

Spirit Leading

I. What

A. The Will of God

Deut 29:29	The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever
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B. Subjection to the Governing Authorities

Romans 13:1-10

- (1) From whom is the authority of the government coming?
 - (2) What is supposed to be the function and limitation of the government?
 - (3) Who defines good and evil?
 - (4) Does Romans 13 teach an absolute submission to the government, unless it commands us to do what the Bible *explicitly* forbids, or it forbids us to do what the Bible *explicitly* commands?
 - (5) Who defines love?
 - (6) Does loving your neighbor mean submitting to tyranny?
- **Directing Government to its Duty** - Romans 13:1-4 (Feb 14, 2021)
 - **The Tyranny of Totalitarianism** - Romans 13:1-4 (January 2, 2022)
—James Coates, GraceLife Church of Edmonton

C. Romans 8:1-17

Context: **Romans 6:1-11; 7:1-6**

Verse 3

Romans 7:12	the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.
Romans 7:14	For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.

John 3:16	For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
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So: in this manner

Verse 4

Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14

Galatians 5:14	For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the <i>statement</i> , “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
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The law of Christ: Galatians 6:2; 1 Corinthians 9:21

- Eph 4:17, walk no longer as the Gentiles.
- Eph 4:1 walk in a manner worthy of your calling
- Eph 5:2 walk in love
- Eph 5:8 walk as children of light
- Eph 5:15 walk in wisdom

Verse 5

Galatians 5:16-25	¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. ¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
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Verse 9

Ephesians 5:18	Be filled in the Spirit
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Verse 14

To lead (agō)

Act 8:32	HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER;
Romans 2:4	The kindness of God leads you to repentance.
1 Cor 12:2	You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, however you were led.
2 Timothy 3:6	For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses,
Matthew 4:1	Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
Luke 4:1	Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness.

Verse 15

“Abba” isn’t “Daddy,” but “Dear Father.”

D. Summary

Spirit leading is not _____, but _____.

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William Hendrickson

“In the entire context nothing is said about guarding God's children from receiving physical harm, nothing about keeping them out of danger when traveling, nothing about making decisions in the everyday of life. On the other hand, the immediately preceding context refers to putting to death the disgraceful deeds of the body, doing this by the Spirit.”

II. Who

Romans 8:14	For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
Galatians 5:18	But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.
Galatians 4:4-7	⁴ But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, ⁵ so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

B.B. Warfield,

“[T]he statement is so framed as to equate its two members, and even to throw a stress upon the co-extensiveness of the two designations. “As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these and these only are sons of God.” Thus, the leading of the Spirit is presented as the very characteristic of the children of God. This is what differentiates them from all others. All who are led by the Spirit of God are thereby constituted the sons of God; and none can claim the high title of sons of God who are not led by the Spirit of God. The leading of the Spirit thus appears as the constitutive fact of sonship.”

III. How

- Providence: ***Providence is Remarkable***—Phil Johnson
- Illumination: ***Psalm 119 (Homework)***
- Sanctification