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What Does It Mean To Walk In The Spirit?

Question: "What does it mean to walk in the Spirit?"

Answer: Believers have the Spirit of Christ, the hope of glory within them ([Colossians 1:27](#) - *To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:*). Those who walk in the Spirit will show forth daily, moment-by-moment holiness. This is brought about by consciously choosing by faith to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide in thought, word, and deed ([Romans 6:11-14](#)

¹¹*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

¹²*Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*

¹³*Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

¹⁴*For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

Failure to rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance will result in a believer not living up to the calling and standing that salvation provides ([John 3:3](#) - *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.; [Ephesians 4:1](#) - *I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.; [Philippians 1:27](#) - *Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;*).**

We can know that we are walking in the Spirit if our lives are showing forth the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control ([Galatians 5:22,23](#) –

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²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

). Being filled (walking) with the Spirit is the same as allowing the word of Christ (the Bible) to richly dwell in us ([Colossians 3:16](#) - *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*).

The result is thankfulness, singing, and joy ([Ephesians 5:18-20](#)

¹⁸And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

¹⁹Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

²⁰Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

; [Colossians 3:16](#) - *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*). Children of God will be led by the Spirit of God ([Romans 8:14](#) - *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*). When Christians choose not to walk in the Spirit, thereby sinning and grieving Him, provision has been made for restoration through confession of the wrongdoing ([Ephesians 4:30](#) - *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*; [1 John 1:9](#) - *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*).

To “walk in the Spirit” is to follow the Spirit’s leading. It is essentially to “walk with” the Spirit, allowing Him to guide your steps and conform your mind. To summarize, just as we have received Christ by faith, by faith He asks us to walk in Him, until we are taken to heaven and will hear from the Master, “Well done!” ([Colossians 2:5](#) - *For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.*; [Matthew 25:23](#) - *His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*).

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