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The Salvation Series

Part 11 – The HOLY SPIRIT

Introduction...

- We continue in this session our reflection and study of Romans 8.
- Many scholars and Bible thinkers believe this chapter is a must read and must-digest for every Believer.
- We fully agree with this sentiment in this Bible study group.
- A full understanding of the Book of Romans will transform your Spiritual life and Chapter 8 is a pivotal piece within this Book.



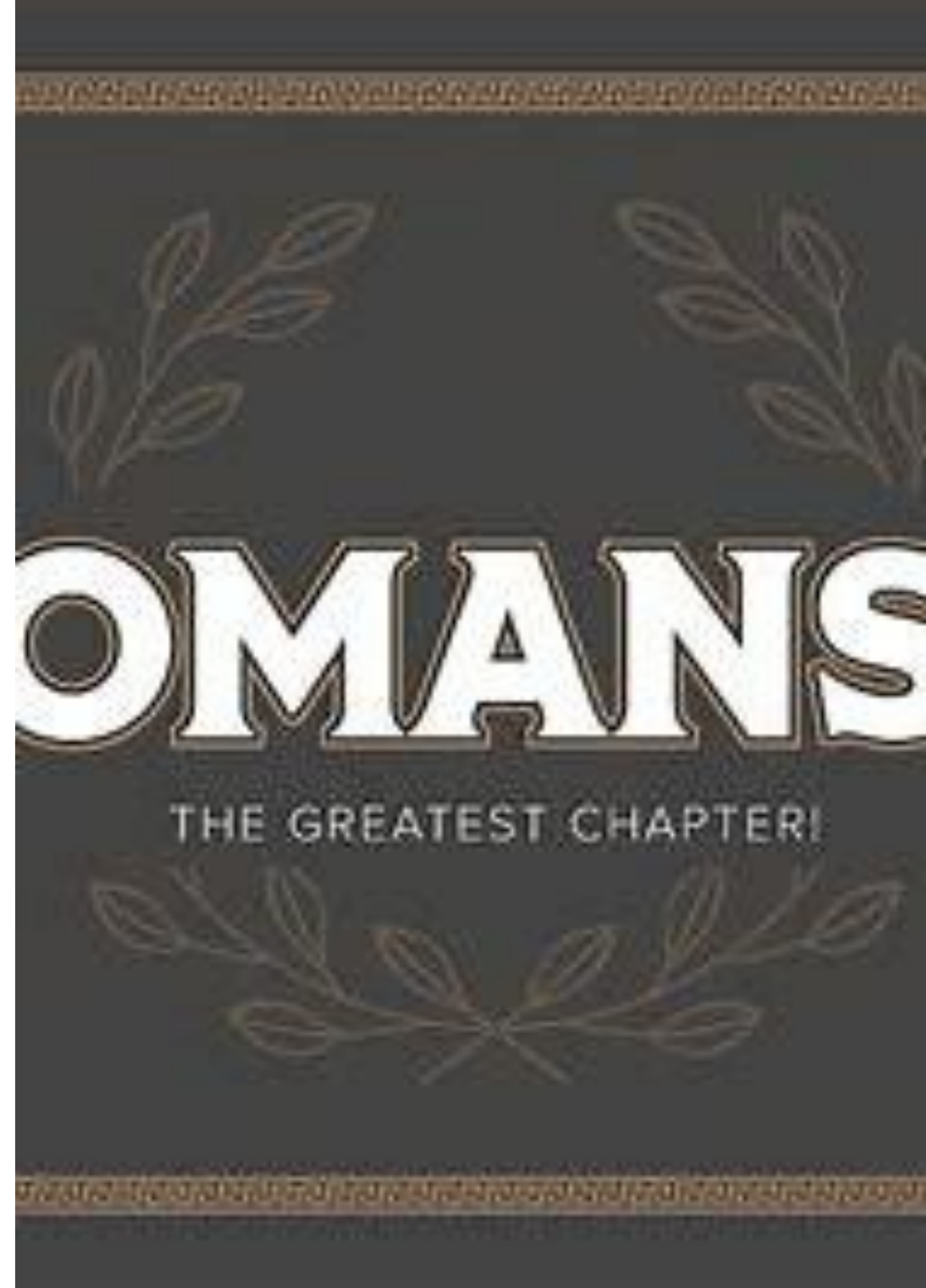
Introduction...

- Last session, we saw that the word “Spirit” in most versions with a capital letter S refers to the “spirit of man” within the first eight verses of Romans 8
- This changes radically the meaning and flow of the message and helps us see the transformation of our spirit-man more clearly.
- Some may say these differences are nominal and doesn't matter if we replace spirit with Holy Spirit.
- We beg to differ and believe that a proper understanding of our Salvation and New Birth realities, helps our IDENTITY in CHRIST.
- Let us now continue...



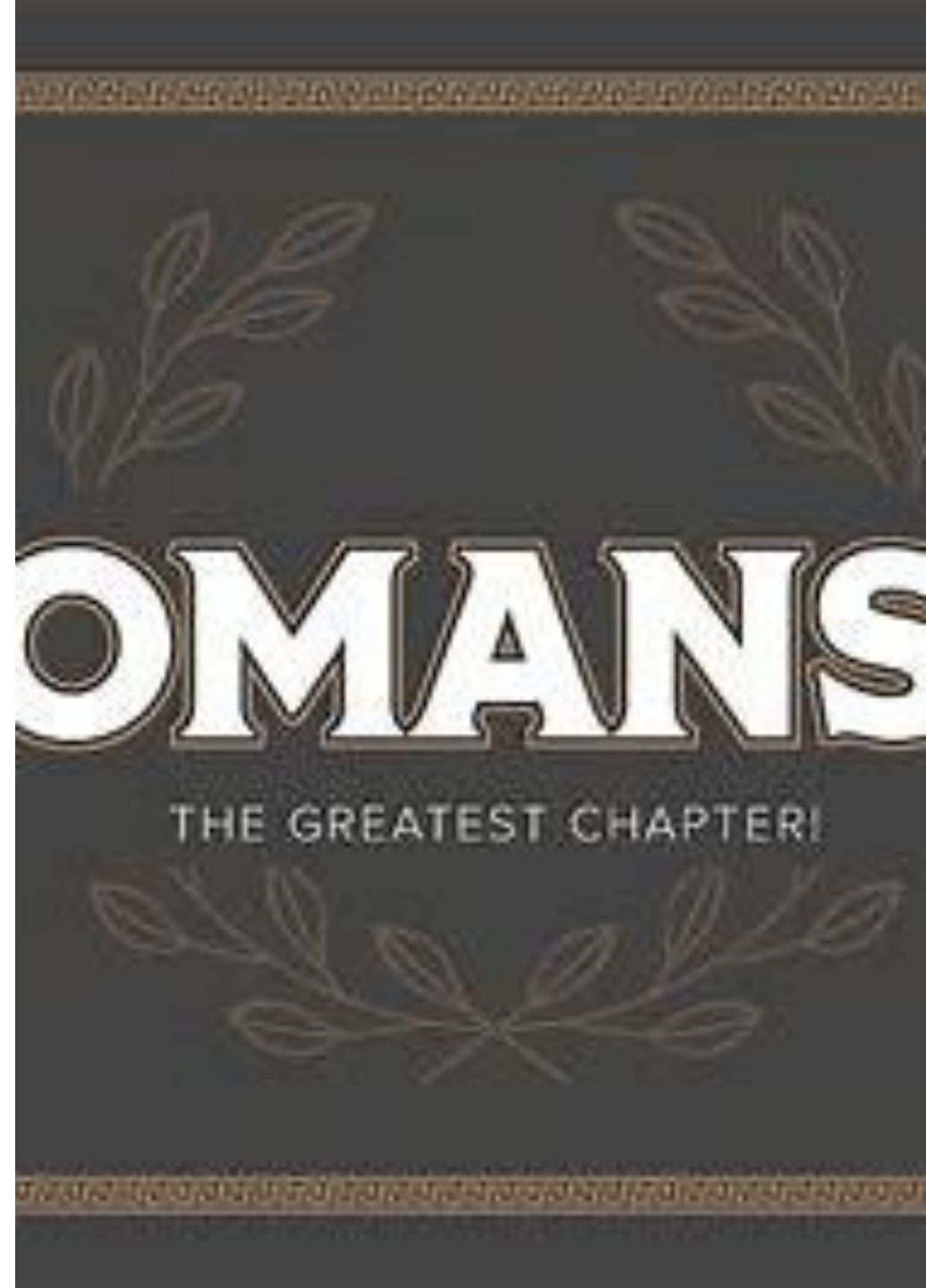
If Christ...

- *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.*
- *¹⁰ And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*
- *¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*
- Romans 8:9-11 NKJV



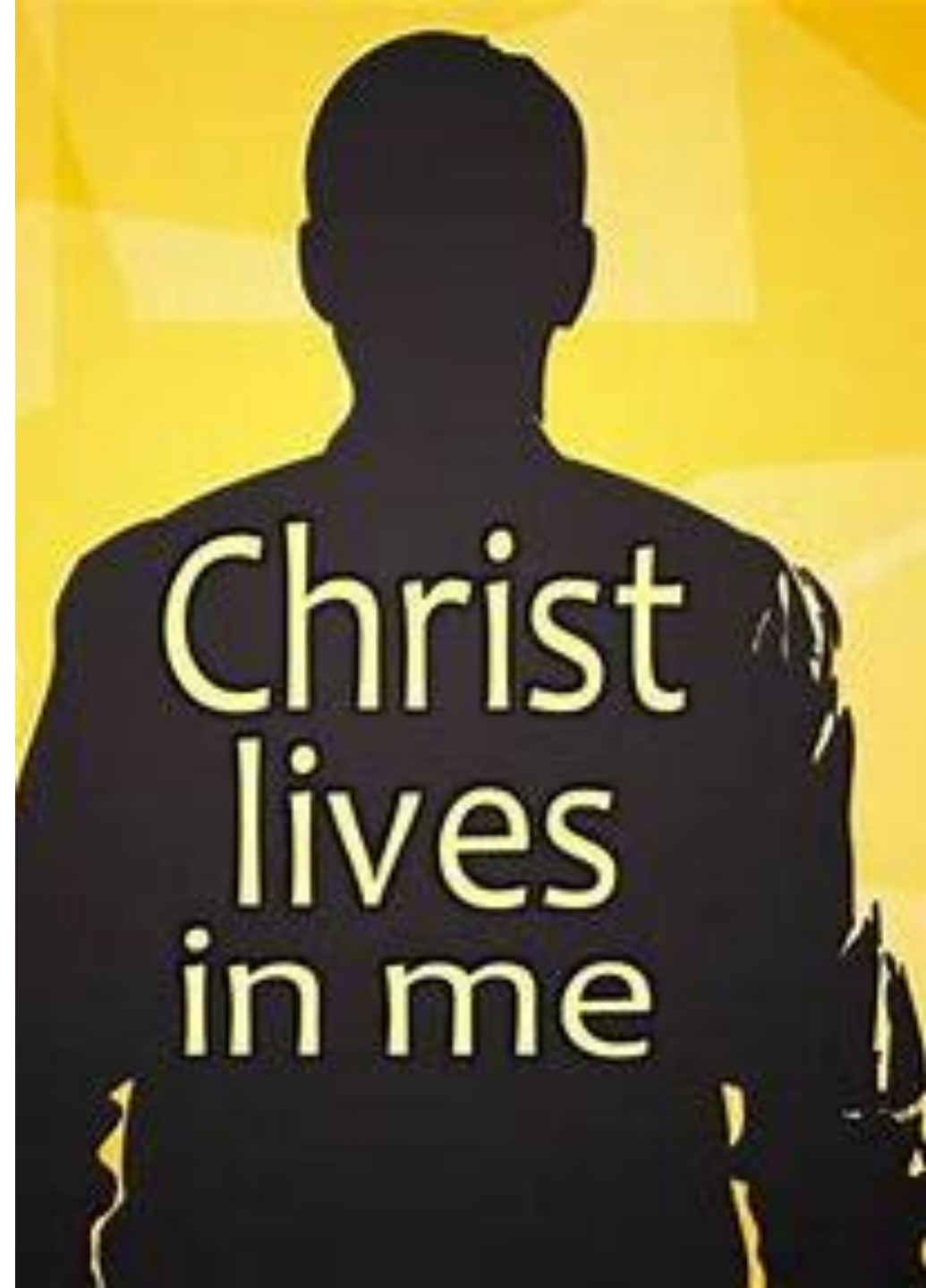
In the Spirit...

- *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.*
- This verse shows clearly the interplay of BOTH the spirit of Man and the Holy Spirit.
- You are now a spiritually alive person if you are genuinely Born Again and the Holy Spirit is now in You!
- When you become Born Again and your spirit man comes alive and reconnected to God's realm, the Holy Spirit can now come into your new form.



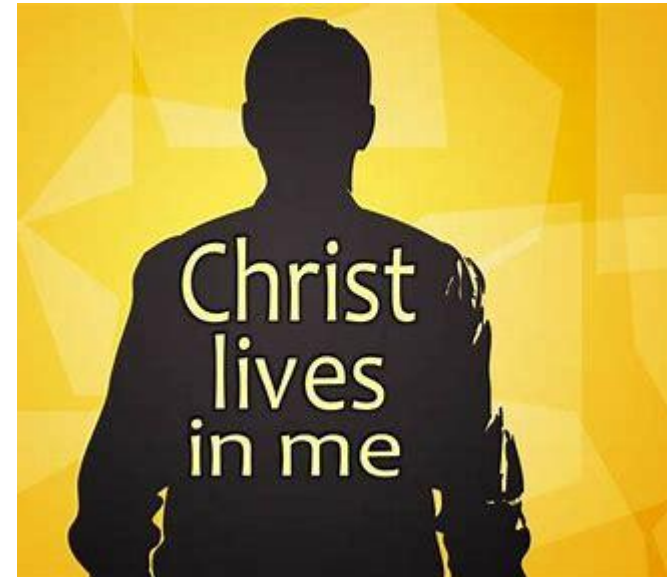
CHRIST...

- *¹⁰ And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*
- When you become Born Again and the Spirit of God comes to stay; the Scriptures describe that as “CHRIST in You..”
- The combination of your spirit man in sync with the Spirit of God is termed CHRIST.
- You and I need to meditate deeply on that.
- If Christ who was and is without sin dwells in you, then there is a part of you that is beyond SIN!
- The body is dead because of sin – means the body is separated (dead) because its still in the realm of sin.
- You (your Born Again spirit) is now ALIVE because it now has God’s Righteousness!! It is now in God’s realm!!



CHRIST in you...

-spirit is ALIVE because of Righteousness.
- This like saying, you spirit man has come alive due to its new Godlike nature.
- We are NOT God, but we have taken on His nature through the process of Salvation.
- ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:24



...The New



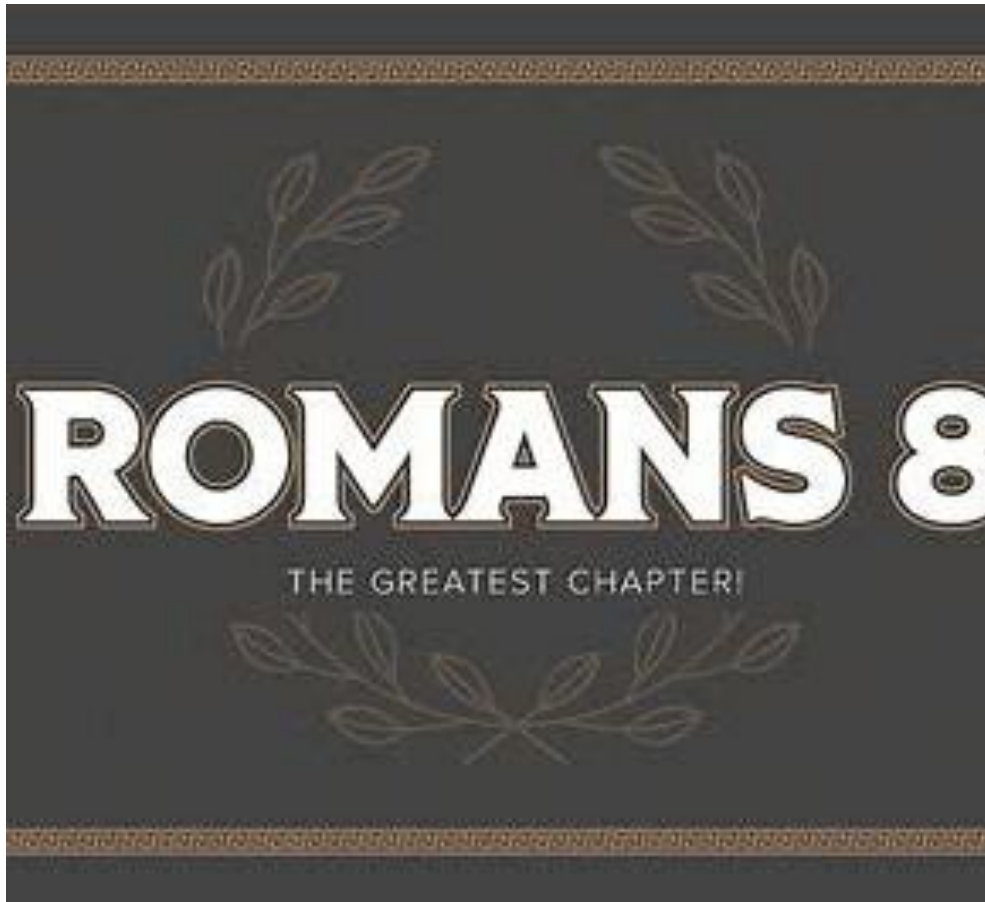
- And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness. AMPC
- and to put on the new self, the one created according to God's likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth. CSB
- and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness. CEB
- and make you into a new person. You were created to be like God, and so you must please him and be truly holy.
Ephesians 4:24

Raised...



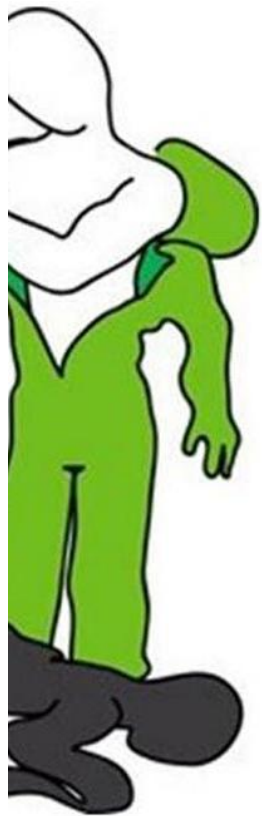
- *11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
Romans 8:11*
- The Holy Spirit is a life giving force.
- This life force was the power that raised our Lord from the dead.
- It is the same power that will keep your physical body in check.
- I describe true Christianity as the only Religion that comes with 'batteries included'.
- The power and ability to carry out the righteous nature and behaviour of God comes with your Salvation.
- Another way of looking at this powerful passage is that; the same resurrection force that brought Christ body back to life can bring your natural body back to God and from the grip of sin.
- You have been given the force and power to have **SELF CONTROL** over your physical body. You are no longer in sin's death grip!

Romans...



- *¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.*
- *¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*
- *¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*
- *¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba,^[e] Father.”*
- *¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Romans 8:12-16*

No Obligation...



PUT ON
THE NEW

- ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors – not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. NKJV
- So then, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh [we are not obligated to our carnal nature], to live [a life ruled by the standards set up by the dictates] of the flesh. AMPC
- So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. CEB
- So, my brothers and sisters, we must not be ruled by our sinful selves. We must not live the way our sinful selves want. ERV
Romans 8:12

You will die...



- ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
- [L-For] If you ·use your lives to do the wrong things your sinful selves want [L-live according to the flesh], you will ·die spiritually [L-die]. But if you ·use the Spirit's help to [L-by the Spirit] ·stop doing the wrong things you do with [L-put to death the deeds of] your body, you will ·have true life [L-live]. EXB
- If you use your lives to do what your sinful selves want, you will die spiritually. But if you use the Spirit's help to stop doing the wrong things you do with your body, you will have true life
- because if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
- For if you are living in accordance with *the* flesh, you are going-to die. But if *by the* Spirit you are putting-to-death the practices *of* the body, you will live.

By the Spirit...



- *14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*
- *For all who are allowing themselves to be led by the Spirit of God are sons of God*
- *All who follow the leading of God's Spirit are God's own sons.*
- Led = aag-o means to be directed, guided by, be attached to like an attendant, influenced.
- You can by choice, allow God's nature and Spirit to influence your thoughts.
- The Spirit of God does not compel or force anyone to do anything.
- We can sit on this verse for days!

As Many as...

Allow

Concede

Submit to

Acquiesce

Cave in

Comply

Give in

Accommodate

Yield

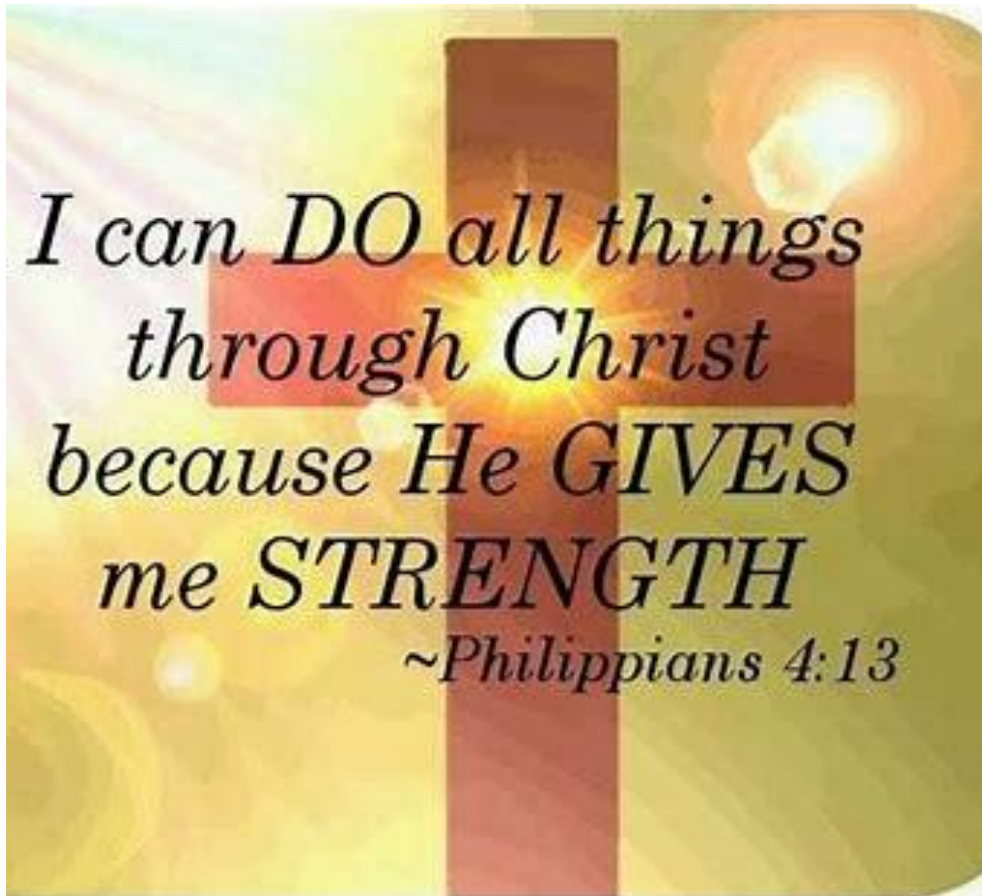
- Surrender
- Succumb
- Obey
- Resign to
- Go with the flow
- Abide in
- Stoop
- Bow the knee
- Defer to

Reflections...



- Based on our teaching so far, there is a Godlike side to you.
- You have a choice to allow this Godlike, Christlike nature control your impulses, responses, thoughts and actions
- OR you allow the bestial, dark side, unregenerate and fallen Adamic nature take over.
- When you YIELD to your Born Again spirit, then the FORCE and Power of the Holy Spirit releases the LIFE of GOD to empower your Will and emotions and body

I CAN....



- Many Christians have believed a LIE that they CANNOT HELP THEMSELVES!
- That is a lie from hell.
- You can do all things through CHRIST who STRENGTHENS You.
- The cravings, the temptations, the strong feelings are all real.
- GOD's power is MORE REAL!
- Allow God's 'TESLA' (HOLY SPIRIT) to take you where HE wants to go.
- But you must TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF THE STEERING WHEEL!!

FAMILY TIME

- Use the analogy of a Tesla or Driverless cars to describe how God needs us to surrender.
- The Car is your life and choices
- The Wheel is your WILL or HEART
- The software and intelligence of the Car is the Holy Spirit.
- Use any other analogy to describe how to surrender to God's voice, nudge, conscience and your better nature.
- Talk about the battle within us all to choose between Good and Bad options.

