

The Spirit of God (the Holy Spirit) versus the Spirit of Christ

The Spirit of Christ Gives Us Eternal Life

The job description of the Lord Jesus Christ is to redeem us and give the believer eternal life by the work of the Holy Spirit. The believer's spirit is joined with the Spirit of the God-man and thus, becomes one new spirit in Christ Jesus, a new creation, at the time of regeneration.

The Holy Spirit Gives Us Power to be Victorious

The Holy Spirit's job description is to convict and then conceive Christ in us. He then will endue us with power to be victorious over our enemies: the flesh, the world and the Devil by filling the believer with His presence, a subsequent experience. This will be evidenced by speaking in tongues.

The Job Description of the Persons in the God Head

As we look at context, keep in mind what the context is saying and keep in mind how the God Head operates.

- God, the Father is the "Originating Cause."
- God, the Son is the "Product, or the Instrumental Cause."
- God, the Holy Spirit is the "Executive Agent of the Godhead, or the Operating Cause."

Never place the "Operating Cause, Holy Spirit" in the place where the "Instrumental Cause, or Product, the Son" is! All things in God's Universe, whether it has to do with the natural or spiritual, originate from the Father through the Son by means of the Holy Spirit.

"Walk in the Spirit"

The Apostle Paul says, "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

[Gal 5:16](#) This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

He also says we should both "live" and "walk" in the Spirit.

[\(Gal 5:25 KJV\)](#) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

He is simply saying that if we want to "walk in the spirit" then we must "live" in the Spirit. The Spirit should be fulfilling His role in our lives as the "paraclete," meaning "intercessor, consoler: --advocate, comforter."

Book of Romans

We must investigate the Book of Romans to fully understand this phrase, "live and walk in the Spirit." Romans chapter 8 will explain this to us.

The Apostle Paul Gives Us Instruction

[Rom 8:1](#) There *is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Paul goes on to say:

[Rom 8:4](#) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

The Purpose of the Holy Spirit

Paul then instructs the believer in the purpose of the Holy Spirit.

He starts out by saying: "*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus*"

[\(Rom 8:1\)](#) There *is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

This is as God sees it, but to make it experimental (that is, making it practical) in our lives, we must read the rest of verse 1, "walk after the Spirit."

“No Condemnation” to “No Separation”

Mary M. Bodie says:

“The chapter starts out with “no condemnation” for those in Christ Jesus and ends with ‘no separation’ from Him who possesses the believer, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Spirit – spirit – Spirit

Since the word “spirit - pneuma” applies to different things, principals and entities, we need help from the Holy Spirit to interpret the meaning. We need to ask ourselves is the word “Spirit” here in verse 1 the Holy Spirit, or the “New Creation Spirit?” The answer is in the first sentence: “*There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus” The “New Creation” is the “summorphos (meaning jointly formed- KJV, conformed, Rom 8:28)” of Christ’s Spirit and the Human Spirit?

[1Co 6:17](#) But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Our spiritual walk is as a New Creature in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Product.

The Holy Spirit, the operating agent, empowers the New Creation to be the dominate force in our Christian experience.

In Chapter 8, There are two laws, or principles

In Chapter 8 we see a use of various terms regarding the Spirit.

We see two things: Laws (Principles) and Spirits.

This is the chapter that shows us the operational power of the Holy Spirit.

[\(Rom 8:2\)](#) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

We see in the second verse, the phrases “the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus” and “the law of sin and death.”

These two laws are “principles” that work in the believer’s life.

“The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus” is the New Creation in action, the “New Man,” the “Inner Man,” the “Lord from heaven,” the “Last Adam” as empowered by the Holy Spirit.

[\(Rom 8:3\)](#) 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:

[\(Rom 8:4\)](#) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Here we ask ourselves is it the Holy Spirit or the regenerated spirit, the new creation.

The context gives us the meaning of both the “New Creation” and the “Holy Spirit.”

The first is the product, the substance of our new life in Christ.

Verse 4 has its source in Verse 3. It is the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The second is the enduement with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

Be filled with the Holy Spirit and you will live the life of Christ out through you. The Lord Jesus Christ has done His job in us now allow the Holy Spirit to do His job.

[\(Rom 8:5\)](#) 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.

Paraphrasing: “You are not walking in the power of the flesh, but in the New Creation, if you are filled with the Holy Spirit and using His power to overcome the flesh.”

[\(Rom 8:6\)](#) For to be carnally (*or fleshly minded, after the Old Creation*) minded *is* death; but to be spiritually (*New Creation*) minded *is* life and peace.

[\(Rom 8:7\)](#) Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

[\(Rom 8:8\)](#) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

[\(Rom 8:9\)](#) 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.

Paul makes it very clear. It is Christ in You, not the Holy Spirit in You that gives you “the hope of glory” or, your Salvation. It is the Holy Spirit in you that give you the power to live after the “spirit, or New Creation.”

(Col 1:25) Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

(Col 1:26) Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

(Col 1:27) To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

(Col 1:28) Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

(Col 1:29) Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Here are some other scriptures showing that it is the “Spirit of Christ (the Spirit of the God-man)” in us that is our salvation.

(Rom 8:9) 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.

(Rom 8:10) And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

(Rom 8:11) But if the Spirit of him (*Holy Spirit of God*) 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 (*Holy Spirit*) that dwelleth in you.

(Php 1:18) What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

(Php 1:19) For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

(Gal 4:6) And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Much Error in the Church

There is much error in the Church when it comes to the “Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.” This is also true when it comes to understanding our Salvation.

The errors that we face are:

- Many say “our Salvation” is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and that we receive Him when we first believe in Christ.
- There is confusion between the “Spirit of God” and the “Spirit of Christ.”
- We are saved by the “our faith” rather than the “faith of Christ”.
- Tongues is not the evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit.

Here are a few theological statements from John MacArthur’s book:

(Some of the above errors are illustrated in the writings of John MacArthur, a non-Pentecostal theologian.)

“Strange Fire”

“At salvation, the Holy Spirit not only regenerates the sinner and imparts saving faith, but He permanently resides in the life of that new believer. The Apostle Paul explained it this way in Romans 8:9: ‘But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.’”

(Rom 8:9 KJV) 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.

MacArthur goes on to say:

“In a marvelous and incomprehensible way, the Spirit of God makes His home in the life of every person who trusts in Jesus Christ.”

MacArthur then makes a confusing statement:

“Life in Jesus Christ is different because the Spirit of God is now within.

He is there to empower, equip for ministry, and minister through the gifts He has given us. The Holy Spirit is our Comforter and Helper.”

He goes on a little later in his writing:

“To reiterate Paul’s statement from Romans 8:9: ‘If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.’ Put simply, those who do not possess the Holy Spirit do not belong to Christ.

Genuine believers---people in whom the Holy spirit has taken up residence---think, talk, and act differently. They are no longer characterized by a love for the world; instead, they love the things of God. That transformation is evident of the Spirit’s power at work in the lives of those whom He indwells.

He is confused over the two phrases of “Spirit of God” and the “Spirit of Christ.” He violates the context. The context is clearly that the Spirit of Christ gives us a relationship with God. It is the substance that gives us our new creation man. It is the substance that gives us salvation. Whereas, the Holy Spirit gives us power to walk in the new life that we have in Christ.

Let us look at the two phrases “The Spirit of God” and “The Spirit of Christ.”

First, the Spirit of God

(Joh 4:23) But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

(Joh 4:24) God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Jesus is telling us that we must worship God “in spirit and in truth” for “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

The realm of the “spirit” is difficult sometimes for us to fathom.

We are natural and with our body we connect to the natural world, but we are body, soul and spirit.

With the body, we connect to the world around us. We are world conscious.

With the soul, we connect to ourselves. We are self-conscious.

With the spirit we connect with God. We are God conscious.

When we enter into the realm of the spirit, then the Spirit of God communes with us.

(1Co 2:9) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

(1Co 2:10) But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

(1Co 2:11) For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

(1Co 2:12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

(1Co 2:13) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

(1Co 2:14) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

(1Co 2:15) But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

(1Co 2:16) For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. So, if we are to commune with God, it is in the spirit realm.

We must be born again to enter into that realm.

Our spirit must be regenerated by the Holy Spirit so that the Spirit of Christ and our spirit might become one. That is why we need to be born again, filled with the Holy Spirit and a student of the Word.

(Heb 4:12) For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

(Eph 2:10 KJV) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

(Eph 2:11 KJV) Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

(Eph 2:12 KJV) That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

(Eph 2:13 KJV) But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

(Eph 2:14 KJV) For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

(Eph 2:15 KJV) Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace;

(Eph 2:16 KJV) And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

(Eph 2:17 KJV) And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

(Eph 2:18 KJV) For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

(Eph 2:19 KJV) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

(Eph 2:20 KJV) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

(Eph 2:21 KJV) In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

(Eph 2:22 KJV) In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Eph 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:4 There *is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Eph 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

The Spirit of Christ

There is the "Spirit of Christ" and the "Spirit of God." These two terms are used by many as meaning the same person, the Holy Spirit. The "Spirit of Christ" which we receive when we are born again is not the "Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit". We receive the "Spirit of Christ, the God-man" and this is accomplished by the work of the "Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit." The greater part of evangelicalism believes that when you are born again, it is the Holy Spirit that takes up residence in your vessel. This is not what the Scriptures says.

How Do We Know Who the Word "Spirit" Refers To?

So how do we know who or what the Scriptures are talking about. It is only by context, context and context. In other words, how is the Scripture using the word? What is the application?

It is not always easy.

It takes both the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.

The Word

(Heb 4:9) There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

(Heb 4:10) For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his.

(Heb 4:11) Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

(Heb 4:12) For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

(Heb 4:13) Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

(Heb 4:14) Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.

The Spirit

(Isa 28:9) Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts.

(Isa 28:10) For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:

(Isa 28:11) For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

(Isa 28:12) To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

(Isa 28:13) But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

(Isa 28:14) Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem.

It is necessary that we ask the Holy Spirit for Guidance.

First, let us remember:

(Joh 4:24) God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

We must worship God through our spirit. Our worship must emanate from our spirit.

Our New Creation Life

I would like to deal with the various terms that the Scriptures call our New Creation Life.

One "spirit"

It is called "One spirit."

(1Co 6:17 KJV) But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

We are conformed to the image of Christ, that is, our spirit and the Spirit of Christ become one.

(Rom 8:28 KJV) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

(Rom 8:29 KJV) For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Conformed, G4832, summorphos, *soom-mor-fos'*

From [G4862](#) and [G3444](#); *jointly formed*, that is, (figuratively) *similar*: - conformed to, fashioned like unto.

Image, G1504, eikōn, *i-kone'*

From [G1503](#); a *likeness*, that is, (literally) *statue, profile*, or (figuratively) *representation, resemblance*: - image.

(Rom 8:30 KJV) Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

(Rom 8:31 KJV) What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

(Rom 8:32 KJV) He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

(Rom 8:33 KJV) Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

(Rom 8:34 KJV) Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

(Rom 8:35 KJV) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Christ In You

(Col 1:26 KJV) Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

(Col 1:27 KJV) To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

(Col 1:28 KJV) Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Partakers of the Divine Nature

(2Pe 1:4 KJV) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

(1Jn 3:7 KJV) Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

(1Jn 3:8 KJV) He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

(1Jn 3:9 KJV) Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

(1Jn 3:10 KJV) In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

(1Jn 3:11 KJV) For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

Our Inner Man is the “Spirit of Christ” amalgamated with “our spirit.”

(Rom 8:9) 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.

(Php 1:18) What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

(Php 1:19) For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Inner Man

(Eph 3:14 KJV) For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

(Eph 3:15 KJV) Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

(Eph 3:16 KJV) That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

(Eph 3:17 KJV) That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

(Eph 3:18 KJV) May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

(Eph 3:19 KJV) And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

(Eph 3:20 KJV) Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

(Eph 3:21 KJV) Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

The Second Man, The Lord from Heaven

(1Co 15:40 KJV) There *are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.

(1Co 15:41 KJV) There *is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory.

(1Co 15:42 KJV) So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

(1Co 15:43 KJV) It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

(1Co 15:44 KJV) It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

(1Co 15:45 KJV) And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

(1Co 15:46 KJV) Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

(1Co 15:47 KJV) The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

(1Co 15:48 KJV) As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

(1Co 15:49 KJV) And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

(1Co 15:50 KJV) Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

(1Co 15:51 KJV) Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

(1Co 15:52 KJV) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

(1Co 15:53 KJV) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

The New Man

(Eph 4:22 KJV) That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

(Eph 4:23 KJV) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

(Eph 4:24 KJV) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

(Col 3:9 KJV) Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

(Col 3:10 KJV) And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

The Spirit of His Son

(Gal 4:6) And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Galatians by A.S. Copley:

This is a most glorious truth. Its fullness is not generally understood. Most people suppose that salvation only puts us back into the position of the first Adam before his fall - that is, that we are saved from sin and restored to innocence - thus, the result of sin is simply counteracted and nothing more. That falls far short of the truth. That would be an eternal blight on the wisdom and Power of God. Nay! Verily. We were only creatures in the first Adam; but we are sons in the last Adam, Christ. We were sinless in the first Adam; but we "are sanctified in Christ Jesus" - I Cor. 1:2. We were "of the earth, earthy" in the first; but we are "heavenly" in Christ. We were "natural" in the first; but we are "spiritual" in the last. We were "a servant" in the first; but we are "lord of all" in the last. We are not only as the first Adam, without sin; but we are "partakers of Christ," "partakers of the divine nature," haters of sin.

"The Spirit of His Son" - 4:6. What spirit is that? It is exceedingly important to know. Ignorance at this point is a dangerous inlet for much error today. Is that Spirit, the Holy Spirit, called the "Comforter" or "the Spirit of Truth," whom Jesus promised to send? - John 14:16, 17. No, indeed. Bear in mind that Christ is both human and divine. He has His Own Spirit as a distinct Personality - a divine human Spirit, for He was "God ... Manifest in the flesh." Did He not possess His own distinct Spirit when He stood upon the bank of Jordan and received the Holy Spirit coming upon Him in a bodily shape as a dove? - Luke 3:22. John 15:26 is significant here - "When the Comforter is come whom I will send unto you from the Father even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father He shall testify of Me." Here are mentioned three Personalities, as plainly and distinctly as can be. The Comforter proceeds from the Father, not from the Son; but He is

sent by the Son. Now, while the Son is seated with the Father on His throne in Heaven (Rev. 3:21), the Holy Spirit testifies of Jesus. The Spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit or Comforter are clearly distinguished in Romans 8:9-16 - "Ye have received the Spirit of adoption (sonship, or the Spirit of God's Son), whereby we cry, Abba, Father." Then the following verse states that "the Spirit Himself (that is, the Holy Spirit or Comforter) beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." In verse nine, we read of "the Spirit of God," in distinction from "the Spirit of Christ"; which latter is called "Christ," in verse ten. "If Christ (the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of sonship) be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit (the Spirit of Christ in us) is life because of righteousness." In God's sight, we are sons, being begotten of His Spirit who witnesses with us that we are children. Then, when we learn to be led by the Spirit, we are sons in actual experience - Romans 8:14. The Spirit of Christ was guarded and guided by the Holy Spirit. In the power of the latter, not in the power of His own Spirit, Jesus Christ taught and wrought miracles. Likewise, believers walk and work and war in the Power of the Holy Spirit if their Christian life is Scriptural and normal. Otherwise, they would move as men, even in the flesh.

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