

**The Imperative of Acquiring Capacity Righteousness: Filling the Deficiency through Spiritual Growth; Escrow Distribution, Rom 8:4**

34. This results in blessings flowing down the grace pipeline to the believer's imputed righteousness. Here we see an affinity between blessing from the justice of God and the imputed righteousness of the believer.
35. The intent of the imputation of divine righteousness to the believer is so that blessings will have a target or a home to which they may be directed.
36. The requirement of the Law was that the believer be fully informed of divine directives and then to execute them. The intended result was to be the imputation of blessings to the believer and glory to God.
37. Therefore, the ultimate purpose for imputed righteousness is to create a grace pipeline through which blessings may freely flow.
38. Spiritual growth results in an ever increasing capacity for blessing. This capacity is manifest by the ability of the believer to receive these blessings from God but at the same time maintain his spiritual momentum.
39. We discover that the believer enters the Christian life with a deficiency of blessings that can only be filled by means of spiritual growth maxing out at spiritual maturity.
40. Since this is true, then it becomes obvious that the spiritual advance necessary to fulfill this objective is not possible if the believer remains in status quo carnality, becomes involved in the cosmic systems of arrogance and hatred, and moves through the eight stages of reversionism.

41. Therefore, the next phrase addresses this issue by noting that fulfillment is possible for those who “do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.” The phrase begins with the negative conjunction **μή, mē** plus the present active participle of the verb, **περιπατέω, peripateō** which means “to walk.”
42. This is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word **הלך halach** and both, when used figuratively, refer to behavior patterns, character traits, and a lifestyle that are expressed as wheel-tracks of wickedness or wheel-tracks of righteousness. In verse 4, both are mentioned.

**Romans 8:4 -** in order that the legal requirement of the Law, which is to demonstrate the resident righteousness of God through capacity righteousness but of which the believer is deficient at salvation, might be filled up in us, who do not walk [ **μή περιπατέω, mē peripateō** ] ...

present: Customary; denotes that which habitually occurs or may be reasonably expected to occur: the filling of the Holy Spirit and advance through the Grace Apparatus for Perception leading to spiritual maturity.

active: The positive-volition believer produces the action of walking not according to the flesh.

participle: Substantival; the idea of “not walking according to the flesh” is in agreement with the pronoun **ἐγώ, egō**: “us.” The phrase “might be filled up in us, who do not walk” points out that those who are making the advance are not walking according to the flesh.

43. A believer cannot simultaneously walk according to the flesh and according to the Spirit. He must do one or the other.

44. This is pointed out by the conjunction of contrast, *ἀλλά, alla*, translated “but,” which is followed by the phrase, *κατὰ πνεῦμα, kata pneuma*: “according to the Spirit.”
45. Here now is the corrected translation of verse 4:  
**Romans 8:4 -** in order that the legal requirement of the Law, which is to demonstrate the resident righteousness of God through capacity righteousness but of which the believer is deficient at salvation, might be filled up in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but who do walk according to the Holy Spirit.
46. The “legal requirement of the Law” is fulfilled by the advance to spiritual maturity where the believer has developed “capacity righteousness”: the humility to appreciate blessings and express gratitude toward God for His gracious provision.
47. This is in association with “experiential sanctification” which describes the believer’s advance in the divine power system to the point that his thoughts, decisions, and actions reflect cognitive invincibility from a position of perfect happiness.