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The Spirit gives life – 8:11-13

Review

- In Christ no condemnation
- Free from law of sin and death
- God condemned sin in the flesh
- Requirement of law fulfilled in us
- Mind set on flesh is death
- Mind set on Spirit is life and peace
- Flesh mindset – hostile and not subject to God
- Cannot please God in the flesh
- Believers not in the flesh but in the Spirit
- Spirit is life because of righteousness
- Spirit gives life to mortal bodies
- Not under obligation to the flesh
- Walk in flesh – lose fellowship with God
- By Spirit put to death flesh – fellowship with God





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- Yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness
 - NAS reads – *“the spirit is alive because of righteousness”* and the KJV reads – *“the Spirit is life because of righteousness”*
 - Is “spirit” in verse 10 referring to the human spirit or the Holy Spirit?
 - Option #1 - The spirit is alive because of righteousness (NAS)
 - This communicates that the human spirit is alive because of what God has done
 - Man’s spirit is the principle of life which was breathed by God
 - Man’s spirit allows man to know God and fellowship with God
 - Pre-fall (spiritually alive Adam walked with God = fellowship) – Gen. 3:8
 - Post-fall (spiritual death – separation from God) – Gen. 3:8-15 - Rom. 3:23
spiritual disconnection (man cannot receive or know the things of the H.S.)
1 Cor. 2:14
 - God in His love and grace desires to fellowship with man for all eternity, thus: - John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9
 - Man must be born again – spiritual birth by God’s Spirit
 - By God’s breath again – John. 3:5-9
 - Spiritual birth is where real life begins – when man believes in the person and work of Christ
 - The Holy Spirit communicates to the believer via his human spirit which is now alive unto God

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- Option #2 - The Spirit is life because of righteousness (KJV)
 - This communicates that the Holy Spirit brings spiritual life to the believer because of what God has done
 - Communicating the truth that as believers walk by faith the Holy Spirit is reproducing the life of Christ in them
 - The word spirit – *pneuma* – is used 352 times in the NT
 - Mark 1:23 – an unclean spirit
 - Mark 2:8 – Jesus spirit
 - 1 Cor. 2:11 – the human spirit
 - 1 Cor. 2:11 – the Holy Spirit
- Same word is used in different contexts
- Is “spirit” in verse 10 referring to the human spirit or the Holy Spirit?
 - In the context of Romans 8:10 which fits best?
 - Spirit used 27 times in Romans 8
 - The use in verse 10 is the 13th time it is used – prior uses all refer to the Holy Spirit
 - In verses 15 & 16 spirit is used 2 times where it is clear that it is not talking of the Holy Spirit
 - Good hermeneutics says stay with Holy Spirit
 - What do you think? human spirit or Holy Spirit
 - The Holy Spirit is giving life to our mortal bodies because of what God has done for us. (verse 11 further explains)



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- Verse 11: What God has done, is doing and will do
 - Raised Jesus from the dead
 - Dwells in believers
 - Gives life to believers' mortal bodies
- But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you
 - Similar thought as verse 9, “if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you”.
- He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead
 - He is referring to God – Acts 2:22-24
- Will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you
 - God will give life to our bodies which are subject to death
 - Will give life – zoopoieesei – is referring to the future (verb, indicative, future, active)
 - When in the future is this “life” going to happen?
 - How will we receive this “life”?
 - What does this “life” look like?



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- Receive this life through the Holy Spirit
 - Ephesians 5:18 - “be filled by the by the Spirit” is a better translation
 - To be filled by the Spirit - the Holy Spirit is the agent doing the filling
 - What is the Holy Spirit filling believers with? What is the content of His filling?
 - It is the fullness of Christ and God - Eph. 1:23; 3:16-19; 4:10; Jn. 16:13-14
 - How does the Spirit fill believers with the life of Christ?
 - As we walk by faith and behold Him – Col. 2:6 & 2 Cor. 3:18
- When is the Holy Spirit going to carry out this ministry?
 - When in the future is this “life” going to happen?
 - In the future days of walking this earth as believers
 - As we walk by faith the Holy Spirit will be reproducing in our mortal bodies the life of Christ
- What does this life look like?
 - The life of Christ – Acts 16:22-25, Col. 1:27, Phil 4:7 & 10-13



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- So then (therefore) brethren - verse 12
 - Who are the brethren?
 - Are we the brethren?
 - Because of what has been previously said, so then or therefore the following statement is true
- We are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh
 - Is this positional or conditional?
 - In reality we are right now not under obligation to live in the flesh (verb, indicative present active)
 - *ofeiletai* – under obligation or debtors — one who owes another, to be under obligation to do something for someone
 - Believers are not in debt to the flesh nor do they have to do something for the flesh
 - Believers don't have to follow the temptations or commands of the flesh
 - Live – walk in, abide in or dwell in the flesh or sin nature
 - Why are we no longer under obligation or in debt to the flesh?
 - Romans 6:6 & 14
 - No longer slaves to sin but slaves to righteousness and God
 - Romans 6:17-18 & 22



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- If you are living according to the flesh – verse 13
 - Result is you must die
- But (if you are living) by the Spirit
 - Result is you are putting to death the deeds of the body
 - Result is you will live
- If you live according to the flesh you must/will die – verse 13a
 - You live – *zeete* – right now living in the flesh (indicative, present, active)
 - You will die – *mellete* – right now die (indicative, present, active)
 - Does this mean if I walk in the flesh I am going to physically die?
 - What does die mean?
 - 1 John 1:5-7
 - When believers are walking in the light they are enjoying fellowship with God but when believers are walking in darkness they are not enjoying fellowship with God
 - Is living according to the flesh walking in darkness or light?
 - Then when walking in the flesh which is walking in darkness there is no fellowship with God which is what “will die” means.



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- But if by the Spirit – verse 13b
 - By the Spirit – the Holy Spirit is the source of power
 - Our faith and dependency must be in the Spirit
 - Galatians 5:16 “walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the desires of the flesh”
- You are putting to death
 - *thanatoute* – in reality you are right now putting to death the deeds of the body (indicative, present, active)
 - You are right now choosing to believe and depend on the Spirit
 - It is not our self effort that brings about this death but our faith in God’s revealed word – specifically Romans 6-8.
 - Finding the balance – “For we must note carefully that a holy life is to lived *by us*. It is not that we have any power, - we have none. But God’s Spirit dwells in us for the express object of being called ‘upon by us to put to death the doings of the body.’ Self-control is one of that sweet cluster called ‘the fruit of the Spirit,’ in Galatians 5:22.”

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 - Note that it did not say that the Holy Spirit will put to death the deeds of the body but that we are, not in our own strength but by faith through the Spirit.



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- The deeds of the body
 - What are the deeds of the body?
 - Any outward manifestation of the sin nature
- You will live
 - Does this mean that if I am through the Spirit putting to death the deeds of the body that I will not physically die but will physically live?
 - Again, fellowship is being referred to here.
 - 1 John 1:5-7 – putting to death the deeds of the flesh is walking in the light and this is enjoying fellowship with God