

## THE LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT

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Rom. 8 : 1-14—Memory Verse, 1.

**Golden Text**—For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God.  
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1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath 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 sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh :

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh ; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded *is* death ; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God : for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell

in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.  
10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin ; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die : but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

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

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The Romans, to whom Paul wrote one of his epistles, were noted, amongst other things, for their good and wise laws. So famous were the Roman laws that many of them were copied by people of other countries.

To the Roman Christians Paul said, "Though as a people you have the finest rules in the world, yet there is something that even the best laws cannot do for you. They cannot save you from sin.

"Good laws may show people what is evil, and even punish them when they disobey, but they cannot at all keep men from doing wrong.

"It is because of this that God has sent His Son into the world, that through Jesus

Christ all men might be saved from their sins, and learn a better law than any they could make for themselves.

"Since I have received the new law of the Spirit of Jesus Christ," wrote Paul to his Roman friends, many of whom were slaves, "I am a free man."

Now Paul did not mean that he had ever been the slave of any earthly master, but that through Christ he was free from the punishment and slavery of sin. "But," said Paul, "because Christ has forgiven my sins, I am not to suppose that I can behave as I like. I am still bound to obey the law, which seems no longer hard and disagreeable, but rather a pleasure and delight.

"There are just two kinds of people in the