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## I. Three Faulty Ways to Live the Christian Life

A. By Rules

B. By a Formula

C. By an Experience

***Ephesians 4:14 (NIV)*** Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.



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## II. Three Gifts of the Spirit

### A. A New Mind vs.5-8

**Romans 8:5-8 (NIV)** <sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup> The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; <sup>7</sup> the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.



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***Romans 12:2 (NIV)*** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.



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### B. A New Nature vs.9-11

**Romans 8:9-11 (NIV)** <sup>9</sup> You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.



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### **B. A New Nature vs.9-11**

**2 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)** <sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.



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### **B. A New Nature vs.9-11**

**1 Corinthians 15:55 (NIV)** "Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?"



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### C. A New Identity vs.14-17

*Romans 8:14-17 (NIV)* <sup>14</sup> because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

<sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.



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### **C. A New Identity vs.14-17**

- 1. Personal Guidance of the Holy Spirit v.14**
- 2. Freedom From Fear v.15a**
- 3. The Right to Call God "Father" v.15b**
- 4. Inward Assurance v.16**
- 5. Right of Heirship in God's Family v.17**



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### **III. One Great Obligation vs.12-13**

#### **A. We owe nothing to the flesh. v.12**

***Romans 8:12 (NIV)*** <sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it.



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***James 1:13-15 (NIV)*** <sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.



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### **III. One Great Obligation vs.12-13**

#### **B. We owe everything to the Holy Spirit. v.13**

***Romans 8:13 (NIV)*** For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,



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**Col. 3:5 (NIV)** *Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.*



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*“Though no longer ‘in the flesh,’ ‘controlled... by the sinful nature,’ the sanctified Christian is still ‘in the body’ and under the necessity of keeping it subject to the law of God. This means ‘putting to death’-a clear-cut separation from-the ‘misdeeds of the body,’ acts contrary to God’s law arising out of the human nature with all its instincts, urges, propensities, drives, and needs. In this we are to be ‘led by the Spirit of God’ as befits the children of God.” Purkiser*



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*We may put this in more modern language, as C. F. D. Moule expresses it. The Christian must kill self-centredness and regard as dead all private desires and ambitions. There must be in his life a radical transformation of the will and a radical shift of the centre. Everything which would keep him from fully obeying God and fully surrendering to Christ must be surgically excised.*

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Galatians 5:24 (KJV) And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

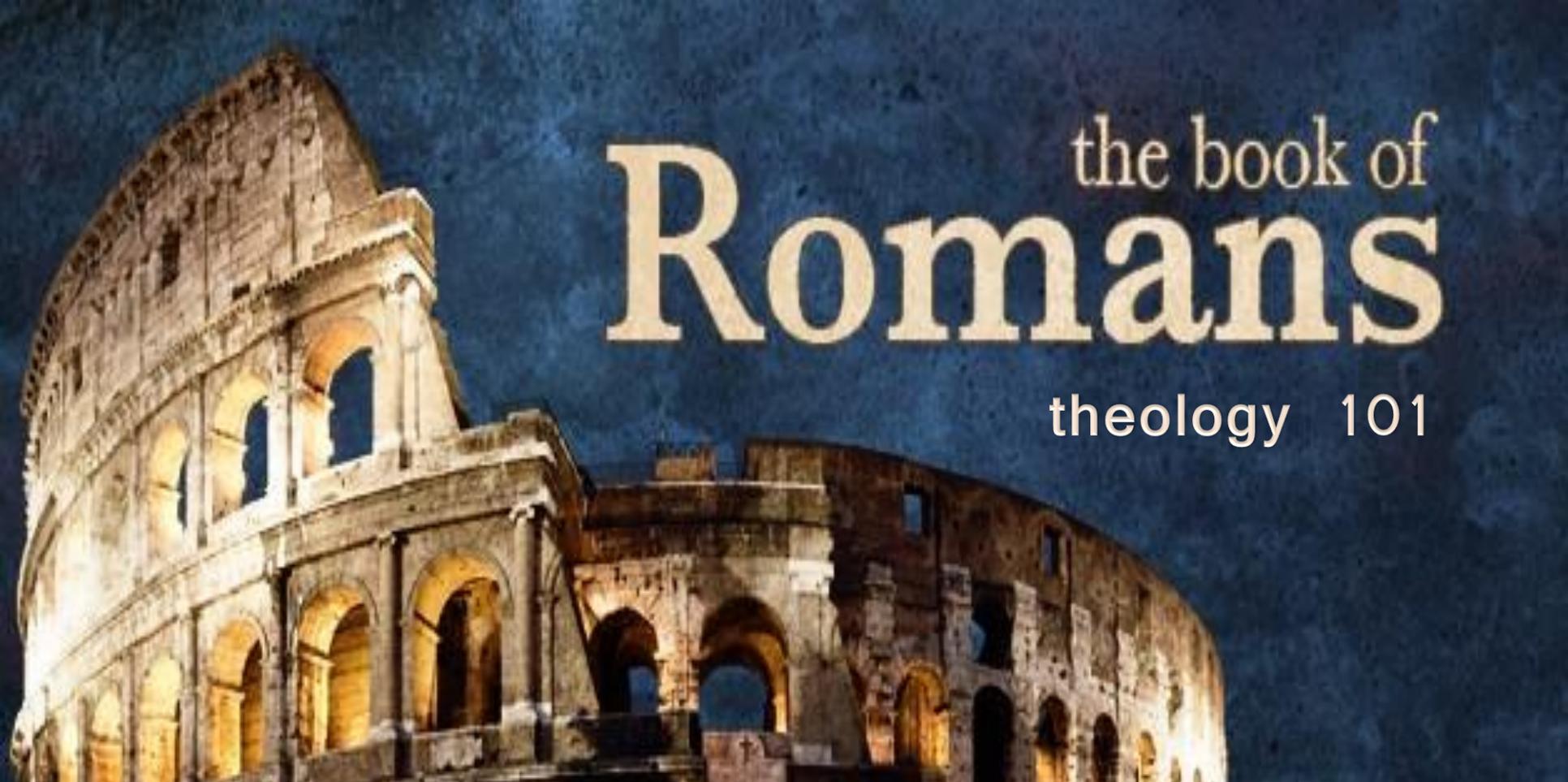
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## **Spiritual Person (Christ-Directed Life)**

Jesus is in the life and on the throne. Self is yielding to Jesus.  
The person sees Jesus' influence and direction in their life.



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