

Romans #109

“Good news, you were adopted!”

Romans 8:14

Jesus Christ is the Living Word and biblical truth is the Written Word or the mind of Christ and we can't be truly happy without either.

When you live or walk according to the sin nature, the result is death, not physical, spiritual or eternal death but a death-like existence in the believer who continues to live as though he were a spiritually dead unbeliever with an ineffective non-productive life.

This is when the believer is living according to the sin nature in rebellion against God, hostile to God because the carnal mind cannot submit itself to the Law or the Word of God. Only when a believer learns the Word and he walks by means of the Holy Spirit, his life pleases God.

We can be a success in the world's eyes but a failure in God's.

Paul says the reference point for our spiritual life is our position in Christ, the result of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, identifying us with Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection, setting us apart as adopted into the royal family of God forever.

Matthew 7:21-23 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of Heaven but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your Name and in Your Name drive out demons and in Your Name, perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

That done in the power of the flesh or sin nature is hostile to God because it's man depending on man for success.

Divine guidance is determining the will of God for your life through God's revelation which in our dispensation is limited to the Word of God.

You cannot know the will of God apart from knowing the Word of God.

Those who consciously follow are actively being led by the Holy Spirit, doing what He says to do in the Word for us to march forward.

Guidance through maximum biblical truth in the soul and the filling of the Holy Spirit begins when you're positive toward the plan of God and it's fully-appropriated by mature believers but for the immature believer, guidance comes through divine discipline as a warning to get back to the Bible.