
THE BOOK OF ROMANS pt. 2: A New Kind of Freedom Part 2

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Is There a Disconnect Between What You Say You Believe
and What You Are Really Believing Jesus for?

¹² So then, brothers, **we are debtors**, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, **provided we suffer with him** in order that we may also be glorified with him.
Romans 12-17, ESV

Freedom Is Found in Living A “Spirit Fueled Life”

Christian Living Is Essentially Supernatural Living

We Are Debtors to Live Under the Control
and Power of The Holy Spirit *v12*

If I Long for A Supernatural Answer to The Struggles of Life – Then I Must:

1. Get My Lifestyle in Tune to The Spirit *v4*
2. Set My Mind on The Things of The Spirit *v5*

Our Lifestyle Is Shaped According to The Focus of Our Minds

When My Mind Is Focused on The Spirit,
He Is Reordering My Mind

“Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind...” *Romans 12:2, TEV*

The Spirit (is) Life! *v10*

The Spirit Gives Life *v11*

3. By the Spirit, I Must Put to Death the Activities of the Flesh *v13*

I Cannot Experience the Freedom of God if I Remain in
Bondage to The Things of The World

4. I Follow the Leadership of the Spirit *v14*

When I am Living in the Spirit I Know My Real Daddy *v15*

When I am Living in in the Spirit I Don't
Doubt my Salvation *v16*

Warning – Living in the Spirit Leads to Suffering for Christ

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. *vs17–25*

5. I Entrust My Life to The Spirit Even When Words Can Not Express My Confusion, Hurt, or Sorrow

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. *v26-27*

I May Struggle With _____ BUT ...
In the Power of The Holy Spirit I Can _____