

Do you love the Spirit of God?

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BIG SANDY, Texas—As we approach the observance of the Day of Pentecost, I would like to recommend that you spend a little time reflecting upon the wonderful Spirit of God.

In Romans 7:15 the apostle Paul described the reality of a believer's life. He said: I don't do what I know is right and I do the things I hate.

It is important for us to understand the battle between good and evil that occurs within people (Romans 7:15-25).

We thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord (verse 25).

By being in Christ, we can walk after the Spirit (Romans 8:1).

The law of the Spirit of life (in Christ Jesus) has made us free from the law of sin and death (verse 2).

God sent His Son to die for us that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us and that we might walk after the Spirit (verses 3-4).

There are two tremendous benefits of walking in the Spirit.

First, the Spirit of God should make your life better now.

To be spiritually minded is life and peace (verse 6). How do we find life and peace? If the Spirit of God dwells in us, we can walk in the Spirit (verse 9).

The Spirit of God is one of the greatest gifts we can receive in this life (2 Timothy 1:6).

The Spirit of God can empower us to deal with natural fear.

Notice the three benefits listed in 2 Timothy 1:7.

- Power.
- Love.
- A sound mind. (Here are some translations of this phrase in other versions of the Bible: sobriety, sound judgment, self-control, self-discipline, self-restraint, wise discretion.)

Does the Spirit of God flow through us and change us? Or does the Spirit of God barely trickle through us? None of us wants to stifle the power, do we?

Second, the Spirit of God is the power that will resurrect you from the dead.

Notice Romans 8:11: "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 [that] dwells in you."

We should never forget that we are children of God (verse 16). We should never forget that we are heirs of God and a joint heirs with Christ (verse 17).

God's power will change us to incorruptible (1 Corinthians 15:35-56).

We should always be thankful (verse 57). God will make a dramatic change at the last trump. And, until that time, there is a work of God occurring inside our mind and our body right now (verse 58).