

New Way Of The Spirit

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Romans 7:6 (ESV)

We serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

Brothers and sisters, we study week after week the glories of God and the majesty of living with HIM through Jesus Christ here on this earth and for all eternity in Heaven above. However, the only way we can actually experience the fullness of our Christian life is through the Holy Spirit. Life by the written code is the old way and is powerless producing frustration and is an instrument of spiritual death for us and those around us..

2 Corinthians 3:6 (ESV)

For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Galatians 5:4 says those who use the law to justify themselves are severed from Christ. Life by the Spirit is the new way to serve God. We don't need the Law because we have the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:2 (ESV)

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

We have the Law of the Spirit. As believers, it is the Holy Spirit that works in us and transforms us to behave like Jesus, not the outside Law. The outside written code kills. The Spirit gives life and guides our behavior.

2 Corinthians 3:17–18 (ESV)

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (not rules). ¹⁸ And we (as believers) 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.

We are transformed by the Holy Spirit working within us not by rules on the outside of us. How does this New Way of the Spirit work?

Colossians 2:6 (ESV)

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

Live the same way as the moment you accepted Christ. By faith you believed and accepted Jesus as a free gift and not of works.

Therefore, as you received Jesus as a free gift so walk in HIM. The literal meaning of the word “walk” is “be occupied with”. This is saying that as you were occupied with Jesus when you received HIM now after receiving HIM continue to “be occupied with” HIM. Being occupied with Jesus will change our behavior giving Jesus an avenue to transform us without the necessity of the Law. If we are occupied with Jesus, we will be empowered and behave like HE behaved. This is the only way we can live the Christian life, because only Jesus can live the Christian life. Let us look at this “New Way of the Spirit” with a little more detail.

Galatians 5:16 (ESV)

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

If we walk in the Spirit, we will not gratify the desires of the flesh. This word “walk” is the same word as in Colossians 2:6 meaning to “be occupied with”. This means if we are occupied with the Holy Spirit, we will not gratify the desires of our fleshly human nature.

Brothers and sisters, listen carefully, we don't need Law or rules to live the Christian life. We need to be occupied with the Holy Spirit. This is freedom in Christ and Living power in the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:18 (ESV)

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Brothers and sisters, we serve in the New Way of the Spirit! If we are occupied with the Spirit, thus, being led by the Spirit, we are not under the Law because we don't need the Law. We are free!

Warning: The Law severs us from Christ and kills us spiritually. Christianity does not work without the Holy Spirit.

Now serve in the New Way of the Spirit and be occupied with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38 (ESV)

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."