

Led by the Spirit

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Sunday evening service

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We like to be in control of things and shift things the way we want them to happen.

We are driven by different things - money, fame, success, addiction, people, sex.

These things we run after control us, we don't control it.

What are you giving up when you're chasing these things?

Mark 10v17-27

"Sell all your stuff and follow me" isn't in the commandments, he was fulfilling the law - but still, his possessions were controlling him. He wasn't willing to give up everything for God.

James 1v12-15

When we operate under the law and in our flesh, we give in to sinful desires.

Romans 1v21-25

God will hand you over to your own desires and flesh because that is what you want.

Galatians 5v17

The only time you are not under the law is when you are in the spirit.

With man it is impossible because we can't do it out of our own flesh.

Romans 8v1-19

There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus - He came to free us from sin. For those who live in the spirit there is no condemnation.

Those who live by the spirit have a different mind-set.

Those who live according to the spirit become righteous - we could never fulfil the law in ourselves, but when we are in Christ we are made righteous because He fulfilled the law.

Child - someone who relies fully on God and is being transformed into His image.

A son of God - a mature son that emphasises likeness to the heavenly Father by living in faith.

We can only become mature if we live by the spirit.

God wants us to mature and resemble Him, but we need to live by the spirit.

The difference between living under the spirit and living under the law is faith - life in the spirit allows us to overcome the things of the flesh, but we need to let go.

If we want to enter eternity and become a son, we need to let go of everything.

We try to do things - many people think they're going to heaven because they're living good lives.

If we keep on working with fleshly things, we'll get fleshly results.

If we live under the law, we will be judged according to the law - and we have all fallen short of the law. But if we live by faith, we will be judged according to faith.

Under the law nobody is good - only God is good.

You can only love everybody if you have the grace of God.

If we want to change the atmosphere and we want heaven to inhabit earth, we need to live by the spirit and live by faith.