

Walking in the Power of the Spirit

People are made to live in a relationship with God, but because man is sinful, they live from the FLESH. **The FLESH makes it IMPOSSIBLE to live life in a love relationship with God.** But God sent His son Jesus to fix the FLESH problem. When a person receive Jesus into their life, the FLESH is conquered. Also, at the time of salvation, **we are given the Holy Spirit to be with us forever.** Through Jesus and the Holy Spirit in our lives, we now have the ability to live how God designed us to, in a love relationship with Him. Just because you are saved and have the Holy Spirit in your life, does not make you good to go for the rest of your life relationally with God. When you sin, the FLESH rises up and fellowship with God is broken. This sheet teaches us how to manage ourselves, so we can live the way God designed us to live, to love God with everything we are.

The following is a comparison of the 2 types of lives we can be living as a Christian.

SPIRIT FILLED LIFE

'THIS IS WHO YOU ARE'

Loving/Good works

FLESH is surrendered

Freedom/Peace/Rest

New Man

Selfless

Fruits of the Spirit

Living by the FLESH

'THIS IS NOT YOU ANYMORE'

Bad attitude/Fruits of the FLESH

FLESH is active in you

Self-Centered (selfish)/Pride

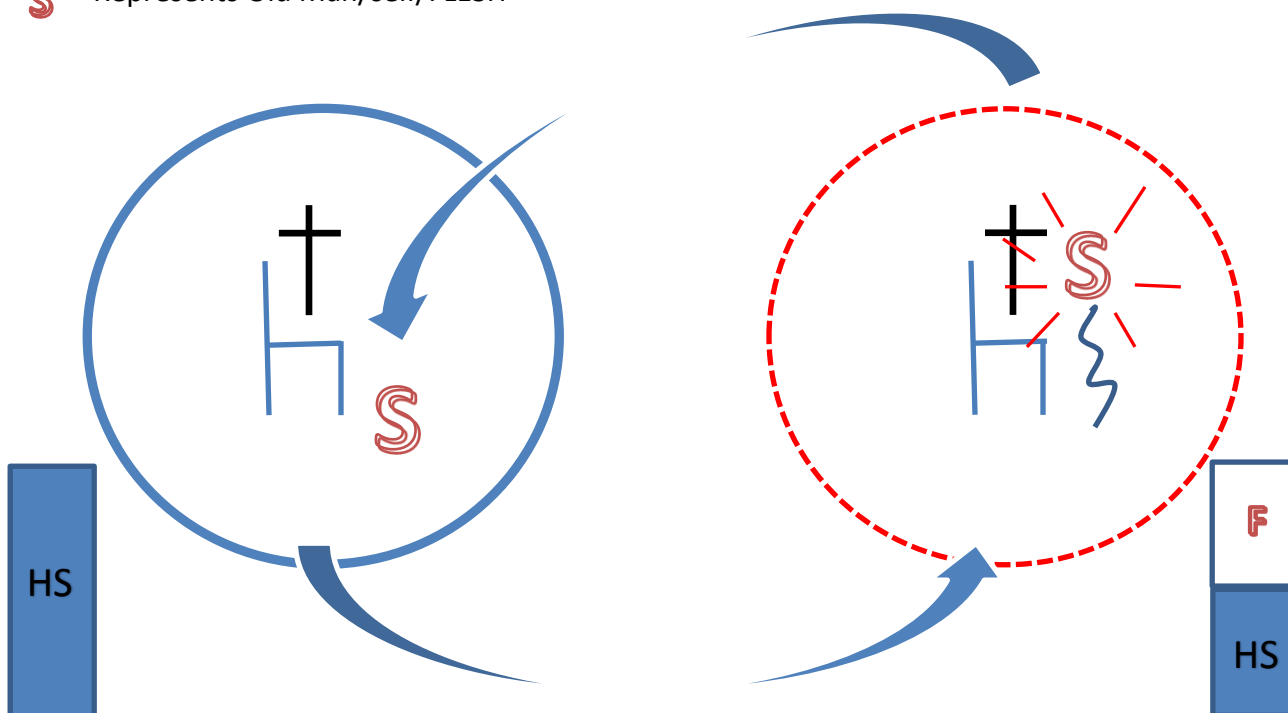
Law/Religious (works)

Loss of freedom/peace/rest

Old Man/self

- Represents everything in someone's life
- † Represents Jesus
- ⌋ Represents a place of control/ a throne
- Ⓢ Represents Old Man/self/FLESH

- HS Holy Spirit
- F The FLESH



Christians live by faith

God calls us to live by faith

Hebrew 11:6:a “But without **faith** it is impossible to please Him (God)...”

Romans 14:23b “... everything that does not come from **faith** is sin.”

2 Corinthians 5:7 “We live by **faith**, not by sight.”

Romans 1:17b “... But the righteous will live by **faith**.”

Faith Definition - Faith is choosing to live in light of the truth of God’s Word regardless of circumstances, emotions or cultural trends.

Write after each verse how you would live/obey this verse

1 Jn 1:9 _____

Rm 12:1 _____

Gal 2:20 _____

Eph 5:18 _____

(Note: In Eph 5:18 the Greek tense of ‘filled’ is every moment of your life.)

Looking at the diagram on the other page, here is a way that you can live by faith obeying the above verses.

1. **Confess** all your sins until you are at a place of peace. (*1 John 1:9*)
Thank God for forgiving your sins.
2. **Submit**
 - Present/yield ALL you are unto Jesus. (*Romans 12:1*)
 - Acknowledge you are dead to yourself, and alive in Jesus. (*Galatians 2:20*)
 - Live out of the new man in Jesus. (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)
 - Thank God for doing these things, and for your new identity in Jesus.
3. **Filled**. Ask God to **fill** you right now and continually with the power of His Holy Spirit.
(*Ephesians 5:18*)
Thank God that He just filled you with His Holy Spirit.

Do a week long experiment and let me know how it goes. Chris.Rodgers@cru.org or 509-979-2804.