



DO NOT WALK ACCORDING TO THE FLESH

Romans 8:1

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Those who are in Christ Jesus (*born again*) and walk according to the Spirit are not under condemnation. However, those who are in Christ Jesus, and walk according to the flesh are under condemnation. The flesh, your sin nature is condemned. It is condemned to death. It has been condemned judged and but to death on the cross of Christ, if you fulfill the requirement. The requirement is that you walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. By the law sin is cursed, your sin nature is a cursed thing. It is up to the Christian to agree with the death sentence that is on his or her sin nature by reckoning it crucified in Christ's crucifixion. This agreement with the judgement is shown daily by the Christian who does not walk according to the flesh but obeys the Spirit and walks according to the Spirit. In scripture our sin nature is called, the old man, the body of sin, the outward man, the flesh. It's condemnation continues or abides and therefor must be reckoned by the Christian to be crucified in Christ. Paul teaches that we must account our old nature crucified in Christ. We must be baptized, immersed into Christ's death.

Romans 6

*1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into His death**? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

*5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that **our old man was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For **he who has died has been freed from sin**. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord**. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.*

*15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! 16 Do you not know that **to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness**? 17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you **obeyed** from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And **having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness**. 19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now **present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness**. 20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now having been set free from sin, and **having become slaves of God**, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. 23 For the wages of*

sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Through death we have been freed from being slaves to sin. We have been set free from sin to become slaves of God through obedience. It is by walking in obedience that we walk according to the Spirit. We walk according to the Spirit and in doing so, we do not walk according to the flesh. If we do the one we will not be doing the other. If we live by the Spirit we put to death the flesh. This is how we overcome sin. We overcome sin by making ourselves slaves of obedience. We become enslaved to walking in the Spirit.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus sets us free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-6

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

The carnally minded or naturally minded set their affections on the things of the flesh. To fulfill the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, the righteous requirement of the law, we must set our minds on the things of the Spirit, to live or walk according to the Spirit.

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If we are a slave to sin and disobedience it will lead us to death. To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus supercedes the law of sin and death if we fulfill the righteous requirement of this law by being in Christ and walking in (obeying) the Spirit. This is the law not destroyed or abolished, but fulfilled in Christ.

Matthew 5:17-18

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

It is simple, we do not observe the ceremonial law and judicial law of Moses. However, we do fulfill the moral law, the righteous requirement of the law, by being in Christ and walking according to the Spirit.

Christ did not come to abolish the ten commandments or the law of Moses, He came to fulfill them and to empower us to fulfill them, by walking in the Spirit. We are called to walk daily in the Spirit. We are called to become slaves to the law of obeying the Spirit. It is as we become slaves to obedience, by the Spirit's daily leading, that the law is fulfilled in Christ. As Christians we are to walk according to the Spirit and make ourselves slaves of righteousness. We are to be obedient to God by obeying the Spirit of God. Do not walk according to the flesh, walk according to the Spirit and fulfill the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 4:8

*8 Therefore He says: " When He ascended on high, He led captivity **captive**, And gave gifts to men."*

Christ led those captive in sin into captivity to righteousness. It is by obeying the Spirit that we become slaves of righteousness and produce the fruit of holiness and it is the fruit of holiness that produces everlasting life. We must become slaves of God in order to have everlasting life. Walking in the Spirit produces holiness and holiness produces eternal life. You get one by doing the other. The fruit is everlasting life. The holiness you produce by walking in the Spirit will open heaven's door to those around you and produce everlasting life.

Romans 6:22

*22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become **slaves of God**, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.*

1 Corinthians 7:22

*22 For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is **Christ's slave**.*

Romans 1:1

*1 Paul, a **bondservant of Jesus Christ**, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God*

James 1:1

*1 James, a **bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ**,
To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.*

2 Peter 1:1

*1 Simon Peter, a **bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ**,
To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:*

Jude 1

*1 Jude, a **bondservant of Jesus Christ**, and brother of James,
To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:
2 Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Contend for the Faith*

Paul called himself a slave of God. Paul, James, Peter and Jude, all called themselves bond servants of Christ. A bond servant was an obedient slave. We, as followers of Christ are called to be bond servants, slaves of Christ by the Spirits leading.

Galatians 5:16-26

*16 I say then: **Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.** 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.** (Because you are fulfilling the requirements of the law)*

*19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.***

*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 **And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.** 25 **If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.** 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

If we walk in the Spirit we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. The one is displaced by the other. If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Does this mean that if you are not led by the Spirit that you are under the law and condemned by it? Yes, it does! If you walk according to the flesh you remain under the condemnation and judgement of God. God has made a way for you to escape this condemnation and judgement. The way is Christ. It is to be crucified with Christ, to account your old nature, your sinful flesh dead, crucified in Christ. When you look at something a certain way or account it a certain way, you will act in accordance with the way you see it. If you account yourself dead, your sin nature crucified in Christ, then you must act accordingly. This means that you are prepared to live according to the Spirits guidance and leading. You will pursue the Spirit and live or walk out your life disregarding or not walking according to your flesh and by so doing you will be fulfilling the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:7

*7 **For he who has died has been freed from sin.***

Galatians 2:20

*20 **I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.***

Galatians 5:24

*24 **And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.***

Galatians 6:14

*14 **But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.***

Judgement continues to abide on those Christians who walk according to the flesh. Paul called them enemies of the cross of Christ. The Cross of Christ is obedience to the Spirit of God. Christ obeyed the Spirit. He prayed in Gethsemane, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, *Your will be done.*” and He went to the cross. If you are an enemy of the cross you are an enemy of obedience and self denial.

Philippians 3:17-19

*17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. 18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the **enemies of the cross of Christ:** 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.*

These Christians walk as if they are enemies of the cross of Christ. It is their walk that tells you they are enemies of the cross. If they are unwilling to account their flesh crucified in Christ and live accordingly, then they are walking according to the flesh. Paul says that their god is their fleshly desires, their bellies and that they have set their minds on earthly things.

2 Peter 2:9-11

*9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, 10 and especially **those who walk according to the flesh** in the lust of uncleanness and **despise authority.** They are presumptuous, **self-willed.** They are not afraid to **speak evil of dignitaries,** 11 whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.*

They want their own way. They want to do their own thing. They despise and hate authority. Peter says, “*They are presumptuous, self-willed.*” They are not afraid to *speak evil against dignitaries.* They hate submission to the will of the Father revealed by walking according to the Spirit. Dignitaries are God ordained authorities such as true Apostles, prophets and Pastors.

Romans 8:4

*4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who **do not walk according to the flesh** but according to the Spirit.*

Romans 8:14

*14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, **these are sons of God.***

Here it is, simple, sons of God are led by God. If you are not led by God you are not His. Think about it! This other Christianity we have now in North America is not true biblical Christianity. True Christians obey the Spirit. They love God with all their heart and they want to obey Him in order to express that love. If you are not in that category then you do not belong to Christ. You are a fool, playing church and you live now condemned and judged. **DO NOT WALK ACCORDING TO THE FLESH** but according to the Spirit.