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The spirit is your life.
(Romans 8,10 NIV)

Indifference – or Difference

Nelson Mandela wrote: "Nothing in life is black or white." Many experiences are more I shades of gray, they are neither really good nor really bad. There are more colors beside black, white or gray. The rainbow is no longer only the symbol of God's faithfulness. It is also a symbol for the enticing variety of life. As all the colors in the rainbow are equal, so everything in our life has the same right and the same importance. Really? Is that true? Does everything have the same quality and make the same difference?
The Paul contradicts that: It does make a difference, how you want to live! In the colorful variety of life you must make your decision. Some things are not good for our life. If someone is only concerned about optimizing his own life, he forgets that he is also part of a greater entity and that will destruct life – not only our own lives but also the lives of others. To Paul that is an evil spirit leading to catastrophe. Living like that means turning against life itself and against God.
Avoid the catastrophe not opening the way for death but for positive living. Can we do that? Perhaps not on our own. Only if we accept the control of a different spirit, one that opens windows and doors for us awakening our senses to look beyond ourselves and our limited life into the wide range of creation.
Paul says: Our selfish desires lead to death. We find God's spirit in Jesus Christ. He gives us real life and peace. And because many people are craving for this, it is important for us to decided which spirit will lead us.
It is not indifferent. It does make a difference.

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I GIVE THANKS

- That God is still calling people into his serviced today.
- That we are gifted by God's spirit.
- That we as the worldwide community can praise God and pray to him.

MY PRAYER IS

- For wisdom that we can make good decisions for ourselves and others.
- For Renate and Claus Haertner who are these days preparing to succeed Thomas and Claudia Guenther in Cambine.
- For the mission of or worldwide church

The **World Mission** is that working section which is responsible for the international clerical cooperation of the UMC in Germany. It works closely together with the UMC missionary organizations in Europe and the USA.

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