

- I. Opening Thoughts
 - A. Christians enjoy a new life in the Spirit as a result of Christ's saving work
 - B. It is the Holy Spirit who regenerates believers
 - C. It is the Holy Spirit who empowers us to not live "in the flesh"
 - D. In vss. 2-11, Paul states ten references to the Holy Spirit
- II. No condemnation (vs. 1)
 - A. The unbeliever is condemned; the believer is not
 - B. As believers, all of our sins – past, present, and future – are not held against us.
- III. The Spirit gives freedom (vs. 2)
 - A. The Holy Spirit sets us free from the law
 - B. Our freedom in the Spirit comes through Christ
- IV. Jesus made us righteous (vss. 3-4)
 - A. The law could not produce righteousness
 - B. God condemned sin through Jesus (Isaiah 53:4-8)
 - C. The requirement is fulfilled in the new life that Christians live on the basis of Christ's work; the unbeliever is still condemned
- V. Walk in the Spirit (vss. 5-8)
 - A. All unbelievers walk "in the flesh" or "according to the flesh"
 - B. The mindset, will, and affections of an unbeliever are bent toward the flesh
 - C. A believer cannot walk "according to the flesh" and be a true Christian
 - D. A true believer lives "according to the Spirit"
 - E. The mindset, will, and affections of a believer are bent toward "the things of the Spirit"
 - F. The person with the mind set on the flesh is spiritually dead; the person with the mind set on the Spirit is very much spiritually alive and at peace with God
 - G. An unbeliever is hostile toward God; the believer is not
 - H. Galatians 5:16-23
- VI. The Spirit gives life (vss. 9-11)
 - A. The Holy Spirit makes His home in believers (1 Corinthians 3:16)
 - B. However, no fruit means no legitimate claim to Christ as Lord and Savior
 - C. The Holy Spirit makes us dead to (the influence of) sin
 - D. Our bodies still die, but we are free from the condemnation of sin
 - E. The power of the Holy Spirit is in every believer (Acts 1:8)
- VII. Implications and Application
 - A. All believers possess the same Holy Spirit
 - B. The Holy Spirit enables all believers to accomplish God's kingdom-advancing work
 - C. The Holy Spirit brings spiritual understanding, convicts of sin, reveals the truth of God's Word, brings assurance of salvation, empowers for holy living, teaches, and comforts
 - D. Walk in the Spirit. Listen to the Spirit. Obey the Spirit.