

ROMANS 29 – 8:8-16

Led by the Spirit

1. 8:8-9

- a. Romans 6-8 talk about the walk of a justified man. Remember 5:1, 6:2, 6:12
- b. There are three things to our walk: walk in, walk after, and the walk that works
- c. The power to walk in = 2 Cor 5:7, Col 2:6, 3:7 = what is your life/strength?
- d. A purpose you walk after = 1Cor 12:2, Gal 5:18, Phil 3:16, what course to follow?
- e. The performance of walking = Col 1:10, Eph 4:1, 1 Thess 4:1 = what are results?
- f. What the heart believes affects what the mind knows and what the body does

2. 8:9-10

- a. "in the flesh" described in Eph 4:17-19 as dark hearts/vain minds (Rom 1:21)
- b. You are no longer in darkness, but light – Eph 5:8, also 2 Cor 4:4, Phil 2:15
- c. What you do can't change who you are, but who you are can change what you do
- d. You are either in the flesh or in the Spirit: in Adam or in Christ 1 Cor 15:22, 45
- e. We are not waiting or tarrying for the Spirit -John 7:39, 14:16, Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4
- f. He dwells in us when we believe – 1 Cor 6:19, Eph 1:13, 4:30; Gal 3:26, 4:6
- g. "he is none of his" – when we make this about our works, we face condemnation
- h. "walk after the flesh" = our works; "walk after the Spirit" = faith in God's work
- i. "body is dead" – The flesh operates by its work, but it is now dead - Rom 6:3-4

3. 8:11-13

- a. Your mortal body can be raised to walk in new life - Gal 2:20, Eph 4:23-24
- b. Spirit works to seal, lead you in the truth, and quicken you from the inside out
- c. "debtors" – The flesh did nothing for us, the Spirit did everything for us!
- d. "mortify the deeds" – reckon them dead, crucify them; they have been dealt with
- e. What about the consequences of the past? Phil 3:13 Christ suffered another's sins

4. 8:14-16

- a. "led of the Spirit" – directed, guided, shown the course, how? By God's words!
- b. He leads us by the book he inspired to reveal the gospel and change our minds.
- c. We walk after the Spirit, being led of the Spirit, we are the sons of God – Gal 3:26
- d. "spirit of bondage" the law which bound, cursed, struck fear = Gal 2:4, 4:9-10; 5:1
- e. "Abba" is not translated, oh, no! It is term used by sons, not children - Mark 14:36
- f. "bears witness" not intuition or gut feeling, it is what he says and what we believe
- g. Being led of the Spirit means we are not under the law – Gal 5:16-18
- h. Romans 8 is not about getting you do more work, but trusting the Spirit's work