

# Led by the Spirit Who Dwells in Us

Romans 8:14

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1. God leads His children
2. Ways that God leads His children
3. The Holy Spirit leads Christians
4. How the Holy Spirit leads Christians
5. Where the Holy Spirit leads Christians
6. So what?

# God leads His people

- The Father
  - Psalm 23:2-3
  - Ephesians 5:1
- Jesus, the Son of God
  - Mark 1:17
  - 1 Thessalonians 1:6
- The Holy Spirit
  - Galatians 5:18
  - Galatians 5:25

God leads...man follows

# Ways that God leads

- During the time of miraculous spiritual gifts
  - Acts 8:29
  - Acts 10:19
  - Acts 13:2
- Through the agency of
  - Men
    - Deuteronomy 8:14-15
    - Psalm 77:20
  - Word
    - Psalm 119:105

# Ways that God leads

- Jesus led by word and example
  - Matthew 11:28-30
  - John 10:3-4, 27
  - John 6:44-45
  - 1 Peter 1:21

# The Holy Spirit leads Christians

- Indisputable
  - Galatians 5:18
  - Romans 8:14
- Who's led
  - Romans 8:1
    - Romans 6:3
  - Romans 8:14
    - Galatians 3:26-27
- But the question to be answered is this:
  - How does the Holy Spirit lead?

# Romans 8:1-14: Two walks contrasted

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Verse 5	Live according to the flesh	Live according to the Spirit
Verse 5	Set minds on the things of the flesh	Set mind on the things of the Spirit
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Verse 6	Death	Life and peace
Verse 7	Enmity against God	Friend of God
Verse 7	Not subject to the law of God	Subject to the law of God
Verse 8	Cannot please God	Pleases God
Verse 9	Not in the Spirit, but in the flesh	Not in the flesh, but in the Spirit
Verse 9	Spirit does not dwell in you	Spirit dwells in you
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- Two directors.....two ways.....two results

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  - which is when you mind the things of the flesh,
  - which is when you are not subject to the law of God



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- The Spirit dwells in you
  - when you live according to the Spirit,
  - which is when you mind the things of the Spirit,
  - which is when you are subject to the law of God
- These are the same ones of verse 14 – those led by the Spirit

- The Spirit dwells in you and you in the Spirit (v.9), and you are led by the Spirit (v.14) when you mind the things of the Spirit (v.5) by living according to the Spirit (v.5) which is living in subjection (v.7) to the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (V.2), the word of God, the gospel of Jesus Christ, the doctrine of Christ.
- The Spirit dwells – lives – within you by you putting His word into your mind and living according to that word!

## Another case in point...

- Ephesians 5:17-19
  - “Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,...**”
- Colossians 3:16
  - “**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.**”

# The Bible is its own best commentary

- Ephesians 5:17-19
  - “Be filled with the Spirit”
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  - “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”
- You have the choice as to whether the Spirit will dwell in you – and thus lead you – by your choice as to whether you will put the word of Christ in your mind and let it live in you by the way that you walk!

# Where does the Holy Spirit lead the Christian?

- Through the words of the Holy Spirit recorded in the New Testament, the Holy Spirit leads the Christian
  - Away from something
  - To something
- Away from the works of the flesh
  - Galatians 5:19-21
- To the fruits of the Spirit
  - Galatians 5:22-23
  - You have a role in this!
    - Colossians 3:1, 12-14
    - 2 Peter 1:5 “...giving all diligence, add...”
- To spiritual growth and maturity
  - Ephesians 3:16
  - Colossians 1:9

# The Holy Spirit Leading through the Word

- “...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with might through His Spirit** in the inner man” (Ephesians 3:16)
- “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will** in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **strengthened with all might**, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;” (Colossians 1:9-11)