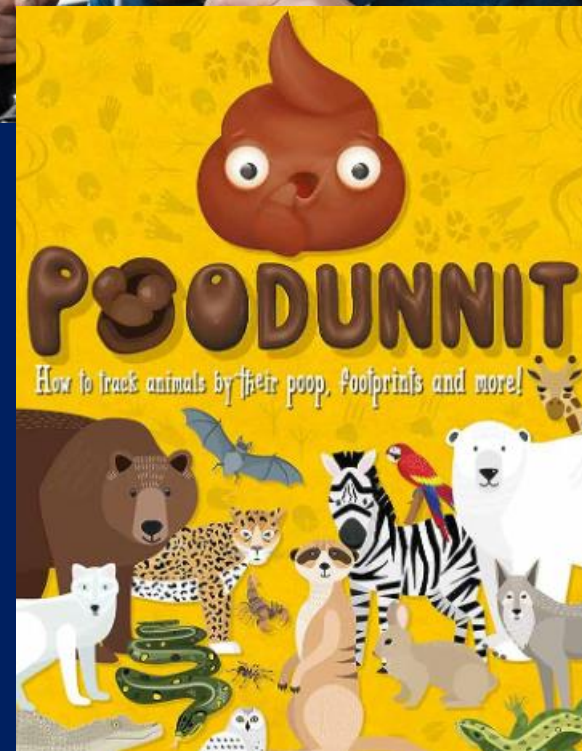












THE GAP BETWEEN WILLING AND DOING



Romans 7:18 “For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing (to do good) is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.”

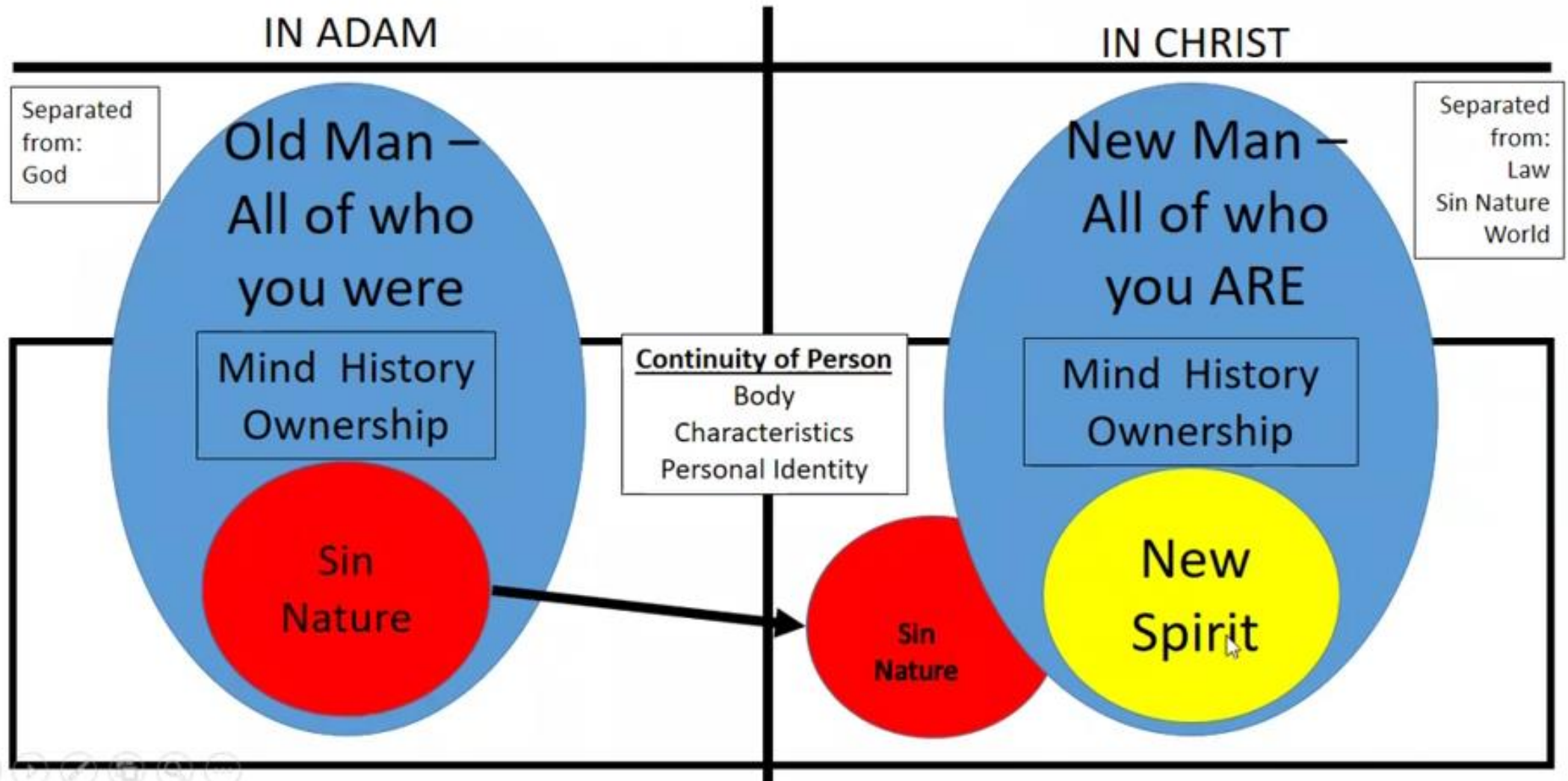
MORE THAN CONQUERORS or just a MIRAGE?

Romans 8

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“But in all these things we *overwhelmingly conquer* through Him who loved us.”

Pictures of People



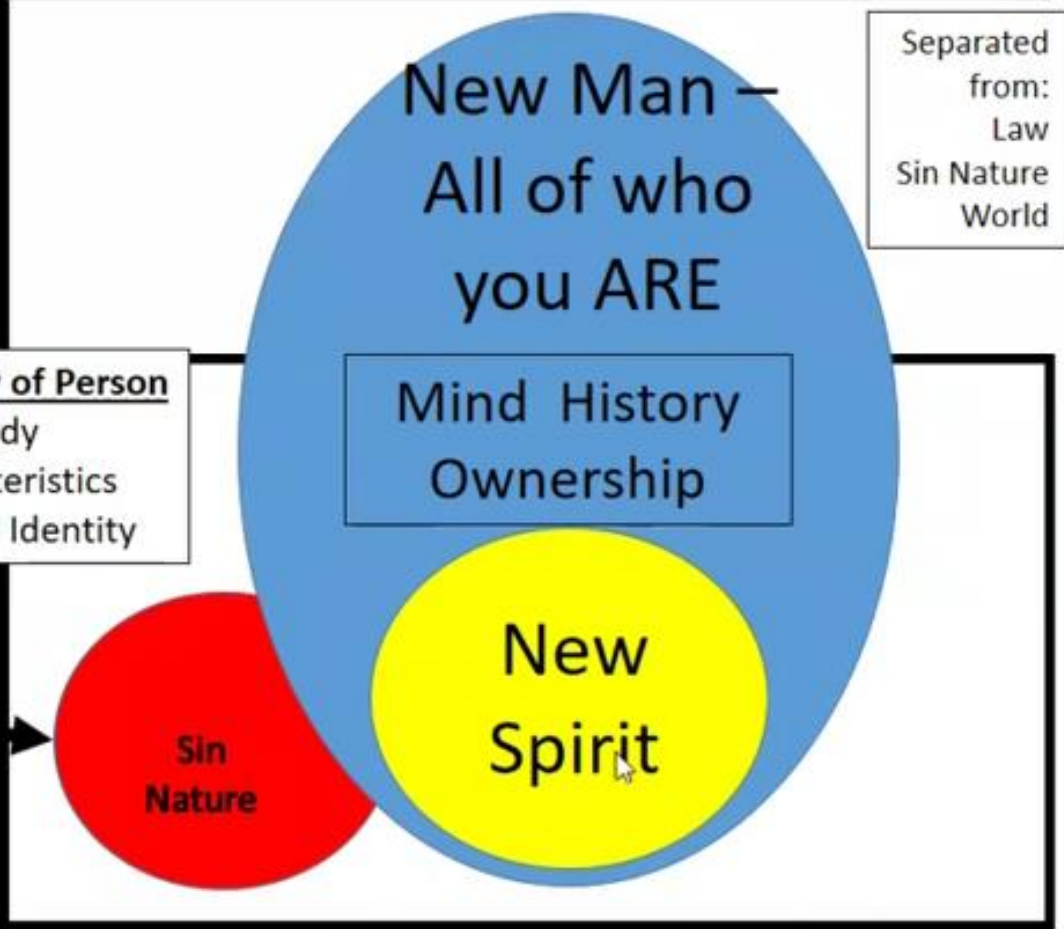
“I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.” - Romans 7:21

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Question:

How can we *biblically* move
from the

“Romans 7 Strife”

to the

“Romans 8 Life”?



Answer: First, REMEMBER ROMANS 6



Romans 6:1-4 (NASB95)

“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized (Spirit baptism) into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore, we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”

Romans 6:5-7 (NASB95)

For if (since) we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

for he who has died is freed from sin.

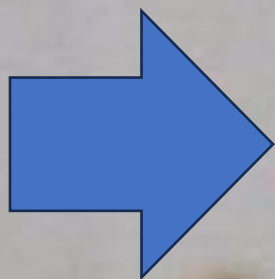
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**SIN
NATURE**



Romans 6:8-11 (NASB95)

“Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, **knowing** that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider (**reckon**) yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Answer: REMEMBER ROMANS 6



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RECKON (Count it as true) that you are dead to sin and alive to God *in Christ*.

Romans 6:12-14 (NASB95)

“Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness;

but **present** yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

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Romans 6:15-18 (NASB95)

“What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of **obedience** resulting in righteousness?

But thanks be to God that though you *were* slaves of sin, you became **obedient** from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.”

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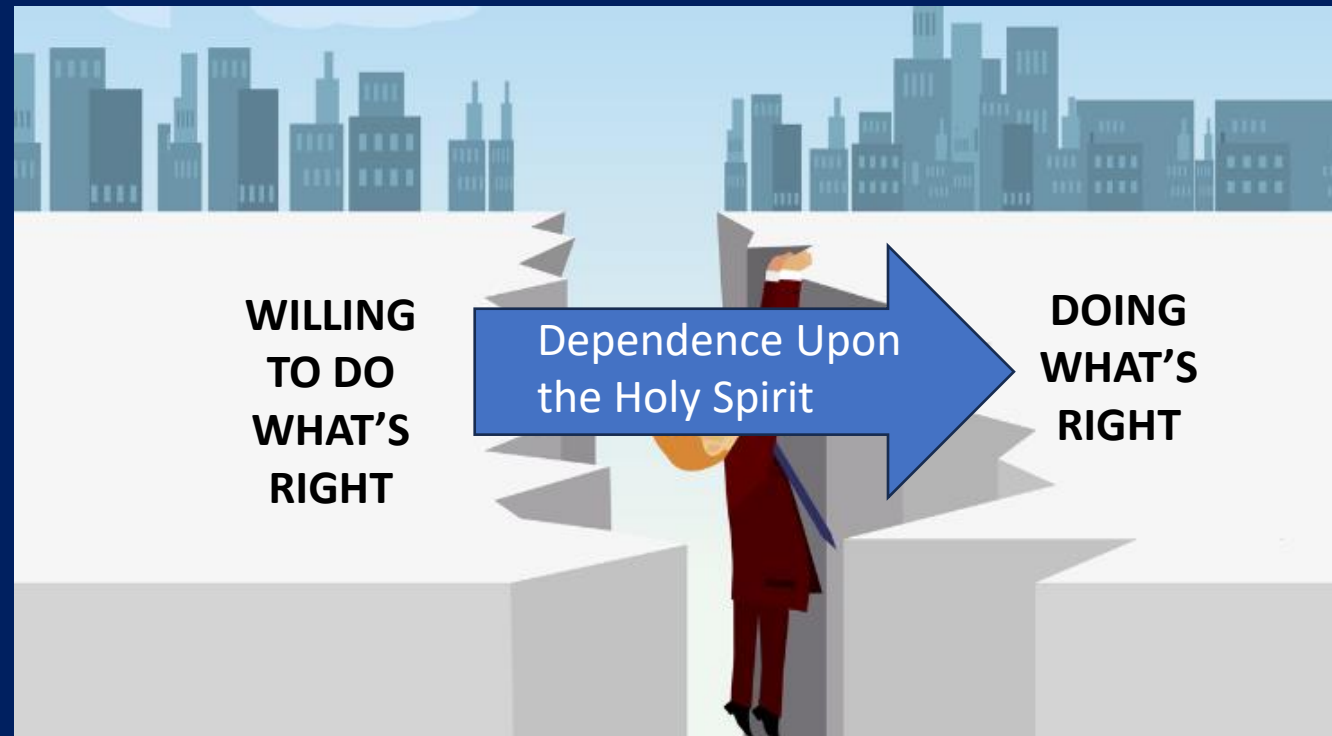


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Romans 7:23 “...but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

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Romans 8:1 “Therefore there is now no condemnation *(to live a life of slavery to the flesh)* for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Answer: REMEMBER ROMANS 6

Know-Reckon-Present-Obey

RELY UPON ROMANS 8



Romans 8:2-4 (NASB95)

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as *an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not **walk** according to the flesh but **according to the Spirit.**”

Walking after the Flesh vs. Walking after the Spirit (Romans 8:4-14)

Walking after the Flesh

Walking after the Spirit

“For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.” (Romans 8:5, NASB95)e

“Things of the Flesh”	“Things of the Spirit”
A Focus on SELF	A Focus on Jesus Christ (Phil 1:21)
Occupation with Human Viewpoint	Occupation with Divine Viewpoint
Living for the Temporary	Living in Light of Eternity
Desire for World’s Purposes/Pursuits	Desire the Lord’s Purposes/Pursuits
Operating in Pride/Self-Dependence	Operating in Humility/Grace-Thinking
Living as if You are Still “in Adam”	Living in View of Your ID in Christ

Walking after the Flesh vs. Walking after the Spirit (Romans 8:4-14)

Walking after the Flesh	Walking after the Spirit
Mind the things of the flesh (verse 5)	Mind the things of the Spirit (verse 5)
Live according to the flesh (verse 5)	Live according to the Spirit (verse 5)
Death (verse 6,13)	Life (verse 6,13)
Enmity with God (verse 7)	Peace (verse 6)
Not subject to God's law (verse 7)	Led by the Spirit (verse 14)
Cannot please God (verse 8)	Sons of God (verse 14)

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“We, not the Holy Spirit, are to ‘walk by the Spirit,’ which we should be understood instrumentally, i.e., ‘**walk by means of the Spirit.**’ In other words, the Spirit’s enablement is at our moment-by-moment disposal as we follow His lead.” – George Meisinger



“The child of God has no power within himself whereby he can enter, promote and maintain a ‘walk in the Spirit.’ This Scripture, when rightly rendered, does not make the impossible demand upon a Christian that he, in his own strength, is to accomplish a ‘walk in the Spirit.’ It is rather revealed that **the Spirit will do the walking in the Christian**. The human responsibility is that of a whole dependence upon the Spirit. Walking by means of the Spirit is simply walking by a conscious reliance upon the ability and power of the One Who indwells.



-- Lewis Sperry Chafer, *He That Is Spiritual*, 93–94.

Walking By Means of the Spirit



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*The more the nutrients flow,
the more the fruit grow.*

Stay in Fellowship with Jesus

- Prayer
- Quiet Time
- Study

Stay in Fellowship with His People

- Church & Bible Studies
- Small Group Fellowships
- Serve Together

Romans 8:26-27 (NASB95)

“In the same way the Spirit also **helps our weakness**; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

Romans 8:28 (NASB95)

“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

10 PROMISES OF ETERNAL SECURITY in the BIBLE

8) Romans 8:29-30 “The Golden Chain of Redemption”

PLAN: “For those whom He foreknew, He also...
predestined (purposed) to become conformed to
the image of His Son...”

PROCESS:

“and these whom He predestined, He also called;
and these whom He called, He also justified;
and these whom He justified, He also glorified.”



Glorified

**BELIEVER
IN CHRIST**

Justified

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The **POWER** of **GOD** in a BELIEVER's LIFE

2) Romans 8:38-39

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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RELISH YOUR RELATIONSHIP

with Jesus and His People (Jn. 6)



Thank You!

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