

WALK BY THE SPIRIT  
Life in the Spirit  
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| Λέγω δέ, πνεύματι περιπατεῖτε καὶ ἐπιθυμίαν σαρκὸς οὐ μὴ τελέσητε  | <b>Gal 5:16</b> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.  |
| Εἰ ζῶμεν πνεύματι, πνεύματι καὶ στοιχῶμεν  | <b>Gal 5:25</b> If we <u>live</u> by the Spirit, let us also <u>walk</u> by the Spirit.  |
| <b>Rom 8:2-4</b> ὁ γὰρ νόμος τοῦ πνεύματος τῆς ζωῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠλευθέρωσέν σε ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου τῆς ἁμαρτίας καὶ τοῦ θανάτου. <sup>3</sup> Τὸ γὰρ ἀδύνατον τοῦ νόμου ἐν ᾧ ἡσθένη διὰ τῆς σαρκός, ὁ θεὸς τὸν ἑαυτοῦ υἱὸν πέμψας ἐν ὁμοιώματι σαρκὸς ἁμαρτίας καὶ περὶ ἁμαρτίας κατέκρινεν τὴν ἁμαρτίαν ἐν τῇ σαρκί, <sup>4</sup> ἵνα τὸ δικαίωμα τοῦ νόμου πληρωθῇ ἐν ἡμῖν τοῖς μὴ κατὰ σάρκα περιπατοῦσιν ἀλλὰ κατὰ πνεῦμα. | <b>Rom 8:2 -4</b> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending <u>his own Son</u> in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who <u>walk not according to the flesh</u> but according to the Spirit. |
| Ἄρα οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ὀφειλέται ἐσμέν οὐ τῇ σαρκὶ τοῦ κατὰ σάρκα ζῆν, <sup>13</sup> εἰ γὰρ κατὰ σάρκα ζῆτε, μέλλετε ἀποθνήσκειν· εἰ δὲ πνεύματι τὰς πράξεις τοῦ σώματος θανατοῦτε, ζήσεσθε. <sup>14</sup> ὅσοι γὰρ πνεύματι θεοῦ ἄγονται, οὗτοι υἱοὶ θεοῦ εἰσιν  | <b>Rom 8:12-14</b> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to <u>live</u> according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you <u>live</u> according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you <u>put to death</u> the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.  |

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## 0. INTRODUCTION

- controversy → Is s sinless life possible? "Victorious life"?...

### 0.1. GREEK WORDS

- περιπατέω, (Rom 8:4; Gal 5:16) to walk; to make one's way, make progress, in figurative discourse equivalent to to make a due use of opportunities, to be one's companion, used of

one's followers and votaries, to live

- στοιχέω, (Gal 5:25, Gal 6:16 τῷ καιόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν) → to proceed in a row, go in order: metaphorically, to go on prosperously, to turn out well: to direct one's life, to live... [PASSOW] to stand or go in a line or row, → not to desert him by whose side he ought to stand in battle, to walk by a rule,

## 0.2. "WALK" – THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IN GENERAL ("LIVE")

- a general Greek word for "living" → as against to BEING DEAD...
- **John 14:16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,
- **John 14:18** "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
- **Eph 2:18** For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the **Father**
- **Phil 3:18** For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ
- **Rom 8:9** You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.
- **Gal 5:25** If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit (στοιχέω).

## 0.3. "WALK" – THE SPIRITUAL LIFE IN PARTICULAR ("PROCEED")

- two natures in the Christian man → spiritual life as against of BEING CARNAL...
- **1Cor 3:1-3** But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?  
1Cor 3:1-3 (Κἀγώ, ἀδελφοί, οὐκ ἠδυνήθην λαλήσαι ὑμῖν ὡς πνευματικοῖς ἀλλ' ὡς σαρκίνους, ὡς νηπίους ἐν Χριστῷ. <sup>2</sup> γάλα ὑμᾶς ἐπότισα, οὐ βρῶμα· οὐπω γὰρ ἐδύνασθε. ἀλλ' οὐδὲ ἔτι νῦν δύνασθε, <sup>3</sup> ἔτι γὰρ σαρκικοὶ ἐστέ. ὅπου γὰρ ἐν ὑμῖν ζῆλος καὶ ἔρις, οὐχὶ σαρκικοὶ ἐστέ καὶ κατὰ ἄνθρωπον περιπατεῖτε)
- Romans 5 ↔ Romans 6 → life in Christ ("the old man")
- Romans 7 ↔ Romans 8 → the weakness of the flesh ↔ the power of the Spirit ("the flesh")

## 1. CHRISTIAN TWO NATURES (ROMANS 8:1-17)

- **Rom 8:9** You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.
  - **Rom 8:12-14** So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh (οὐ τῇ σαρκὶ τοῦ κατὰ σάρκα ζῆν). <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh (κατὰ σάρκα ζῆτε) you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body (τὰς πράξεις τοῦ σώματος θανατοῦτε), you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God...

### 1.1. DEAD AND RISEN WITH CHRIST

- → PERSONAL relationship motivation...
- **Gal 2:20** It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me
- **Rom 8:3-4** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh (ἠσθένει διὰ τῆς σαρκός,), could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit

### 1.2. ENLIVENED BY THE SPIRIT

- **Rom 8:11** 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 (τὰ θνητὰ σώματα) through his Spirit who dwells in you

### 1.3. MINDING THE SPIRITUAL THINGS

- **Rom 8:5** For those who live according to the flesh (κατὰ σάρκα **ὄντες**) set their minds on the things of the flesh (τὰ τῆς σαρκὸς **φρονοῦσιν**), but those who live according to the Spirit (οἱ δὲ κατὰ πνεῦμα) set their minds on the things of the Spirit
- **Rom 8:6** To set the mind on the flesh (φρόνημα τῆς σαρκὸς) is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit (φρόνημα τοῦ πνεύματος) is life and peace.

### 1.4. MORTIFYING THE BODY

- **Rom 8:13** 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

### 1.5. GLORIFYING THE FATHER

- **Rom 8:15-17** 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!**" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> 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

## 2. THE SPIRITUAL NATURE WORK-OUT

(1) understand, (2) persuaded, (3)

### 2.1. THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT

#### 2.1.1. KNOWING THE GIFTS OF GOD

- **1Cor 2:12** Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

#### 2.1.2. SPIRITUAL THINKING

- **1Cor 2:14-16** The natural person (ψυχικὸς δὲ ἄνθρωπος) does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

### 2.2. THE LOVE OF THE SPIRIT

**Rom 15:30** I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf

#### 2.2.1. KNOWING THE LOVE OF GOD

- **Rom 5:5** ...God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
- **Eph 3:16** he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being ... **Eph 18-19** may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

#### 2.2.2. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- **Phil 2:1** ...participation in the Spirit (κοινωνία πνεύματος)...
- **1Cor 12** → the body of Christ

## 2.3. THE DESIRES OF THE SPIRIT

### 2.3.1. SPIRITUAL JEALOUSY

- **James 4:5** Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?

### 2.3.2. THE REAL HOLINESS

- → spiritual *desires* (not just *fighting* against evil longings...)
- **Gal 5:16-18** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh (σὰρξ ἐπιθυμῶν κατὰ τοῦ πνεύματος) are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh (τὸ δὲ πνεῦμα κατὰ τῆς σαρκός), for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit (εἰ δὲ πνεύματι ἄγεσθε), you are not under the law.

## 3. TO REMEMBER

- Everyone who belongs to Christ has the Holy Spirit, is dead with Christ and has access to the Father.
- Every Christian has two natures. Walking in the Spirit involves minding and obeying the desires of the Spirit.
- The joy of spiritual walk is more powerful than the pains of the old nature being put to death by the Spirit.