

***Live and Let Die***  
**Romans 8:9-13**

***The Spirit dwells in everyone who belongs to Christ. 9***

The Spirit is a seal/pledge to every believer, Eph. 1:13,14.  
The Spirit's impact: 8:2, Titus 3:5, John 3:6-8, 14:16-18, 16:5ff.

***The Spirit will give life to those whom He indwells. 10-11***

*The Spirit is Life* is probably more accurate (KJV, ESV, NET). See 5:21 for 10b. *Spirit and life*: 8:2, 6:4/7:6, Jn. 6:63, Ezek. 37:1-14.

Paul's point = The Spirit (of life, 8:2) raised Jesus from the dead and will raise us up too one day . . . but not just in the far future, for we also receive a new life experience now, 6:4, 7:6, 8:6!

***Our obligation: live by the Spirit & kill off fleshy deeds. 12-13***

Obligation (12):

We shouldn't live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit (recall 4-7). This requires putting fleshy deeds to death.

Consequences (13):

If life = heaven, and death = damnation, then I must keep my eternal salvation by persevering in killing deeds of my body.

If life = a Jn.10:10 life, and death = separation from God, then I must maintain my relationship with God by persevering . . .

\*Context = *Brethren* in 12 and *you* in 13. Life/death here are temporal realities, as seen in 6:4, 8:2, Gen. 2:17, Js. 1:15,16, I Tim. 5:6, Rev. 3:1.

\*Question: How do we put the deeds of the body to death?

