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STUDIES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

Similarities? Differences?



**Which one
represents you?**





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**“A Spirit of Holy
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Romans 8:1-17

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1. The Dilemma

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1. The Dilemma

Is your life dominated by fear, defeat, condemnation?
(the question is not do you sin & fail!)

If I say 'yes', what does the answer tell me?

1. I am not a born again believer..... OR
2. I am a believer but not living in the Spirit.



1. The Dilemma

“Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God’s law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin. 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.” (Romans 7:25–8:2, NLT)



2. The Person

- ❖ The focus of chapter 8 is a person - the Holy Spirit
 - ❖ Spirit of Life v 2, 6
 - ❖ Spirit of God v 9
 - ❖ Spirit of Christ v 9
 - ❖ Christ in you v 10
- ❖ Romans chapters 1-7 – Spirit appears 5x
- ❖ Romans Chapters 9-16 – Spirit appears 8x
- ❖ Romans 8:1-17 – Spirit appears 17x!
- ❖ Romans 8:1-39 – Spirit appears 21x!



2. The Person

Is there any hunger to be different, to get rid of the ways of the world, sin, defeat, condemnation, fear ...?
For the true follower of Jesus, the answer is found in a person, the power of the Holy Spirit – Christ in us!



3. Facts (for the Believer in Jesus)

1. Not condemned v1
2. Set free v2
3. In Christ our sin was dealt with v3
4. Walk in the Spirit- law is fulfilled v4
5. In the Spirit – there is life and peace v5
6. Our spirit is alive in Christ v10
7. Will have a resurrection in Christ v 11
8. Are sons of God v 14
9. Are heirs with Christ v 17





4. My Choice (As a believer)

“For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,” (Romans 8:6, NASB95)

‘Mind set on’ = thought, purpose, will, the thoughtful planning, the seat of your mental and spiritual activity



4. My Choice (As a believer)

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“So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.” (Romans 8:6, NLT)

“Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life.” (Romans 8:6, The Message)



4. My Choice (As a believer)

I am free to set my mind on:

1. The flesh (myself)

A. Selfish desires, what I want

“And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ.”

(1 Corinthians 3:1, NASB95)

“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you?”

(James 4:1, NIV84)



4. My Choice (As a believer)

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 - B. On my self righteousness/ self effort/ own strength / what I have done wrong or right



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2. The Holy Spirit

- A. Walk in the Spirit – (live) v 4
- B. By the Spirit put to death sin v 13
- C. Led by the Spirit v 14
- D. Cry Abba Father – pray! talk! V 15



4. My Choice (As a believer)

I am free to set my mind on:


- 1. Reflection on His Word/Prayer**
- 2. Specifically the person of Christ**



4. My Choice (As a believer)

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:17–18, ESV)



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What is the fundamental difference?



Which are you?



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The street car must be in constant, continual contact with the wires for power. It does not operate on its own.


So it is with the believer and the Holy Spirit



What is the fundamental difference?

- ❖ How desperately do I want to be free of condemnation, fear, sin, failure?
- ❖ How desperately do I want to be like Christ?
- ❖ Where have I set my mind?
- ❖ Where do I set my mind daily?
- ❖ On my own power or lack of power?
- ❖ On Him?
- ❖ Am I a 'spiritual streetcar' or a 'self run bus'?



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