

“God’s Positioning Spirit”

I have in my hand a GPS - Global Positioning System that helps you get to where you want to go.

1. This is for all Christians.

"For as many..." this refers to all believers. The Greek word here is hosos - means all! No exceptions.

2. It is elective, not forced.

The Greek word here is passive which means it is not something God forces on you, but that we choose.

3. It is a present work.

The Greek word is a present passive which speaks of a current event, not a past one. He is not concerned about us being led by God yesterday, or a year ago, but currently being led by the Spirit. It implies our voluntary participation with God in this leading. We submit our will to the will of the Spirit.

4. It is true evidence of being a son of God.

If you are questioning your salvation, then simply ask - Do you experience a sense of God's leading you? Doesn't mean you always follow, but you know that He leads. Our security is not in perfect following, but in His persistent leading.

One commentary said, "This is the hallmark of this relationship."

5. It is constant, not sporadic.

"as being led" - it already exists and continues on.

When there is a lapse of permitting the Spirit to lead, the lapse is not long; instead you continue letting Him lead.

6. It is corrective, not protective.

This verse opens with "for." Going back to the reason you are able to put to death the deeds of the flesh is you are constantly being led by the Spirit.

Being led by the Spirit does not guard you from harm. He is not a magical weapon that zaps all your enemies away and keeps you from any attack. But instead it gives you the power to overcome both the external enemy (Devil) and the internal enemy (your flesh).

Psalm 143: 10 "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground."

Psalm 25: 4-5 "Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth, and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Isaiah 48:17-18 This is what the Lord says, "I am the Lord your God who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. If only you had paid

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attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the ways of the sea."

7. It is a controlling influence, not merely directing.

He said to lead, not just to guide. While John 16:13 speaks of the Spirit being our Guide, here it is more. Being led speaks of a controlling influence in our lives. We follow because we want to go where He is (our interest, desires, wishes are the same).

We follow lest we become lost.

8. It is an inward leading.

Romans 8:9, 11 -

In the Old Testament, it was a fire by night and a cloud by day. The leading was clear and distinctive. But today it is the Holy Spirit leading us and His leadership is still clear and distinctive.

The Shepherd may lead his sheep, but he can't become a sheep. But God becomes in us through the Holy Spirit to lead us.

No external factor here. We think we would be better off if we had a cloud, or a mantle with dew on it. But all of the Christian faith is based on a relationship with God that is real and internal.