



CHAIRMAN'S DESK

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

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All glory and honor to God who gave all of us the opportunity to see this year, 2021. As we walk with the King of Kings this year, it is important that we seek those things that are above, because the return of our Lord Jesus is drawing near.

The book of Romans 8:1 says, *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."* In other words, there is condemnation for those who walked after the flesh. His will for us as followers of Christ is to walk in the Spirit.

Christ has many things in store for us if we can venture to do His will, but we will not be able to do His will if we continue to yield ourselves to the dictates of the flesh.

How do we walk in the Spirit?

In former days, before we were baptized, we made statements, renouncing Satan, sin, the world, the flesh and all its works; We accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. What we were promising then was to do the will of Christ who is our savior. At the time, we were fervent and diligent in reading the scriptures daily, praying in season and out of season, and yearning to do what pleases the Lord. But as we become comfortable, we become complacent, and walking after the flesh became more attractive to us because it is easy.

Our academic success also tends to shift our focus a little bit; We become sophisticated, cultivated, and cultured. We therefore devise a refined way to spirituality, which ultimately takes away what God has in mind.

Apostle Paul cried to the Galatians in chapter 5:16, *"... Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."*

God is calling us this year to walk in the Spirit, focus on the things above, and to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. I pray this year will be a year of abundance for all of us in Jesus' name, Amen.

