

## “Actions of a Child of the King”

*Rom. 8:14-17*

### Open:

- We need to understand that, before we were saved, we were children of the devil.
  - When we were lost in sin, we were living with the spirit of the devil and not the Holy Spirit that comes from God. **Rom. 8:9b** “...Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”
  - When we were lost in sin, we were obedient to the will of the Devil, because we were children of the Devil. **John 8:44a** “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.”
- We need to recognize that once we get saved, we were adopted into the family of God.
  - When we got saved, we received a new spirit, through the Holy Spirit, of adoption. **Rom. 8:15b-16** “...but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.” [16] “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:”
- We must realize that, as children of God, we are to behave differently than when we were the children of the Devil.
  - We are not to walk around living in the fear of bondage [because of sin]. We are to walk free with a clean conscience because we are obeying God’s Words. **Rom. 8:15a** “For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear...”
  - We are not to walk around confused about what we believe and being tricked into thinking it’s ok to do whatever feels good to do. **Eph. 4:14-15a** “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; [15] But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things...”

### I. We are to live yielded to the Spirit not to the flesh.

- We, as children of God, are instructed to not live in sin [the flesh], just because we are saved and on our way to heaven. **Rom. 6:1-2, 15** “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? [2] God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? [15] What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.”
- A. We are to crucify our fleshly desires and walk in the newness of life [Sprit]. **Rom. 6:3-4** “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? [4] Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

1. Just as Jesus physically was crucified, buried, and rose from the grave; we are to crucify our flesh and allow our fleshly desires to be buried, so our new nature can rise.
  2. We are to spiritually follow Jesus' physical example, so that way we will receive the full benefit of being a child of God. We are to keep our old sin nature buried. **Rom. 6:5-7** *"For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: [6] Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. [7] For he that is dead is freed from sin."*
- B. The only way to live a victorious life over sin, is to yield yourself, by faith, to the Holy Spirit.
- Rom. 6:12-14** *"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. [13] Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. [14] For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."*
1. Whoever you yield yourself to, is whom you will serve. **Rom. 6:16-18** *"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? [17] But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. [18] Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."*
  2. You can not serve two masters. You will either serve righteousness or unrighteousness. **Rom. 6:20** *"For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness."*
    - "You will either serve someone who wants the best from you; or you will serve someone who wants the best for you."
    - "You can live free from the bonds of righteousness, but you will be subjected to the bondage of sin."

## II. We are not to walk after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

- The only way to live free as a Christian is to walk, yielded to the Holy Spirit, in the path of God's Righteousness. **Rom. 8:1-2** *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."*
- A. Walking after the Spirit is a mental decision not an emotional action. **Gal. 5:16-17**
1. You can gauge how you are walking by who you're listening to, The Holy Spirit or the flesh. **Rom. 8:5** *"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."*
  2. Decide who you will follow wisely; because you cannot choose the outcome of your decision, you can only choose what decision you make. To walk after the Spirit or the Flesh. **Rom. 8:6** *"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."*
- B. You can not live happily as a Christian, pleasing God, if you are living for the flesh. **Rom. 8:8** *"So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."*

## III. We are to allow the fruits of the Spirit to be brought forth in our life, not the works of the Flesh.

- We are to not allow sin to be producing its fruits in our life as a child of God. **Rom. 6:21-22** *“What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. [22] But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.”*
  - We are to allow God to produce the fruit of the Spirit through our lives. **Rom. 7:4b-5** *“...we should bring forth fruit unto God. [5] For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.”*
- A. Fruits we should not be producing. **Gal. 5:19-21a** *“Now the **works of the flesh** are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, [20] Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, [21] Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like:”*
- B. Fruits we are to allow God to be producing in us. **Gal. 5:22-24** *“But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. [24] And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*
- C. The only way, as a child of God, we will be able to avoid the works of the flesh and produce the fruit of the Spirit is to walk in the Spirit. **Gal. 5:25** [25] *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”*

**Close:**

- Are you saved? You will never be able enjoy the rewards of walking in the Spirit if the Holy Spirit does not dwell in you.
- Are you a happy Christian? You will never be a joyful Christian who has peace in his heart if you are living for the things of the flesh.
- The only way to truly enjoy the Christian life is by crucifying your fleshly desires and yielding to the Holy Spirit. The choice is up to you.

**Rom. 6:12**

*“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.”*