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TOPIC: WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

TEXT: Rom 8:1-17, Gal 4:1-9, 5:1-26

MEMORY VERSE: Gal 5:16 ‘’ This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fufil the lust of the flesh.

INTRODUCTION: How great the Father’s love for us, how wide beyond all measure to make a wretch his treasure. God also gave a promise to the heirs of salvation that he would put his Spirit within us who would help us to walk in his will (Eze 36:27). The Spirit is God’s means of building up a glorious church in love, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. The working of the Spirit of God in bringing us up to the fullness of the image of God is fulfilled as we agree to walk in the Spirit. The pathway to spiritual progress is anchored deeply on knowing, agreeing in faith and yielding to the work he wrought in us, hence, walking in the Spirit. May He open our eyes as we explore.

STUDY POINTS

1. What does it mean to walk in the Spirit Gal 5:16(MSG,TLB,NLT)
2. Children Of Promise Acts 2:38-40, Gal 3;15-29(NLT) 4:21-31

* God’s provision Gal 4:1-6, Jhn3:16, Rom 8:11 ( Son-ship through the spirit)
* Begotten by the Spirit Jhn 3:8, Jam 1:18, 2 Cor 5: 16-17

1. The ministry of the Spirit in the life of a believer John16:12-14, Acts 1:8, 1Cor2:9-14

* Not a spirit of bondage to fear, but of faith Rom8:15-16, 2Tim1:6-7
* The spirit of wisdom and revelation in the Knowledge of Christ Eph1:16-23
* Building of the inner man(new man) Eph3:14-20,Jude20
* The war against the flesh Rom8:12-13,Gal 5:16-18

1. Walk ye in Him( a deliberate step to sustain victory): Col 2:6-7(TLB) Gal 5:16,25 Jhn 15: 1-4

‘*’If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit’’*. What does this mean?

* Yieldedness Rom 6:11,16-17 Col 2:9, 2Cor 5:16, Eph 5:8
* Walking in love Gal 5:13-16, 1Jhn4:7-13

1. To what end (why is walking in the Spirit inevitable?)

* A life of victory Gal 5:16, 1Jhn 5:1-5, Rom 8:13, Gal 6:7-8
* Fruitfulness and Maturity Gal 5:22, Eph 4: 13-15
* Conformity Rom 8: 28-29, Col 2:10, 2 Cor 3:18

Conclusion: The end of God in bringing us to salvation is conformity to the person of Christ. *‘’But we all, with open face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord’’.(2Cor3:18)* It is a work by the Spirit of God and not the zeal and strength of a man, hence let us surrender and yield that the glorious outworking of the Spirit of God in us may be found to the praise and glory of God at the appearing of Christ.