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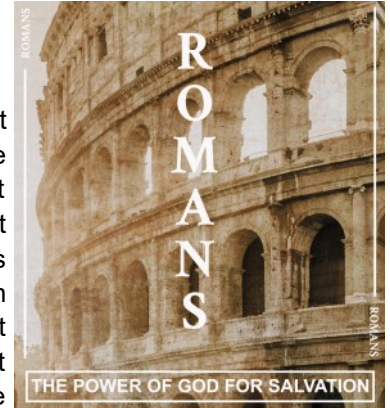
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Walking According to the Spirit

Romans 8:4-11



<sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.



Today's Question: *What does it mean "to walk according to the Spirit"?*

**1. Where Walking Happens (Vs.5)**

**2. Where Walking Takes Us (Vs.6)**

**3. Who We Walk With (Vs.7)**

**4. How Walking Begins (Vss.8-11)**

## Romans 8:4–11 Discussion Questions

Read Romans 8:4-11

- 1. Walking Woes:** Walking isn't always easy—share your most memorable “walking fail.”
- 2. God's Objective:** According to verse 4, what is one of God's objectives for us when we believe the gospel (verses 1–3)?
- 3. Misunderstandings:** How might some misunderstand what it means to “walk according to the Spirit”?
- 4. Inward vs. Outward:** Compare verses 4 and 5. Where do you see a distinction between outward behavior and inward condition? How does Paul address this distinction?
- 5. What Jesus Says:** Examine Matthew 12:33–35 and answer the same questions from question (4). What happens when these distinctions are confused?
- 6. Death and Life:** Read verse 6 and compare it with verse 13. What do you think Paul means by “death” and “life” in these verses? How do the different tenses impact your understanding?

**7. Ultimate Destination:** How does walking in the flesh or the Spirit reveal clarity or confusion about a person's ultimate destination?

**8. Relational Foundation:** Verse 7 highlights a relational aspect that determines whether a person is "according to the flesh" or "according to the Spirit." Where do you see this?

**9. Walking with God:** Pastor Jake mentioned people in the Bible who "walked with God." Who were they? Can you think of others? What do you think this meant for their daily lives, even on ordinary Mondays?

**10. Starting the Walk:** According to verses 7–11, how does one begin to walk with God? How does understanding what *doesn't* start this relationship help clarify what *does*?

Resources:

**Romans: Righteousness from Heaven** | R. Kent Hughes

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