

Renewing Our Vision for 2021  
**“Walking According to the Spirit”**  
Romans 8:1-11

**New Life in Christ**

*“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” Galatians 2:20*

**Jesus Reproduces Himself in Me**

The Parable of the Sower and the Seed (Luke 8:4-15)

**I am Freed from Religion to Relationship with Jesus alone**

“Saved” and “Transformed” by Faith in Jesus Christ  
(Galatians 3:1-5; 5:1-12)

**Christ’s Character is Reproduced in Me**

Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

*Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness,  
Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness*

**Learning to Walk in the Spirit (Romans 8:1-11)**

- 1. I no longer need to feel condemned by God for my compulsion to do things dishonoring to Him.**

*Philippians 3:6-9 Paul, a righteous man, gave up trying to be perfect in order to depend on Jesus for transformation.*

*Romans 7:18-24 Paul admitted continually finding something within himself that was opposed to God.*

*Romans 8:1 Paul, because of Jesus, found liberation from all concern for condemnation for the way he was as a typical human being.*

- 2. My new focus in life is depending upon the principle of “Holy Spirit Influence” in my life.**

*Rom. 8:2 The principle of “Spirit dependence” is liberation from the principle of self-improvement based upon my control.*

*Rom. 8:3 Jesus condemned all dependence upon self-discipline as our only solution for our flawed human nature and tendencies.*

*Rom. 8:4 Jesus intends us to depend upon the Holy Spirit to do within us what we are incapable of doing ourselves.*

- 3. Our commitment to “Holy Spirit Influence” is commitment to consistently thinking about what He teaches us.**

*Rom. 8:5 Our thoughts become the meditations of our hearts and the predominant influence in our choices.*

**“Spirit Informed” Thoughts are Not Rules**

- We are already blessed with every possible blessing in the heavenly realm.** (I Cor. 2:12; I Pet. 1:13)
- We are children of God with full and complete access to Him, as our true Father, whenever we need Him.** (Hebrews 10:19-22)
- God has made pleasing Him so easy that all we have to do is love and serve the family of God.** (Galatians 5)
- God understands me completely.** (I Cor. 10:13)

***I have a real and meaningful relationship with God as His child and everything I think about revolves around gratitude for what He has done to prove His love for me.***

***I will devote myself to making Him proud!***