

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

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Part II

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Not long ago at a health club I attend an acquaintance was witnessing their faith to me about how there are two spirits in the child of God; the child of God's own spirit, and the Spirit of God – the Holy Ghost. Following the conclusion to our conversation, I was left with the idea that the professing believer in Christ elects for the Spirit of Christ to come into them, and that it is the believers own spirit who chooses to be obedient to the Holy Ghost. The following is a brief study I did on this subject which was taken from Romans 8:2:

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit ⁴¹⁵¹ of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

From the King James translation above, the word 'Spirit', [twice], in Romans 8:16, and, [once], in Romans 8:2, is the Greek word, 'Pneuma ⁴¹⁵¹', which the King James also translates as 'Holy Ghost'. So Romans 8:16 could be read:

Romans 8:16 The 'Holy Ghost' itself beareth witness with our 'holy ghost', that we are the children of God.

Are there two Holy Ghosts? I found 1 Corinthians 6:17 immediately provides absolute clarity about the believers spirit and the Holy Ghost:

1 Corinthians 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

This clarity was further supported by what I read in 1 Corinthians 12:13 which declares:

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

What's more: I found how part of 1 Corinthians 12:13, when compared with other verses, shows how, 'both', the good and the evil; "have been 'all' made to drink into one Spirit."

For example: I remembered what Obadiah 1:16 declares:

Obadiah 1:16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

The scripture provides great comfort as it confirms there is one spirit that 'all' of mankind drink from; but which only those baptized into, 'one body', which is, 'Christ's body', are of God's elect, from everlasting to everlasting. This is a great comfort for those who abide in the doctrine of Christ. For them it is, 'the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus'.

Further, when comparing the verses above with Ephesians 2:18, these verses reveal how 'only' the children of God, who have been baptized into 'Christ's body', through the 'one Spirit of the Lord', have access to their 'heavenly Father':

Ephesians 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

This is important; for God commands, [*ei., He draws*], (Jo 6:44), His children to pray in this manner: "*After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father who art in Heaven ... (Mt 6:9)*". And in Matthew 6:9, the word, "Our", [*hemon G2257*], is the same word that is found in Romans 8:16:

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

The breath of God in man:

While daily striving to share my faith from the Bible, more and more I learn how it is not so cut and dry, with respect to who shall be in the Spirit of Christ, and who shall not. I'm most content when first looking at myself (2Co 13:5).

The Bible teaches me, that from the beginning of the unfolding of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, in places like Genesis 6:3, God is warning 'all' of mankind, [*us/ hemon G2257*]; that, one way, or another, an end is coming, which is always near, whether it be by the earthly grave, or when the Lord returns for His people on the last day, when this earth and the ungodly shall be destroyed (Ge 6:7; Re 11:18). The 'Comforter' brings us into remembrance of Noah and the flood (Jo 14:26), God's proof of His wrath, and His mercy; and the taking up of the Ark above the earth, [*ei., God's elect*]:

Genesis 6:3 ¶ And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

The Hebrew word, '*Ruwach H7307*', 'Spirit', in Genesis 6:3, shows the same meaning as the Greek word, '*Pneuma 4151*', in Romans 8:16; "the breath of God in man".

Through these verses it can be learned how, 'all are spiritual', yet, 'all', do not necessarily manifest, 'the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus'.

The One Spirit of the Lord without sin from everlasting to everlasting (120):

And, so, again, through His eternal covenant, (12), twice spoken, [*the New Testament from the Old Testament*], (120), the LORD warns:

1 John 4:1 ¶ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

In 1 John 4:1, the word, 'spirit, and spirits', is the Greek word, "*Pneuma 4151*", which is defined as the Hebrew word, '*Ruwach H7307*', in Genesis 6:3:

Genesis 6:3 ¶ And the LORD said, My spirit H7307 shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

The phrase, "*... an hundred and twenty years*", must proclaim the one spirit, and one body, and one faith, who is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, with His elect, are 'all' of one spirit; without beginning of days, nor end of life, (Heb 7:3):

1 Corinthians 8:6 But to us [hemin 2254] there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we [hemeis 2249] in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we [hemeis 2249] by him.

Suffice to say: 'words' in the Bible which are 'numbers' provide the same spiritual truth as words that are not numbers, and visa versa. For example: the number 12 clearly points to the 12 tribes of Israel, [*the kingdom of God in earth as it is in heaven*]. The number 12 also points to the 12 Apostles, which again points to God's fulfillment of His chosen Jacob, throughout the dispensation of the fulness of times (Eph 1:10-14). The number 10 points to the Ten Commandments, that typifies the complete law of God to mankind, from the first Adam to the last Adam (Ge 2:1-4; 1Co 15:45).

Suffice to say: the phrase, "*an hundred and twenty years*", echoes God's compete (100) proclamation (2) of His people (12) in Christ (120); for nothing else shall be remembered, nor come to mind, such as that which had to do with earthly things [*physical measurements*] (Isa 65:17; Oba 1:16).

Be that as it may: while the earth remains, God's Holy Word the Bible declares; "*Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*" For the professing believer in Christ, 'the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus', shall only have been true, if it was of, 'one spirit', 'one body', and, 'one faith', according to the doctrine of Christ, who alone is without sin, (Eze 36:24-30; Joh 3:3-5; 2Co 5:24). I believe it is in this context that 2 John 1:9 declares:

2 John 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.