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Critical Concepts in Christian Living Introduction



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING Visual Perspective (Acts 1:4-8)

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Acts 1:4-5

4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:6-7

6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

Acts 1:8

When the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING SIN CAUSES BEHAVIOR or INCITES DESIRES (1 Corinthians 15:56)

The Law gives sin its power (NLT)

First Option

Power to cause sinful behavior **Second Option**

Capability to incite sinful desires



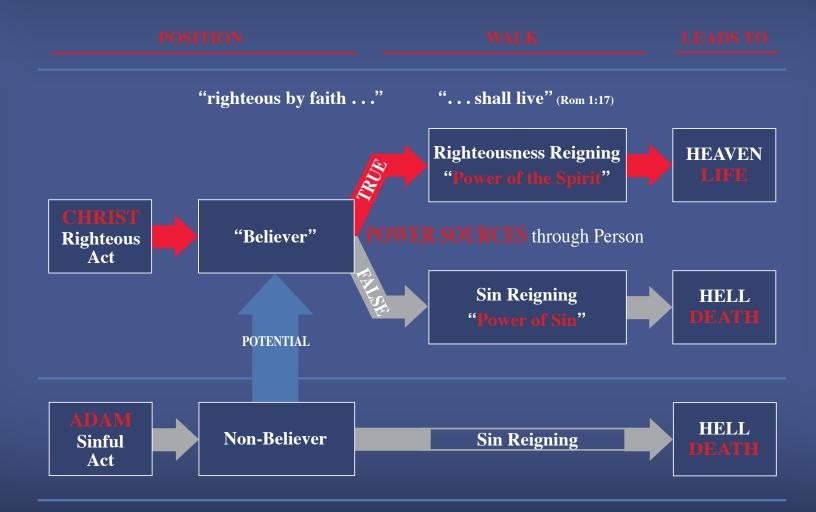
CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING PREDOMINATE TRANSLATION (Romans 5:16b-18, 21)

166 On the one hand [from Adam's offense] the judgment (krima) arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation (katakrima), but on the other hand [from Christ's sacrifice] the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification (dikaioma). 17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one [Adam], much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness (dikaiosune) will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. 18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation (katakrima) to all men, even so through one act of righteousness (dikaioma) there resulted justification (dikaiosis) of life to all men.... 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness (dikaiosune) to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING EMPOWERED by the SPIRIT or by SIN (Romans 5:12-21)



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING ALTERNATIVE TRANSLATION (Romans 5:16b-18, 21)

166 For the judgment (krima) came for one offense to produce servitude (katakrima) to sin. But the free gift brings release from many offenses to produce righteous action (dikaioma). 17 For if by means of the offense of the one man, death has reigned through the one man [Adam], much more those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness (dikaiosune) [the gracious gift of righteousness] shall reign in life through the one Man, Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore, as through one offense judgment came to all men to produce servitude (katakrima) to sin, so also through one righteous action (dikaioma) grace came for all men to produce [righteous living (dikaiosis)] sourced in [Christ's] life.... 21 in order that just as sin had reigned in the sphere of death, so also grace might reign through righteousness (dikaiosune) unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

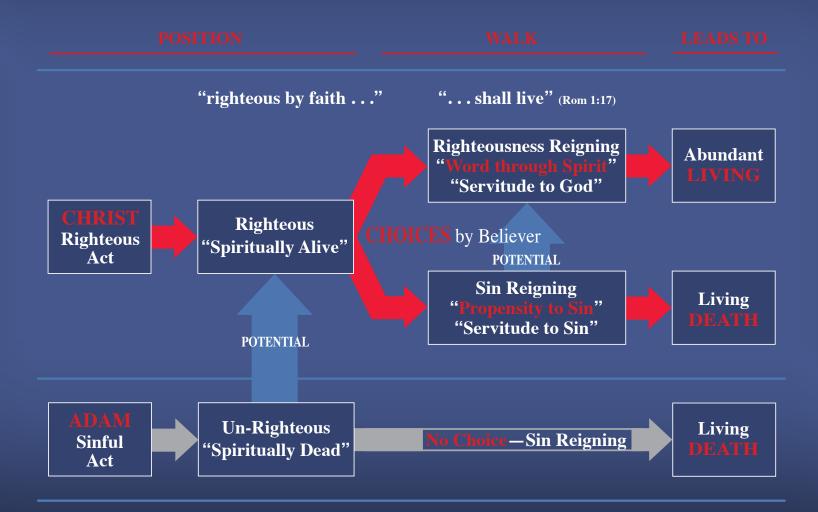


CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING KEY WORD COMPARISON (Romans 5:16b-18, 21)

Greek Verse Word	Predominate Translation	Alternative Translation
16 krima katakrima dikaioma	judgment condemnation justification	judgment servitude <i>to sin</i> righteous action
17 dikaiosune	righteousness	righteousness
18 katakrima dikaioma dikaiosis	condemnation act of righteousness justification	servitude <i>to sin</i> righteous action righteous living
21 dikaiosune	righteousness	righteousness



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING INFLUENCED by the SPIRIT or by SIN (Romans 5:12-21)



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING Pump-Causes-Irrigation Example



Pump

Pipe

Irrigation



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING Power-Causes-Behavior Position



Spirit or Sin

Believer

Behavior

CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING "IN-and-THROUGH" PERSPECTIVE

Ministry	God in Believer (Giftedness)	God through Believer (Service)	
Living	God in Believer (Character)	Believer through Christ (Conduct)	



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING "BELIEVER-THROUGH-CHRIST" PERSPECTIVE

For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in *life through the One*, *Jesus Christ* (Romans 5:17).

So that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal *life through Jesus Christ* our Lord (Romans 5:21).

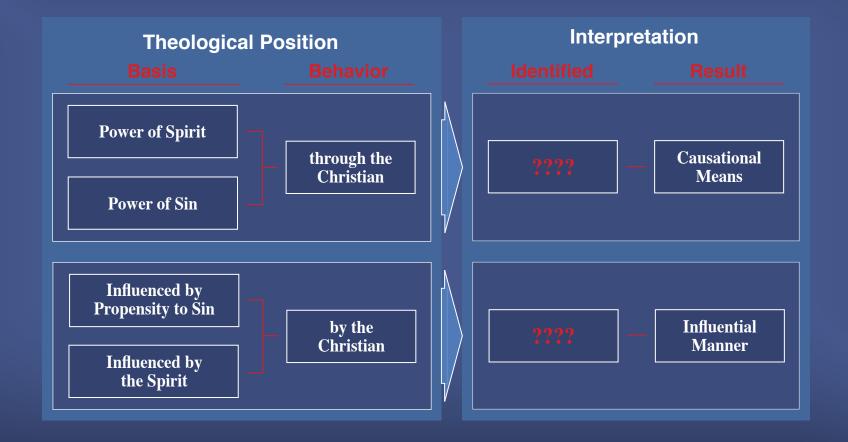
I can do all things through Him who strengthens me (Phil 4:13).

Equip you in every good thing [work] *to do His will*, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, *through Jesus Christ*, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen (Heb 13:21).

By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we *might live through Him* (1 John 4:9).



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING Theological Approach Determines Interpretations



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING "by the Spirit" Texts (Rom 8:14; Gal 5:18; Eph 5:18)

All who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God (Rom 8:14).

If you are led *by the Spirit*, you are not under the Law (Gal 5:18).

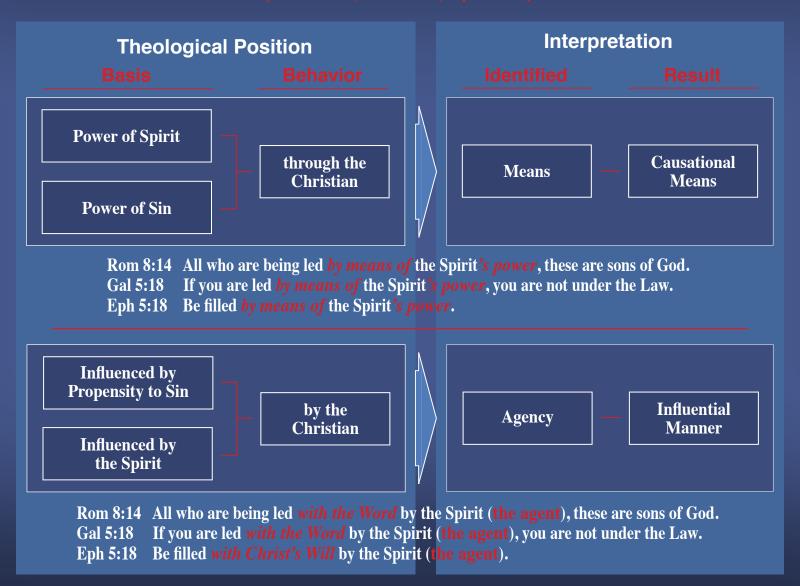
Be filled by the Spirit (Eph 5:18).



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING Theological Approach Determines Interpretation

Theological Approach Determines Interpretations "by the Spirit"

(Rom 8:14; Gal 5:18; Eph 5:18)



"in relation to the Spirit" Texts (Rom 8:4, 12, 13)

Who do not walk *according to the flesh* but *according to the Spirit* (Rom 8:4).

We are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live *according to the flesh* (Rom 8:12).

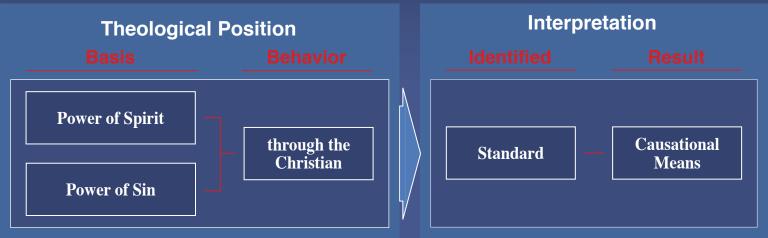
Living *according to the flesh*, you must die; but if **by the Spirit**, you will live (Rom 8:13).



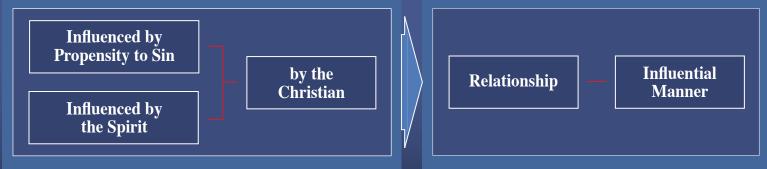
CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

Theological Approach Determines Interpretations
"in relation to the Spirit"

(Rom 8:4, 12, 13)



- Rom 8:4 Who do not walk according to the flesh's power but according to the Spirit's power.
- Rom 8:12 We are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh's power
- Rom 8:13 Living according to the flesh's power, you must die; if by means of the Spirit's power, you will live.



- Rom 8:4 Who do not walk in relation to the flesh (PtoS) but in relation to the Spirit.
- Rom 8:12 We are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live in relation to the flesh (PtoS)
- Rom 8:13 Living in relation to the flesh (PtoS), you must die; if with the Spirit, you will live.

PtoS = propensity to sin

CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING "with the Spirit" Texts (Rom 8:13; Gal 5:16, 25)

Living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit, you will live (Rom 8:13).

Walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh (Gal 5:16).

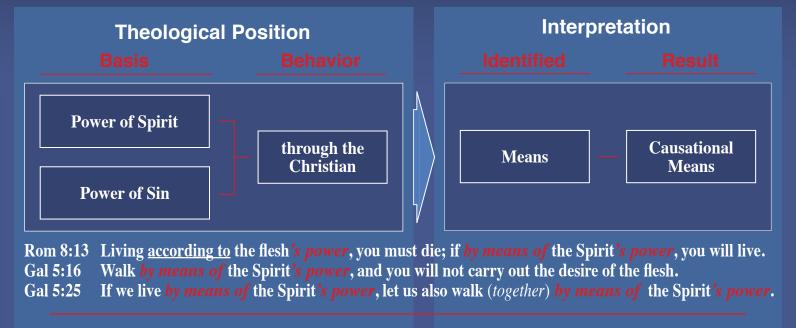
If we live *by the Spirit*, let us also walk (together) *by the Spirit* (Gal 5:25).

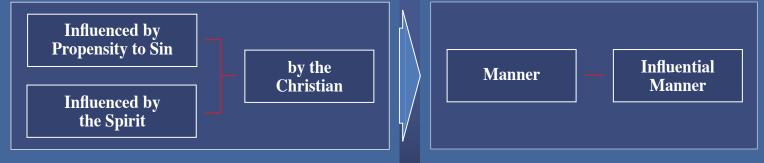


CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

Theological Approach Determines Interpretations "with the Spirit"

(Rom 8:13; Gal 5:16, 25)





Rom 8:13 Living in relation to the flesh (PtoS), you must die; if with the Spirit, you will live.

Gal 5:16 Walk with the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh (PtoS).

Gal 5:25 If we live with the Spirit, let us also walk (together) with the Spirit.

PtoS = propensity to sin

CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING Causational Means vs Influential Manner

Causational Means

Power of Sin causes unrighteous behavior

Holy Spirit causes righteous behavior

Influential Manner

Propensity to Sin
utilizes
world's system
to influence
unrighteous behavior

Holy Spirit
utilizes
God's Word
to influence
righteous behavior



CRITICAL CONCEPTS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

Critical Walking in relation to the Spirit
Concept Being Led by the Spirit
#1 Insight to Romans 8:1-14

Critical Walking with the Spirit
Concept Being Led by the Spirit
#2 Insight to Galatians 5:16-25

Critical Walking Wisely
Concept Being Filled by the Spirit
#3 Insight to Ephesians 5:1-21

Critical Walking in the Light
Concept Insight to 1 John 1:3–2:2
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