

Grace Means It's Okay to Live in the Grayzone

Romans 8:12-17

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

1. The seemingly impossible standard: *Living by the Spirit*
2. In reality, Christians live in the ‘grayzone’ between flesh and spirit.
3. Our daily struggle fosters feelings of guilt and unworthiness.
4. The Holy Spirit reminds us that we *all* are God’s beloved children.