

Galatians 4:1-21 **Led of the Spirit**

(A Romans Chapter 8 Addendum)

1. The law of sin and death

- a. The law is holy, just, good, righteous. (Rom 7:12, 9:31)
- b. The righteousness of the law: sin is bad, justification is needed, the just should live
- c. Attempting good by the law results in condemnation. Even for a believer. (Rom 7:13-24)
- d. Thus the law:
 - i. Increases the power of sin on and over you. The strength of sin is the law. (1 Cor 15:56)
 - ii. Can't bring you justification, righteousness, or life. Sin is always found. (Gal 3:21-22)
 - iii. The law is the "ministration of death", the law of sin and death. (2 Cor 3:7, Rom 8:2)
 - iv. This is appropriate for those under the law who have offended one point. (Gal 3:10-12)
 - v. This is appropriate for the unsaved to learn from. (1 Tim 1:7, Gal 3:23-26)
 - vi. You cannot walk in the law. It will drag you down and beat you up. It will condemn.
- e. The law begs the flesh to do, the gospel of the grace of God is that Christ has already done. (Rom 4:24-25, Rom 6:23)
- f. The law is contrary to the one who trusts Calvary's cross. (Col 2:10, 13-14, Rom 6)
- g. The law is not of faith. We are to walk by faith. (Gal 3:12, 2 Cor 5:7, Col 2:6)

2. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ

- a. Paul learned that after salvation, the law was still powerless to bring life. (Rom 7:7-25)
- b. The answer to this problem can be found in the identity/position of the believer. (Rom 8:1-2)
 - i. In Christ, we are dead to the law, sin has no more dominion. (Rom 6:14, 18, 22)
 - ii. Righteousness, justification, and life are all found in Christ. (Rom 6:23, Col 3:4, Gal 2:20)
 - iii. The law was powerless to grant these things, the cross is the power of God unto salvation. (Rom 8:3, 1:16)
 - iv. Freedom and liberty is in Christ. (Gal 5:1)
- c. These things are only true of you if you have received the Spirit. You cannot walk after what you do not have. (Rom 8:8-9)
 - i. Without the Spirit, we do not belong to God. (Rom 8:9)
 - ii. We receive the Spirit upon belief of the gospel. (Eph 1:13)
 - iii. With the Spirit, we have life, and are in the Spirit. This is how we walk. (Rom 8:10)
- d. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ is how we are to walk today, we owe the flesh nothing! (Rom 8:11-12)
- e. Led? The course has been plotted whether you "walk after" or not. (example: GPS, dancing, president) (Gal 5:18)
 - i. Your position is set, your vocation has been given, God's will made known. (Eph 4:1, 2 Cor 5:20)
 - ii. You are not under law because you've been crucified with Christ. (Col 2:11-13, 20)
- f. To walk after the Spirit is to properly identify your position/course and walk accordingly! (Col 1:9-10, Eph 5:15-17)

- g. The Spirit of adoption allows us to cry, "Abba, Father." What's this adoption? (Gal 4:6-7)
 - i. This is the adoption that identifies us as children of God. (Rom 8:16)
 - ii. The Spirit is given to sons. If you don't have it, you don't belong to God. (Gal 4:6)
 - iii. Children are heirs of God. (Rom 8:17) Sons are heirs of God. (Gal 4:7)
- h. If an adult is behaving like a child, we do not decree that they are therefore a child. They are an adult that needs to act like what they are.

3. Your position matters

- a. If we see our *position* as something other than it is, we can not walk after the Spirit.
- b. If we turn to the law, it will not bring life, righteousness, or justification. It will bring death.
- c. Good can be done without a law.
- d. If we alter the things freely given to us by God based on our behavior, we have no hope of walking after the Spirit.

In Adam	In Christ (Spirit in you)
Unrighteous, condemned (Rom 1:18)	Righteous, justified (Rom 4:5, 5:1)
Course of this world, dead in sin (Eph 2:1-2)	Course laid out by Spirit, quickened (Eph 2:1, Rom 8:14)
The law of sin and death (Rom 8:2)	The law of the Spirit of life in Christ (Rom 8:2)
Death (1 Cor 15:22)	Life in Christ (1 Cor 15:22)
Cannot please God (Rom 8:8)	Able to please God (Rom 8:9)