

Embrace
Holy
Living

RE- FLECTING GOD

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Romans 8:1-11

One of life's greatest cop-outs is expressed by "the devil made me do it." Not true. He does tempt, entice, and pressure us. The picture of Satan on our shoulder is realistic. But our action is the result of our choice. Only as we surrender to him does he control us. That is good news. But I have better news: we can surrender to the Holy Spirit and experience his control.

I am blessed by Warner Sallman's painting, "Christ our Pilot." It depicts a young man at the helm of a ship. Standing behind is Jesus, with his hand on the pilot's shoulder. The Savior's other hand is extended, pointing ahead. I picture that scene as representative of my life. I do the steering, but God, the Holy Spirit, charts the route. I do not know what is ahead, but he does. So I have voluntarily surrendered control to him. Now, wouldn't you rather have God-control than Satan-control?

He needs to be your navigator!