

spend an hour every day in the Scriptures and in prayer. He had to witness to someone every day and follow other very rigid rules.

We were willing to pay the price of discipleship, but soon most of us had broken those standards and had failed to measure up to our high resolve. We began living under a cloud. We found ourselves feeling guilty because we had broken our agreement with God. We had begun to operate in the energy of the flesh in order to fulfil the work of the Spirit, and it doesn't work that way. This failure to keep all our own rules, 100 percent, discouraged us and destroyed our effectiveness.

Since then, I have realised that placing Jesus Christ at the centre of my life and claiming the power of the Holy Spirit to live and witness for Him is the only way I can live supernaturally.

While we started in the Spirit, and ended up living in the flesh, God must have seen our hearts. Out of that movement, God gave birth to many wonderful things. ... God graciously gave me that vision which was, in a sense, born that night, and later in a more dramatic and specific way -- the vision for Campus Crusade for Christ, formed in 1951, which miraculously has since helped to share the good news of God's great love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ to more than 6 billion people.

While the Fellowship of the Burning Heart no longer exists, my heart is still burning.

Yours for helping to fulfil the Great Commission each year until our Lord returns,

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Fellowship Of The Burning Heart

His word burns in my heart like a fire (Jeremiah 20:9).

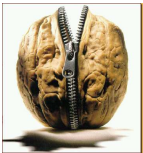
Dear friends:

In 1947 I had a very unique, life-changing experience with the Holy Spirit. I really didn't know who the Holy Spirit was at that time. .. But before the night was over, we (Bill Bright and his friends) formed what we called the Fellowship of the Burning Heart.

We committed ourselves to make Christ the Lord of our lives and live expendably for Him. We made an impossible list of do's and don'ts to keep, and it wasn't long before we had violated them all. But the fact is that we were on fire for Christ and we were determined to be expendable for God.

An important part of the Fellowship of the Burning Heart was discipleship and spiritual maturity. We set a very high standard for ourselves. To be a member of the Fellowship, one had to





Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

Life in the Spirit

(John 15:5) *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."*

(1 Corinthians 15:10) *"... I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."*



In Romans 8 Paul describes the Christian life (life in the Spirit) in three different ways:

1. _____ spiritually, 8:9, 1, 3:20, 28, 8:3-4, 8-9, 12:3-6, 9-11

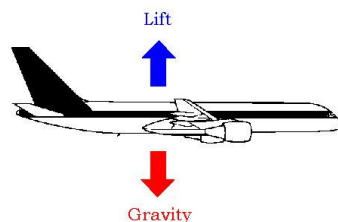


(Jeremiah 31:33) *"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."*

2. _____ spiritually, 8:2, 10-11, 12:12-13

(Ezekiel 18:4) *"... The soul who sins shall die."*

(Ephesians 2:1) *"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,"*



3. _____ spiritually, 8:5-7, 12:14-16

(Colossians 3:1-2) *"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. {2} Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."*

