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Spirit of Life
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Romans 8.2

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

- There is a LAW of the Spirit of life.
- God Himself has made our lives as sons a legal matter.
- We are no longer under condemnation. There is no condemnation to those in Christ. The accusations of the devil that come into our mind have no legality. Accusation such as you are not good enough, strong enough, connected enough, etc. are not valid because they have no legal standing. The law of the Spirit of life set us free from accusation. We lack nothing!
- The life we have been given through Christ Jesus has been established in the courts of heaven.
- Legally we are who God has made us to be as a new creation in Christ.
- A law is a statement of fact. It has been established – it is so.
- The law of the Spirit of life severs the law of sin and death. *Sin and death have no legal hold* on us. The law of sin and death has been overridden by the law of the spirit of life.
- This new life is *IN* Christ Jesus.
- We legally live, move and have our being *IN* Christ. Dead to sin and alive to God. No longer separated from God by sin and death. We have been set free from the law or the legality of sin and death. We are no longer bound to sin – the law of sin has been loosed or removed from our being. We are not bound to sin! We are no longer slaves to sin and death.
- This is a mystery that the world cannot understand. It is foolishness to them. The world does not understand, nor do they have the capacity to conceive, that we are legally set apart from the world. We are no longer citizens of the world.



John 6.47-51, 53-69

⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ **I am the bread of life.** ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ **This is the bread which comes down out of heaven,** so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and **the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.**

⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.**

⁵⁴ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

⁵⁵ For **My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.** ⁵⁶ **He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.** ⁵⁷ **As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me.** ⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; **he who eats this bread will live forever."**

⁵⁹ These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this* said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹ But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble? ⁶² *What* then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? ⁶³ **It is the**

Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. ⁶⁵ And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that **no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.**"

⁶⁶ **As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.**

⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? **You have words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.**"

- We have believed AND have come to know.
 - Believing and have come to know are two different levels.
 - Initial belief is not yet rooted in knowing.
 - To know involves intimacy, relationship and experience.
 - When Peter says to Jesus we have no place to go if we turn back, this was a statement that defined depth of knowing.
 - Those who left Jesus at this time were not fully convinced that He was who He said He was.
 - When we are fully convinced in what we believe there is no turning back. There is no place to go if we turn back – we have come too far in knowing. Ties to the old have been severed.
 - There is an inner knowing that we have been chosen for this. Destiny is now part and purpose stirs in our heart and soul. We can't define the specifics of the future but there is a drawing and a press to continue. This is part of the dynamics of the Spirit of life operating in us.
 - This inner knowing overrides uncertainty.
 - The very words spoken to us by God carry the Spirit of life.
- It is the Spirit who gives life.
- The words Jesus spoke carried legal authority backed by heaven.
- There is life and death in the power of the tongue.
- Deep was calling to deep. Not all responded to going deeper. This was a place of separation.
- As the requirement became bigger and perceived to be harder, many turned back.
- The Spirit of God will fill our mouths with His words. Words that carry legal authority in the heavens and in the earth.

"NEVER LOOK BACK" by Christina Wilson

- N.** No turning back
- E.** Exam motives
- V.** Vanity forsake
- E.** Erase past failures
- R.** Reasoning flee

- L.** Look unto Jesus
- O.** overcome and win
- O.** Out with the old
- K.** Kingdom thinking

- B.** Behold the Lamb
- A.** Adore Him
- C.** Christ the King
- K.** Know Him more





A prophetic exhortation from Bob McGregor:

The Lord asks, "What will you do when your well runs dry?"

You ask, "What do you mean, Lord?"

"I mean the well of your own intelligence, your own abilities, your own energy and passion. What then? Are you not tired of the calculating and reasoning and planning and the hype drawn from your own resources? You have trusted Me with your eternity; will you not trust Me with your here-and-now?"

"As I said through Malachi, 'Test Me now in this,' release your iron-bound thinking and problem-solving processes. Test Me now with the issues of your life. I have ways to deliver and bless you that you know nothing about. In fact, you are not able to imagine or understand them, apart from Holy Spirit's revelation. You have heard time and again that this season calls for new ways, new sounds, new thinking. Cut away the anchor that is holding you back from My plans for your future. Allow Me, and I will open your eyes to perceive the people and places and projects that are your assignments for this season. Then I will surprise you with resources, and everything you need, from My storehouse."

Romans 8.11

But if the **Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you**, He who raised Christ Jesus from the **dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.**

- The law of the Spirit of life quickens – makes alive; activates – our very being.
- This changes EVERYTHING!
- PAUL PUTS IT THIS WAY – the law of the Spirit of life has so thoroughly quickened my mortal body that nothing is the same. I have been crucified with Christ. The law of life so fills my body that the flesh in me no longer lives or dictates what I do. But the life I NOW live I live by faith through the law of life at work in me. I live this life by the grace that God has extended to me through the law of life.
- Paul goes on to explain that this as such a dramatic turn about because he was better at living by the flesh than most. He was a Pharisee among Pharisees.
- NOW when I walk into a region or a city, the Spirit of God and the law of life are preminent and the city shifts. Powers and principalities are confronted by the law of life operating in me. The law of life confronts death and breaks death's grip.



The Lord is saying to come deeper in our conviction that He is who He says that He is. That He is our supply and the supply to our city and nation. Quit looking and processing by the media or opinion or experience. This is a time like no other to trust in the Lord with all of our heart and not lean on our own understanding. Allowing God to fill us, form us, shift us and make known to us deeper truths of the reality of Christ. The LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE has set us FREE. Greater measures of faith will fill us and expand us as we trust Him and believe. As our intimacy with Him increases our strength increases. As we know Him more our view of Detroit and the whole earth changes. We have been given the keys of the kingdom. We have been given legal authority in our city and in the heavens and the earth. We declare, "God's kingdom come! God's will be done! Here!! NOW!!!" We are a chosen people a royal priesthood.