

Romans 8:1-4

Walk After the Spirit

1. 8:1 – Our Walk

- a. Gaebelein – “we have reached the mountain-top of this great epistle”
- b. “*which are in Christ... who walk*” – A subject that began in Rom 5:1-21
- c. Which communicates the difference between position (standing) and condition (state)
- d. We must understand the difference between salvation/service; position/performance
- e. Both beginning (salvation) and end (service/walk) concern the Spirit – Gal 3:3, Col 2:6
- f. We will learn in Rom 8 that the Spirit changes our mind and direction.
- g. “spirit” appears 21x in ch. 8 (more than any other chapter of the Bible)
- h. Our walk after the Spirit starts with knowing: Col 1:9, 2:7, Eph 1:13, 5:17-18, 1 Cor 2:12

2. 8:2 – Free from the Law of Sin

- a. Before you do anything to walk, you must know what He did.
- b. Dwelling in you is sin... but now also indwelling you is the Spirit
- c. “*law of the Spirit*” – the law that now operates in you by the Spirit
- d. The Spirit baptizes into one body of Christ: new creature – 1Co 12:13, 2Co 5:17, Ro 6:4
- e. “*of life in Christ Jesus*” – We are justified freely by grace through faith, w/o our works
 - i. In Christ we are quickened, made alive, given life, justified – Eph 2:5
 - ii. Our life is hid in Christ, not in our performance – Col 3:1-3
- f. “*made me free from*” – A subject that began in Rom 6:7,18,22
- g. “*the law of sin and death*” – what held us captive in our flesh cf. Rom 5:12, 7:23, 25
 - i. In Christ we are redeemed, saved, forgiven, cut off from the flesh-Col 1:14, 2:11
 - ii. There is no life in your flesh, there is only life in Christ by the Spirit – Rom 5:5

3. 8:3 – The Condemnation of Sin

- a. “*the law*” – the law of commandments, brought up in Rom 7
 - i. The law could not justify, redeem, deliver, give life (Gal 3:21), Spirit, grace, separate you from sin, make you righteous/perfect, or change your inner man
- b. “*weak through the flesh*” – Law could not make us perform - Act 13:39, Gal 4:9, Ro 7:5
- c. “*God sending his own Son*” – God sent his Son to perform.
 - i. Sent in the flesh, this is the incarnation - John 3:16, Gal 4:4-5, Col 2:9, 1 Tim 3:16
- d. “*the likeness of sinful flesh*” – mankind, yet without sin – Heb 4:15, 2 Cor 5:21
 - i. He was not all that he appeared to be in his flesh – Phi 2:7-8
 - ii. “*and for sin*” – by his death for sin – 1 Cor 15:3
- e. “*condemned sin in the flesh*” – Man could be saved. Sin could not condemn even him.
 - i. Resurrection brought life/immortality to light –1 Cor 15:63-57, 2 Tim 1:10

4. 8:4 – Righteousness Fulfilled

- a. Not “the works of the law might be fulfilled in us”, but “the righteousness of the law”
- b. “*righteousness of the law*” – Not your righteousness – Rom 3:10, 23, 7:14

- c. This is not keeping commands, obeying law, following Jesus (sinlessness), nor Eze 36:27
- d. The law taught righteousness, but now... without the law... Rom 3:21-22
- e. Righteousness is fulfilled by being imputed by faith – Rom 4:6, 22-23, 2 Cor 5:21
- f. *“not after the flesh”* – not our outward performance 2 Cor 5:16
- g. *“but after the Spirit”* – The performance of the Spirit and of Christ.
- h. Righteousness fulfilled through our walk after the Spirit is the subject of Romans 8.