

Being Spiritually Alive

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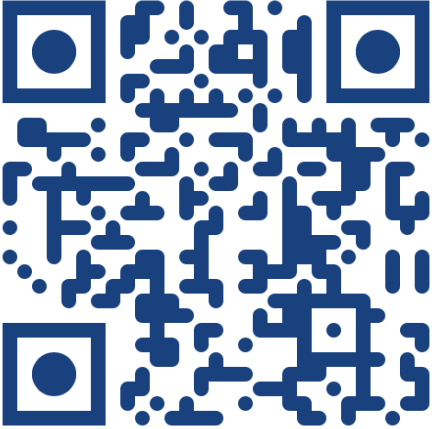


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Spirit Abundance
Galatians 5:13-26
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Being Spiritually “Alive”

Two models

1) Being good enough

- “law” defines the standard & the remedy

2) Be given life by one who has Life

- “a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ” Gal. 2:16
- Christians are “free” from laws (model 1)

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Clearing Up Confusion

5:13-15

“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.” (13-15)

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Clearing Up Confusion

5:16-18

“So I say, **walk by the Spirit,** and **you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.** For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in **conflict with each other,** so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.” (16-18)

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Clearing Up Confusion

5:19-21

“The **acts of the flesh** are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this **will not inherit the kingdom of God.**” (19-21)

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Clearing Up Confusion

5:22-26

“But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.” (22-26)

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The Big Idea

The Spirit of God

lives in, calls, and empowers all true Christians
to overcome the pull of sin and self
to love (humbly serve) God and people
in an often stumbling journey

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Being **Spiritually** Alive

“Bad” person:
Not even trying to be good

“Good” Person:
Doing a good job of doing good things
by an act of will → acting alive

Christian: has the Spirit
of God living inside
who is shaping one’s life

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Application

- **Become spiritually alive**
 - Forgiven by Jesus → the Spirit lives in you
 - Radical step of realignment:
 - “Crucified the self” = agree with God that...
 - the self enslaves us and brings death
 - He alone is God and life and goodness
 - I trust in Jesus’ death to give me life
 - He is life
 - In His death, He offers His life to us
 - Like a newborn, we begin a journey

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Application

- **Become spiritually alive**
- **Daily choose to live alive**
 - Humble, others-focused love
 - Guided by the Spirit
 - **Empowered by the Spirit**
 - In all circumstances
 - Forever needing forgiveness & help
 - “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” (Gal. 5:25)

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Being **Spiritually** Alive

Worst place:
Not even wanting God

Good Person:
Trying to **act alive**
yet never truly being free to do so

Christian: has the **Spirit of God living inside**
who is shaping one's life

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Being **Spiritually** Alive

The decisive step:

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” *Gal. 2:20*

The daily journey:

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” *Gal. 5:25*

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