

Ruach

Romans Class

1. What does it mean to 'walk by faith and not by works'...
 - a. What are works?
 - b. What are good works?
 - c. What are works of the flesh?
2. When Paul says we need to “walk in the spirit” what does he mean
3. What does he have in his mind?
 - a. Walk in the spirit?
 - i. This is a reference to proximity to G-d
4. What does the "spirit" mean to Paul?
5. Paul uses the word “Law” in 4 different ways
 - a. The Torah
 - b. The Tanakh
 - c. Principle
 - d. The Law of G-d as in the Commandments (Mitzvoth)?
6. How did Paul see the "commandments"?
7. How did Paul see the Halakhah?
7. What is righteousness
8. What is justification by faith
9. How did the First Century Jewish people see the "spirit," "Ruach" "Ruach HaKodesh"
 - i. G-d as a Spirit of Ethereal substance
 - ii. The power of God with no emphasis on a “spirit” as a special separate entity
 - iii. The Divine (dwelling) Presence – Shechinah
 - iv. The spirit (breath i.e. Oral Torah) which produces holiness
 - v. The spirit of prophecy
 - vi. G-d's Wisdom
 - vii. The personal or Divine spark the which is the "spirit" in man, i.e. the five levels of the soul
 - i. Nefesh
 - ii. Ruach
 - iii. Neshamah
 - iv. Chayah
 - v. Yechidah

It is noteworthy that the first century Sages never understood the “holy spirit” to be a separate entity