

**Free from Sin to Grow in Grace
Session 10 Handout**

“Love has its own demands or requirements. It weighs and counts nothing but expects everything. Perhaps that explains our reluctance to risk. We know only too well that the gospel of grace is an irresistible call to love the same way. No wonder so many of us elect to surrender our souls to rules rather than to living in union with Love.”

– Brennan Manning

Isaiah 55:1-3 TPT

Listen! Are you thirsty for more? Come to the refreshing waters and drink. Even if you have no money, come, buy, and eat. Yes, come and buy all the wine and milk you desire—it won’t cost a thing. Why spend your hard-earned money on something that can’t nourish you or work so hard for something that can’t satisfy? So listen carefully to Me and you’ll enjoy a sumptuous feast, delighting in the finest food. Pay attention, and come closer to Me, and hear that your total being may flourish. I will enter into an everlasting covenant with you, and I will show you the same faithful love that I showed David.

There is only one response necessary for freedom – **COME!!!** All the nourishment, refreshment, and goodness that we long for are all in Him.

Romans 8:1-2 NLT

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

Kenneth Wuest - **Therefore, now, there is not even one bit of condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the Spirit, that of the life in Christ Jesus, freed you once for all from the law of the sinful nature and of death.**

Law – *nomos* G3551 – law (through the idea of a prescriptive usage), regulation, a principle. A law or rule producing a state approved of God. A precept or injunction.

The law here is not a written law but a regulative _____ which _____

a _____ over the life of the believer. - Kenneth S. Wuest, Wuest’s Word Studies from the Greek

➔ **Spirit** – G4151 *pneuma* –

Strong’s Concordance: a current of air, i.e. breath (blast); a spirit (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, God, Christ’s Spirit, the Holy Spirit: --ghost, life, spirit(-ual, ually), mind.

Interlinear Concordance:

- I. The third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit, coequal, coeternal with the Father and the Son
 - A. Sometimes referred to in a way which emphasizes his personality and character (the “Holy” Spirit)
 - B. Sometimes referred to in a way which emphasizes his work and power (the Spirit of “Truth”)

C. _____ referred to as a _____ force
(He is never detached from the Father and Son)

- II. The spirit, i.e. the vital principal by which the body is animated
 - A. The rational spirit, the power by which the human being feels, thinks, decides
 - B. The soul
- III. A spirit, i.e. a simple essence, devoid of all or at least all grosser matter, and possessed of the power of knowing, desiring, deciding and acting
 - A. A life giving Spirit
 - B. A human soul that has left the body
 - C. A spirit higher than man but lower than God, i.e. an angel
 - i. Used of demons, or evil spirits, who were conceived as inhabiting the bodies of men
 - ii. The spiritual nature of Christ, higher than the highest angels and equal to God, the divine nature of Christ.
- IV. The disposition or _____ which fills and governs the soul of anyone
 - A. The efficient _____ of any power, affection, emotion, desire, etc.
 - i. God's _____ and _____—manifest in the course of affairs, and by its influence upon souls productive in the theocratic body (the church.)
- V. A movement of air (a gentle blast)
 - A. Of the wind, hence the wind itself
 - B. Breath of nostrils or mouth

➔ **Life – G2222 zoe –**

Interlinear Concordance:

- I. Life
 - A. The state of one who is possessed of vitality or is animate
 - B. Every living soul
- II. Life
 - A. Of the _____ of _____, both essential and ethical, which belongs to God and through Him both to the hypostatic “logos” and to the Christ in whom the “logos” put on human nature.
 - B. Life real and genuine, a life active and vigorous, devoted to God, blessed, in the portion even in this world of those who put their trust in Christ, but after the resurrection to be consummated by new accessions (among them a more perfect body), and to last forever

Tyndale Bible Dictionary:

Life – *zoe* - the word was used to designate the divine, eternal life—the life of God (Eph 4:18). This life resided in Christ, and he made it available to all who believe in him. Human beings are born with the natural life—called *psuche* in Greek; they do not possess the eternal life. This life can be received only by believing in the one who possesses the *zoe*-life, namely, Jesus Christ.

The overflowing, vibrant quality of life made available in Christ was evident in the authority of his speech and the power of his touch. He is “the author of life”, who provides the way into life. And he raised the dead with his life-giving power. His own resurrection made him “a life-giving spirit,” with the power of “an indestructible life”. Thus, Jesus Christ is “our life” —in union with whom we find “newness of life” and are newly created, living henceforth not for ourselves but for him.

John, especially, dwells on the theme that Christ is the source of this new life for the children of God. This life is enjoyed already by those who know God and Christ, for they have already passed from death into eternal life.

Such life is _____, enlightened, _____ and

_____, _____, full of _____ and _____,

inexhaustibly refreshed and _____.

Eternal life, *zoe*, is the mode of existence referred to in Scripture characterized by either timelessness or immortality; kind of life attributed to God and distributed to believers. The perspective of the biblical writers flowed from an understanding of a living God who existed prior to the world’s creation and who will continue to exist when the end of time arrives. God’s gift to those who are obedient and responsible to him is designated as “eternal life” or some such synonym. John’s Gospel provides the most definitive material on eternal life.

Wuest Word Studies from the Greek Testament:

The law here is not a written law but a regulative principle which exercises control over the life of the believer. This regulative control over his life is exercised by the Holy Spirit.

This control is in the _____ of the _____ given the believer both to _____

and to do God’s _____, this energy coming from the _____ that _____,

which in the believer is given him by reason of his _____ in

_____.

One could translate, “**For the law of the Spirit, of the life in Christ Jesus.**” One could interpret, “**For the regulative principle of the Spirit, namely, the life which is in Christ Jesus,**” this freed me from the regulative principle of sin and death (the evil nature), at the moment I put my trust in the Lord Jesus and was saved.