

The Victory!

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Romans 8:5 (ESV)

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.

In context with the book of Acts, which is the history of the church, the book of Romans gives the Systematic understanding of the work of God. Romans C.1-5, Paul gives us the doctrine of the church, in C.6 the Human Choices required, Romans C.7 the resulting Struggle after making those choices. Then in Romans C.8, Paul gives **the pinnacle of God's explanation on how to have **The Victory!** **After this pinnacle explanation of living in Victory, the rest of the book Chapters 9-16 talk about application.** To grasp the importance of Chapter 8 on the significance of the Holy Spirit, I am going to use a **simplified, but accurate illustration** to help us understand this very important topic necessary for **THE VICTORY.****

For our illustration, we will look at the PERFECT CAR representing our perfect religion and doctrine.

THE PERFECT CAR!

Excellent workmanship and a powerful engine!
This is a picture of a Beautiful religion! This car has intricate working parts, excellent structure, and the necessary operating manuals!

All this is related to “our” Beautiful religion with all our teaching and Biblical principles. Now we use this car, apply this religion, in every day life. We do everything we have learned -- represented by:

LADY PUSHING CAR

We need some power for our beliefs! We implement all the principles. **We push our religious car.** We push it to work, push it to church, and push it at home. We study the car, we polish the car, and we tell others about our car, **but we are feeling fatigue.** No matter what the approach we take to implement our beliefs, fatigue, monotony, and powerlessness become evident. **Therefore we decide we need help pushing the car.**

SEVERAL MEN PUSHING CAR

We get a support group! **We get more people to help us push the car.** It is nice to have people around and we don't get tire as fast, but still in time the fatigue and monotony creeps back. **However, God give us the secret to overcome this fatigue and monotony:**

PUTTING GAS IN CAR

We need to put GAS in the car. Gas is necessary to run the car. **The things of God were never intended to be achieved by human effort, pushing the car.** **The things of God were intended to be achieved by the Holy Spirit, gas in the car.**

**With gas in the car, we stop pushing the car and
DRIVE THE CAR.**

DRIVING CAR

With the car full of gas, we rest inside the car being propelled by the full power of the engine! Full of the Holy Spirit, we rest in Christ being propelled by the full power of God. We get in the car and drive; we rest in Christ empowered supernaturally.

**Now look at theses verses in Romans Chapter 8.
Thus saith the LORD, unique to Real Christianity:**

Romans 8:5 (ESV)

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.

You got the nice car, the owners manual, the driving directions, but set your mind to keep gas in the car. As a Christian we have wonderful teaching, but set your mind on being filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the one who empowers and gives us “The Victory” in our body and through our body! The Holy Spirit is the power for us to have “victory” in our life today on this earth. Before we study the Biblical applications in Romans Chapter 9-16, we need to have gas in the car!

Romans 8:11 (ESV)

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.**

Do you want power in your mortal bodies for Victory? THEN DO NOT NEGLECT THE HOLY SPIRIT! Not only do you receive the Holy Spirit, you need to **“SET YOUR MIND ON THE SPIRIT”** and be **“continually filled”** with the Holy Spirit. **No matter what you do with the car you have to always be “mindful” of keeping gas in the car. No matter what you do as a Christian you have to always be “mindful” of being filled with the Holy Spirit, “set your mind” on the Spirit. All believers have the Holy Spirit and you don’t lose the Holy Spirit, but some of us are “running on fumes” and need to be filled! The Bible says, “Just Ask! Abba Father fill me!”**

Come to Jesus and receive the Gift of 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.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.