

Crossroads Baptist Church
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Romans 7:6
Romans #42

“Our Identity as Living in the Spirit”

•Romans 7:6 “But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

1. It was for this freedom of Living in the Spirit that we were delivered.
2. Jesus did not free us from one bondage (Law) to move us into another bondage.
3. Living by a set of rules is more self-satisfying than living by the Spirit.
4. Spirit living is based on a relationship, not rules.
5. Spirit living required more personal responsibility over against law living where the responsibility resides in the law.
6. Law living is more black-n-white; there is a mystery to Spirit living.
7. Law living causes you to become critical; Spirit living is gracious.
8. Spirit living is grace living. Galatians 5:4 “you have fallen from grace.”
9. Law living focuses on the external; Spirit living focuses on the internal.
John 15: 4 “Abide in Me....”
10. Spirit living is a fulfillment of Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:25-27
“I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.”
11. Spirit living is based in the Word of God.
Ephesians 5:18 “be filled with the Spirit..”
Colossians 3:16 “let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly...”
12. Living by the Spirit means you learn to listen and trust the voice of the Spirit.

John 10:3 “the sheep hear his voice...and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.”

13. “Doing church” is easier by a set of rules and programs than by the Spirit; but while it may produce good church people it does not produce good Christians.

Do you have the Spirit? Romans 8:9 “now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”

Are you walking by the Spirit?