

## Abba, Father and The Spirit of God

### **Paul's promise: in Christ we are freed from sin by the Spirit**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.

And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

### **Our mindset, on flesh or Spirit, determines how we live**

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires;

but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

### **The Spirit within is how we belong to Christ now & eternally**

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.

And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

### **If we live by the Spirit we will seek the holiness of Christ**

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation— but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.

For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

### **Led by the Spirit, we are adopted as God's own children**

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption as children.

And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.



Hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:5



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The law cannot save us; but God provided a way  
He sent his Son in our flesh for our salvation  
And Jesus sent the Spirit to prompt our holiness

### The mark of a Christian is the Spirit within

Without the Spirit, we have no hope of pleasing God  
But by the Spirit from Christ, we have what we need  
Jesus invites intimacy by the Spirit with Abba Father

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

I John 3:1

### The Commands of Jesus

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul  
and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.

Portions of Matthew 22:37-38



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Because you are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into  
our hearts to cry out, "Abba! Father!" Galatians 4:6 ISV

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