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## A JOURNEY INTO ROM 8:4-17

### COGPOD PART 2

Hello everyone; welcome back to the COGPOD. This is your host, brother Ed. In part 1 of this podcast series, we concluded, with the focus on Rom 8:14 which says; **14**For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.[NIV] Now, in part 2 we are going to examine vss 4-17 of Rom 8 to find out how we might best benefit from our God-given GPS, which for us stands for our Godly Positioning System, which we mentioned in Part 1 of this series. Now, in part 2, we're gonna pick up at vs 4 of Rom chapter 8 which says; **4**God did this so that the righteous demands of the Law might be fully satisfied in us who live according to the Spirit, and not according to human nature.[GNT] Who, then, is the source of the spirit that anoints the children of God, that's spoken of here? In John 6:63, Jesus points to the immense importance of this Spirit when He said; **63**The Spirit gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. The spirit is the love-based energy proceeding from Jehovah God, His Holy Spirit, that powers and makes the whole Godly Positioning Systems or [GPS] network possible. Now what kind of power are we talking about? Let's look at Isa 40:26 to find out. It reads; **26**Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing. [NLT] The POWER of Jehovah God, the source of our reality, the source of our known universe, well, the amount of *power* at His disposal, is literally, beyond human comprehension. To say that His existence is on a different frequency is.... Yet, He lovingly makes communication with Him not only possible, but He greatly desires it according to Isa 48:17&18 which reads; **17**Thus says Yahweh, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, "I am Yahweh your God, who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way you should go. **18**If only you had paid attention to My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea. [LSB] Now that's His desire, but how does He make it possible? Jesus, at Jo 4:24, points to the means by which it is possible, when He said, **24**God is Spirit, and those who worship God must be led by the Spirit to worship him according to the truth. [CEV] The SPIRIT is the 'love-based energy and *truth* is the 'frequency' of Jehovah God, and *our receptivity* is the vibe [vibration]. Energy, frequency and vibration are the keys to unlocking the secrets of the universe, said one prominent scientist and inventor. Vs 5 of Rom 8 says; **5**Those who live as their human nature tells them to, have their minds controlled by what human nature wants. [GNT] So what does human nature, or the flesh as many translations call it, have as the source of *its* frequency, according to the bible. Let's look at Eph 2:1-3; **1**Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. **2**You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. **3**All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to

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God's anger, just like everyone else. [NLT] So, you see the devil/Satan is the source of the 'frequency' of the flesh and where does that frequency always lead you according to Rom 6:21, it says; **21** And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. [NLT] Yes, a mind that's driven and guided by the frequency of the flesh always leads to death; but vs 5 of Rom 8 continues with the contrast of those whose minds are driven and guided by the frequency of the spirit. **5** Those who live as the Spirit tells them to, have their minds controlled by what the Spirit wants. [GNT] With what results? Rom 6:22 tells us; **22** But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. [NLT] Then there's Col 3:1-3 that expands on what the *spirit* does to the minds of those driven by it. It says; **1** Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. **2** Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. **3** For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. [NLT] Now vs 6 of Rom 8 says; **6** To be controlled by human nature results in death; [GNT] Rom 6:23 verifies this when it says; **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. [NLT] Vss 6&7 of Rom 8 continues; to be controlled by the Spirit results in life and peace. **7** And so people become enemies of God when they are controlled by their human nature; for they do not obey God's law, and in fact they cannot obey it. [GNT] Our brother Paul explains why this is so in Rom 7:21-25 where he was inspired to write; **21** I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. **22** I love God's law with all my heart. **23** But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. **24** Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? **25** Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin. [NLT] Now that tells the tale, and rings the bell doesn't it. Vs 8 of Rom 8 goes on to say; **8** Those who obey their human nature cannot please God. [GNT] Now why is that? The reason why is found at Gal 5:19-21 which reads; **19** When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, **20** idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, **21** envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. [NLT] When you're on the frequency of the flesh, that's all you live for, it's all you want, it's all you know. There's nothing else in life but seeking those things. You live for sexual immorality, you live for lustful pleasures, you live for selfish ambition, you live for drunkenness, you live for wild parties. But, in contrast, what about those on the spirit's frequency? Look at vs 9 of Rom 8; **9** But you do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead, you live as the Spirit tells you to—if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in you. [GNT] How can you tell if God's spirit lives in you? Gal 5:22-25 tells us; **22** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace,

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patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23**gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! **24**Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross [stauros] and crucified them there. **25**Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. [NLT] Now if that scripture describes your general demeanor, it's because God's spirit lives in you. If it doesn't, then the remainder of vs 9 applies; **Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.** [GNT] Now that is certainly not a place a child of God wants to find themselves. We do not want to be reprimanded by the words of Jesus at Lu 6:46 where He said; **46**Why do you call me lord, lord, but do not do the things I say. [MSB] If we call Jesus lord, but do not do as he commands, we are simply deceiving ourselves with false reasoning. I like the way our brother James was inspired to say it at James 1:22; **22**Be doers of the word, and not hearers only. Otherwise, you are deceiving yourselves. [BSB] Very well put, don't you think? However, if we do as Jesus commands, then vs 10 will apply to us which says; **10**But if Christ lives in you, the Spirit is life for you because you have been put right with God, even though your bodies are going to die because of sin. Vs 11; **11** If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, lives in you, then he who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies by the presence of his Spirit in you.[GNT] The Holy Spirit through Paul got it right, at Gal 2:20&21 where it says; **20**My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So, I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **21**I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die. [NLT] You see how *personally* our brother Paul took it as an individual. He said, the Son of God loved me, and gave himself for me. As children of God, we need to maintain the same mindset. As individuals, we need to constantly remind ourselves that Jesus didn't just die for the world of mankind, He died for me, He gave himself for me. That's why I have the opportunity for life eternal in paradise. So now I want you to think about this. If going to church every week, or giving 10% of your salary, or doing good works, or believing in God, or even believing that Jesus is the Messiah, or praying often etc... If those things in themselves could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die. If doing those things could, in themselves, bring us salvation, and all those things are good, but in themselves, they cannot make us right with God, they cannot bring us salvation. We best not deceive ourselves into thinking they can.

Jesus, at Jo 3:16,17 highlights the only thing that makes the salvation of man possible when He said; **16**"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. **17**God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. [NLT] Therefore, my brothers and sisters, the wise course of action is laid out for us in vss 12&13 of Rom 8 which says; **12**So then, my friends, we have an obligation, but it is not to live as our human nature wants us to. **13**For if you live according to your human nature, you are going to die; [NLT] What does living according to human nature entail? Col 3:5-

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11 tells us, notice; **5**So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. **6**Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. **7**You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. **8**But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. **9**Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. **10**Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. **11**In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us. [NLT] The position that puts us in, is described in the remainder of vs 13 where it says; but if by the Spirit you put to death your sinful actions, you will live. [GNT] Rom 6:5-11 outlines the blessed position we enter when we put our sinful actions to death by the spirit in this way; **5**Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. **6**We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. **7**For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. **8**And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. **9**We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. **10**When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. **11**So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. [NLT] That being so, what now becomes our reality? Vss 14-17 answers; **14** For all those who are led by God's Spirit are God's children. **15** For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, "Father! my Father!" **16**God's Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children. **17**Since we are his children, we will possess the blessings he keeps for his people, and we will also possess with Christ what God has kept for him; for if we share Christ's suffering, we will also share his glory. [GNT] Now a vital question. As Children of God, who do we recognize as our Father? That's the question we will address in part 3. It's gonna be a wonderful journey. So, until then my brothers and sisters. I'll see you in part 3.