

New Testament

ROMANS

Greek Exegesis

Lesson 30
Romans 8:5-11

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The Plan of Sanctification

Romans 8:1: The Position of the Believer

“Then therefore now *there is* not even one judgment against the ones in Christ Jesus, [*the ones* not walking according to flesh but according to Spirit.]”

Romans 8:2: The Conversion of the Believer

"For the law of the Spirit of the life in Christ Jesus freed me from the law of sin and death."

Romans 8:3: The Substitution for the Believer

"For the inability of the law, in which it was weak through the flesh, God having sent His own Son in likeness of flesh of sin, and concerning sin, judged sin in the flesh:"

Romans 8:4: The Justification of the Believer

“In order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, the ones not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit.”

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Romans 8:5-6: The Comparison

5 For the ones being according to flesh are thinking the things of the flesh; and the ones *being* according to Spirit are thinking the things according to Spirit.

6 For the mind of the flesh *is* death; and the mind of the Spirit *is* life and peace.

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Romans 8:7-8: The Condition of the Non-Believer

Verse 7 Rebellion

"On account of that the mind of the flesh *is* hostile toward God:"

Verse 7 Submission

"for it is not being submitted to the law of God,"

Verse 7 Function

"for it is not even able."

Verse 8 Conclusion

"and the ones being in flesh are not able to pleasing to God."

Romans 8:9 The Qualification of the Believer

"But you yourselves are not in flesh, but in Spirit, if indeed *the* Spirit of God is dwelling in you. and if anyone is not having *the* Spirit of Christ, this one is not of Him."

Romans 8:9

The Qualification of the Believer

Line 3024:

(3272) ὑμεῖς
yourselves

Line 3025:

(3273) δὲ
and

POSITIONAL

Line 3026:

(3274) οὐκ
not

Line 3027:

(3275) ἐστὲ
you are

Line 3028:

(3276) ἐν (3277) σαρκί,
in flesh,

Line 3029:

(3278) ἀλλ' ((3278) ἀλλὰ)
but (but)

Line 3030:

(3279) ἐν (3280) πνεύματι,
in Spirit,

Line 3031:

(3281) εἴπερ
if indeed

CONDITIONAL

Line 3032:

(3282) Πνεῦμα
Spirit

Line 3033:

(3283) Θεοῦ
of God

Line 3034:

(3284) οἰκεῖ
is dwelling

Line 3035:

(3285) ἐν (3286) ὑμῖν.
in you.

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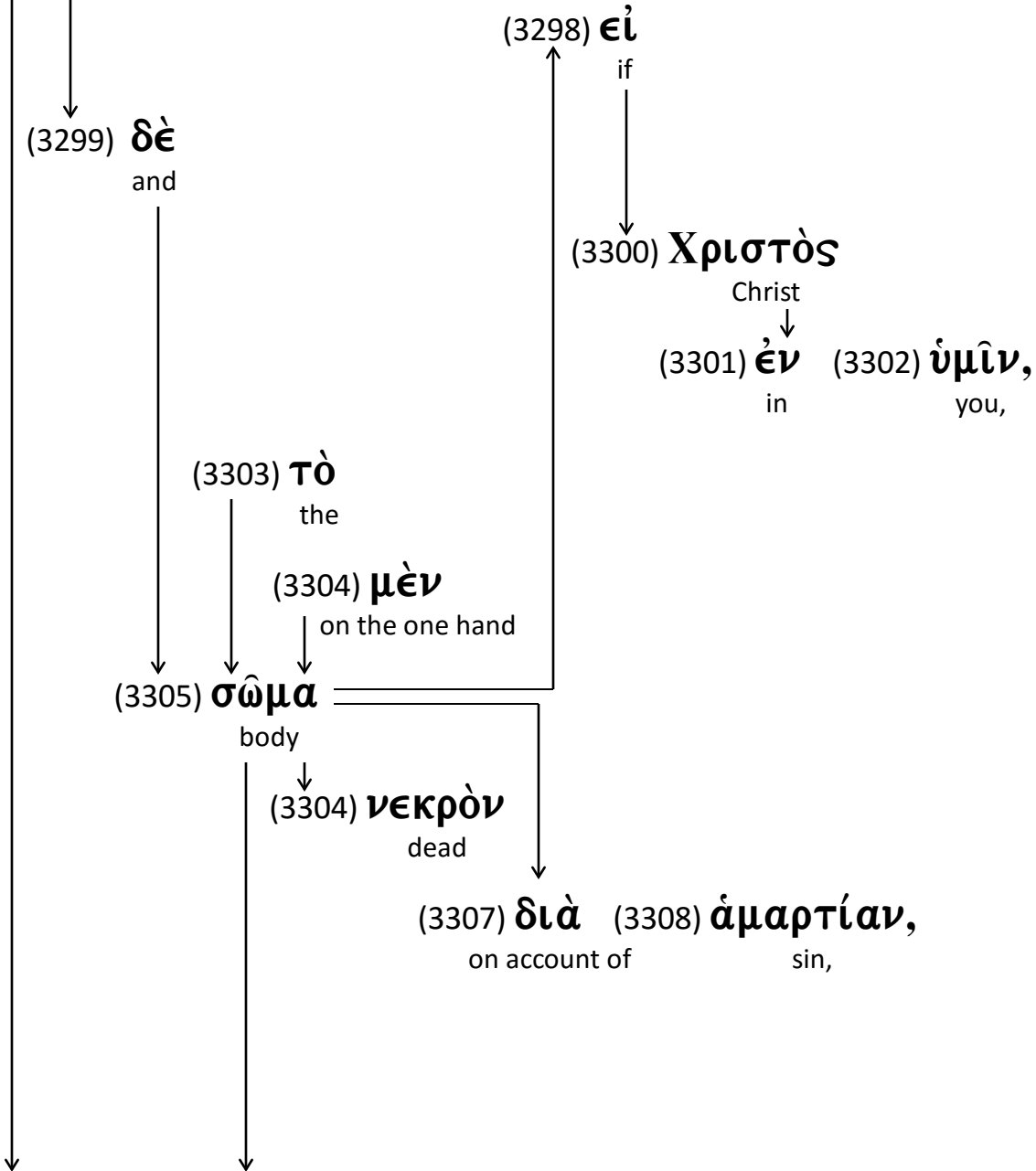
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In verse 10, we are dealing with side-by-side comparisons represented by **μὲν** and **δὲ**.

Both presentations are statements of fact that are on-going and present in the life of the believer.

Conditional Clause
a progression from verse 9

Colossians 1:27

to whom God willed to make known what *is* the wealth of the glory of this mystery among the nations, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory;

2 Corinthians 13:5

Test yourselves, if you are in the faith; examine yourselves. Or do you not know yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you, unless you are disqualified?

"the body"

the unredeemed nature of man

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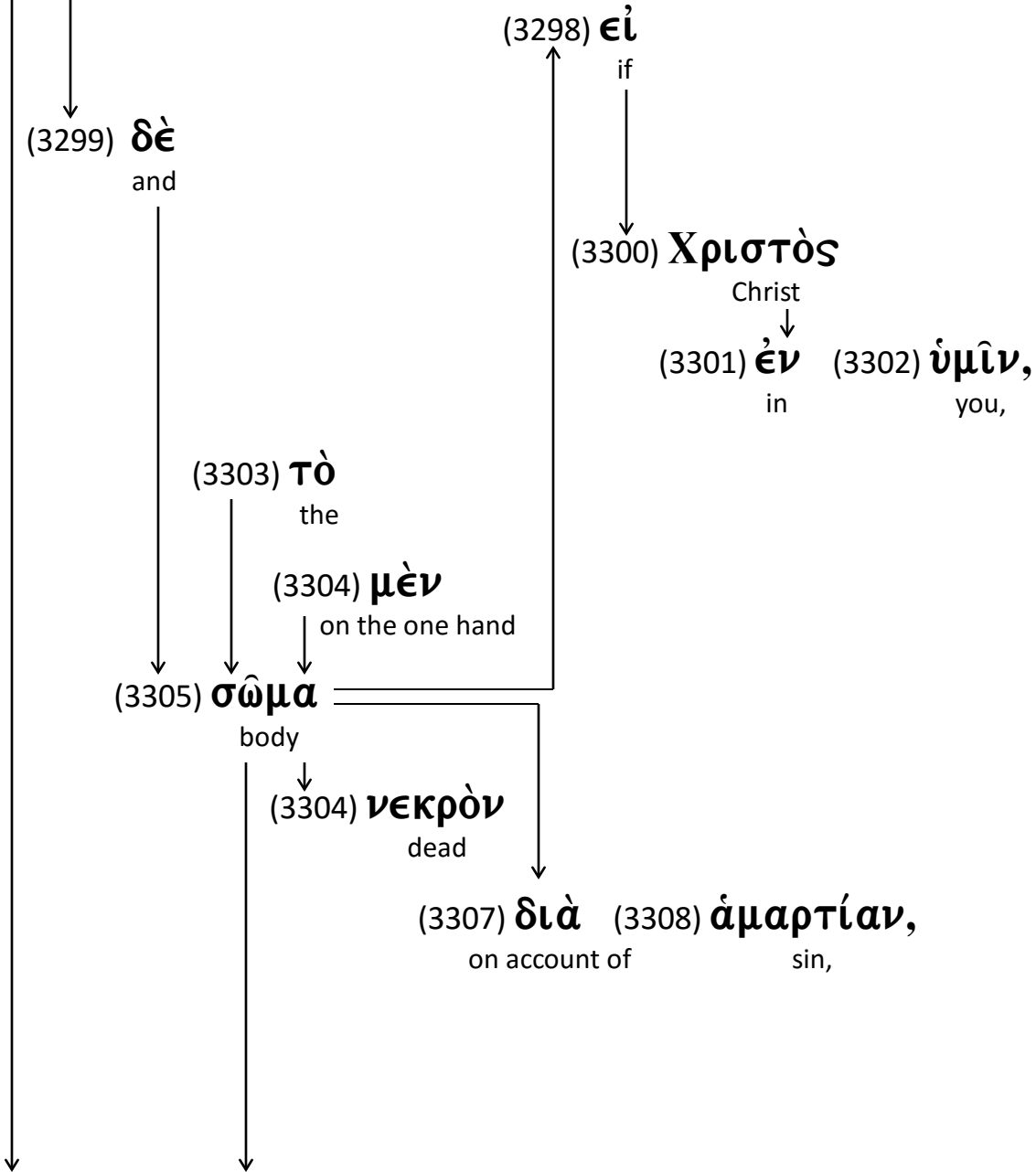
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"is dead"

After receiving Christ, the body is not changed.

The body exists, but is dead spiritually.

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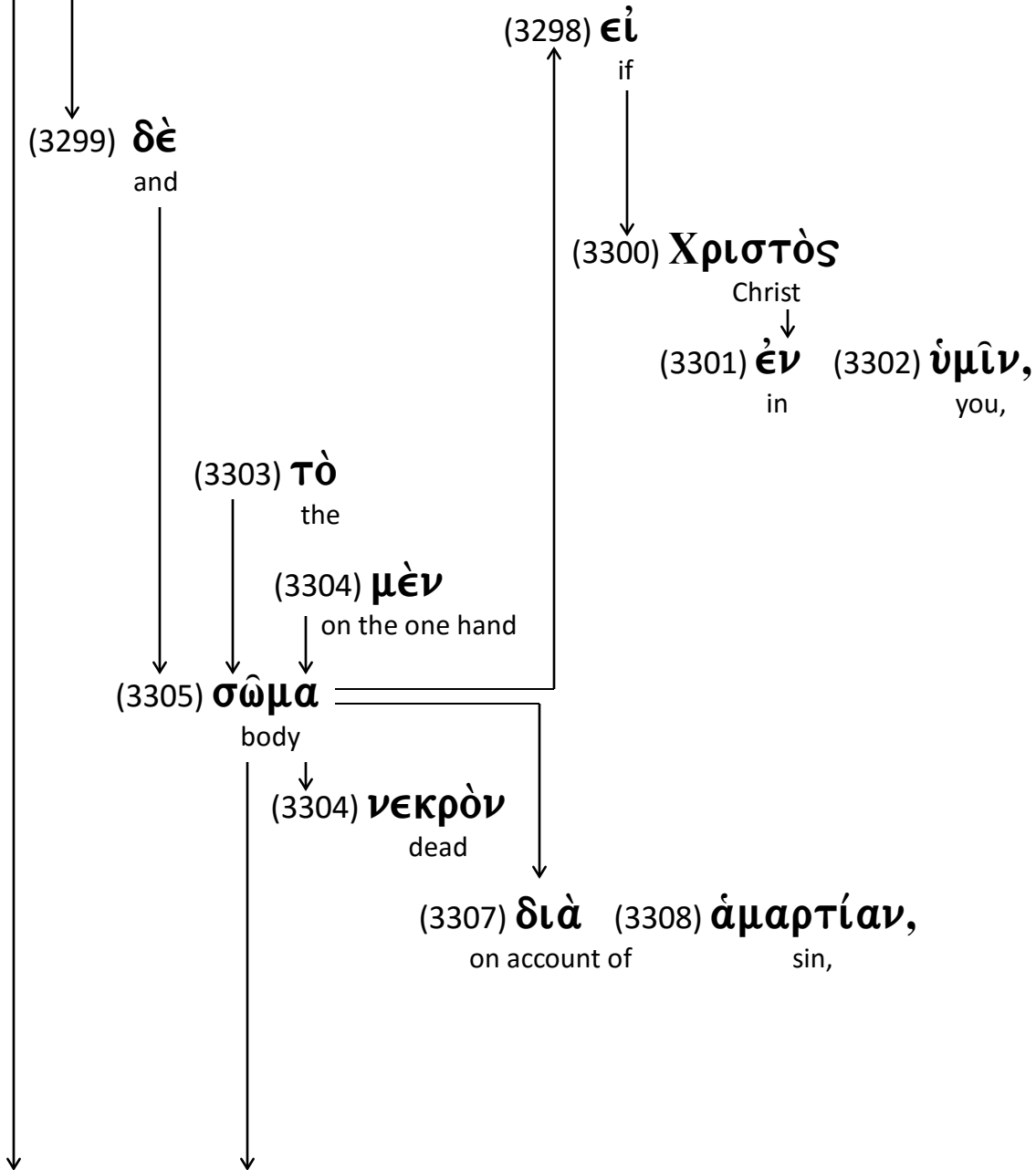
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"on account of sin"

The body of the believer is still subject
to death because of Adam's sin

Romans 5:12

On account of this, as indeed through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and in this way death passed into all men, based upon which all sinned.

A Christian must still submit to death
in the body as the wages of sin.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of the sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life in
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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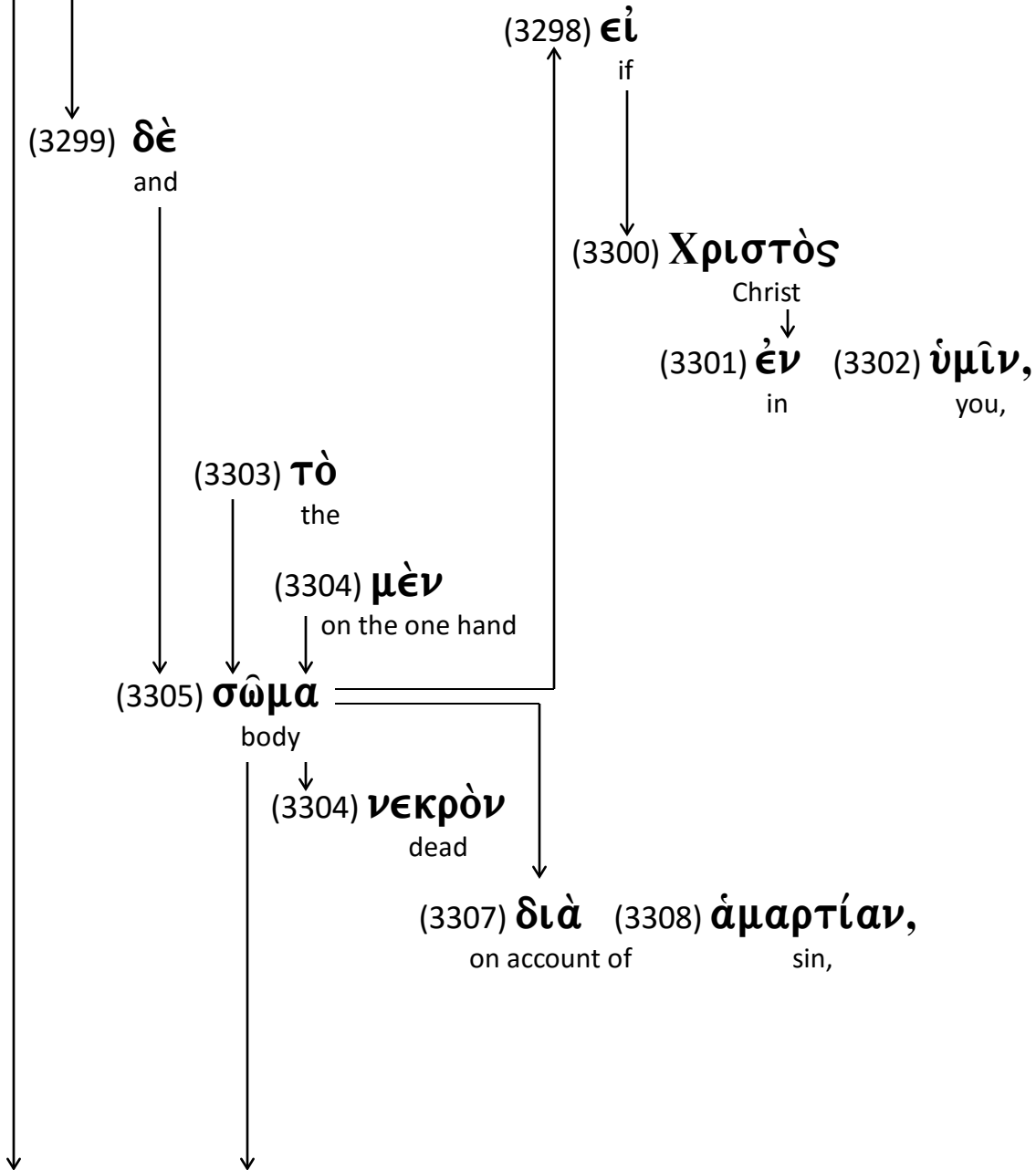
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Line 3056:

(3309) τὸ
the

Line 3057:

(3310) δὲ
and on the other hand

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(3311) πνεῦμα
spirit

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(3312) ζωὴ
life

Line 3060:

(3313) διὰ (3314) δικαιοσύνην.
on account of righteousness.



"and on the other hand"

the other half of the comparison

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"the Spirit *is* life" or "the spirit *is* life"

There are two beliefs about what the word "spirit" means in this text.

One interpretation believes the word "spirit" represents the human spirit that has been made alive at the reception of Christ. This interpretation is based on two arguments.

1) The word "spirit" is anti-thesis to, or in contrast with, the word "flesh" earlier in the verse. The word "flesh" denotes the human flesh. So in conclusion, based on this argument, the word "spirit" would mean the human spirit.

2) The word "life" is the direct object of the word "spirit." Those who interpret the word "spirit" as the human spirit translate the word for "life" as "alive" - the spirit *is* alive. This translation represents the meaning that when the Spirit of God came into the human spirit, the Spirit of God made the human spirit "alive."

The second interpretation believes the word "spirit" represents the Spirit of God. This interpretation is based on three arguments.

1) The word "spirit" has been used to represent the Spirit of God all through this chapter. If the writer intended the word "spirit" to change to represent the spirit of man in this one instance, he would have given to the word a different frame of reference to let the reader know that the designation for "spirit" had changed. This he did not do.

2) Because of the above literary argument, the contrast between "flesh" and "spirit" in verse 10 is only a logical argument that does not apply here.

3) The direct object of "spirit" is the word "life." Many translations use the word "alive" as a translation but this is incorrect. The word "life" is the translation of **ζωή** which is a noun, not a verb. **ζωή** means "life." The verb **ζάω** means "to make alive" or "to give life to." The text says, "The Spirit *is* life" not "*is* alive" nor "*is* living."

Conclusion:

The literal translation describing the Spirit in this text as "life" itself and the literary style of the writer using the word "spirit" throughout the chapter as meaning the Spirit of God without designating a change in meaning, determines the meaning of "spirit" in this text to be the Spirit of God not the human spirit.

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"the Spirit *is* life"

This statement establishes
that the Spirit of God is "life" itself.

The Bible teaches that when a person has been born of the Spirit of God, that person does not receive a new nature to go along with his old nature, but receives the very nature of the life of God Himself to go along with the person's old, human, sin nature.

II Peter 1:2-4 LET

² May grace to you and peace be multiplied in *the* full-knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

³ As His divine power has given to us all things pertaining to life and godliness, through the full-knowledge of the One who has called us to (His own) glory and virtue:

⁴ Through which He has given to us exceeding great and precious promises: in order that through these you might become partakers of *the* divine nature, after having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world in lust.

This fact gives more understanding to the statement in Romans 8:2,

**For the law of the Spirit of the life in Christ Jesus
freed me from the law of the sin and the death.**

(Literal English Translation)

It is the very Spirit of the Life that was/is in Christ Jesus that resides and rules in the life of the believer.

John 14:6 LET

Jesus says to him, "I am the way and the truth, and the life: no one is coming to the Father, except through me.

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"on account of righteousness"

This is the righteousness of Christ.

I Corinthians 1:30 LET

But out of Him you yourselves are in Christ Jesus, who from God was made to us wisdom, and righteousness, and both sanctification, and redemption:

This is divinely imparted righteousness.

Romans 3:21-23 LET

²¹ But now *the* righteousness of God without law has been manifested, being witnessed to by the law and the prophets;

²² Even *the* righteousness of God *which is* through faith of Jesus Christ toward all and upon all the ones believing: for there is no difference:

²³ For all sinned, and are coming short of the glory of God;

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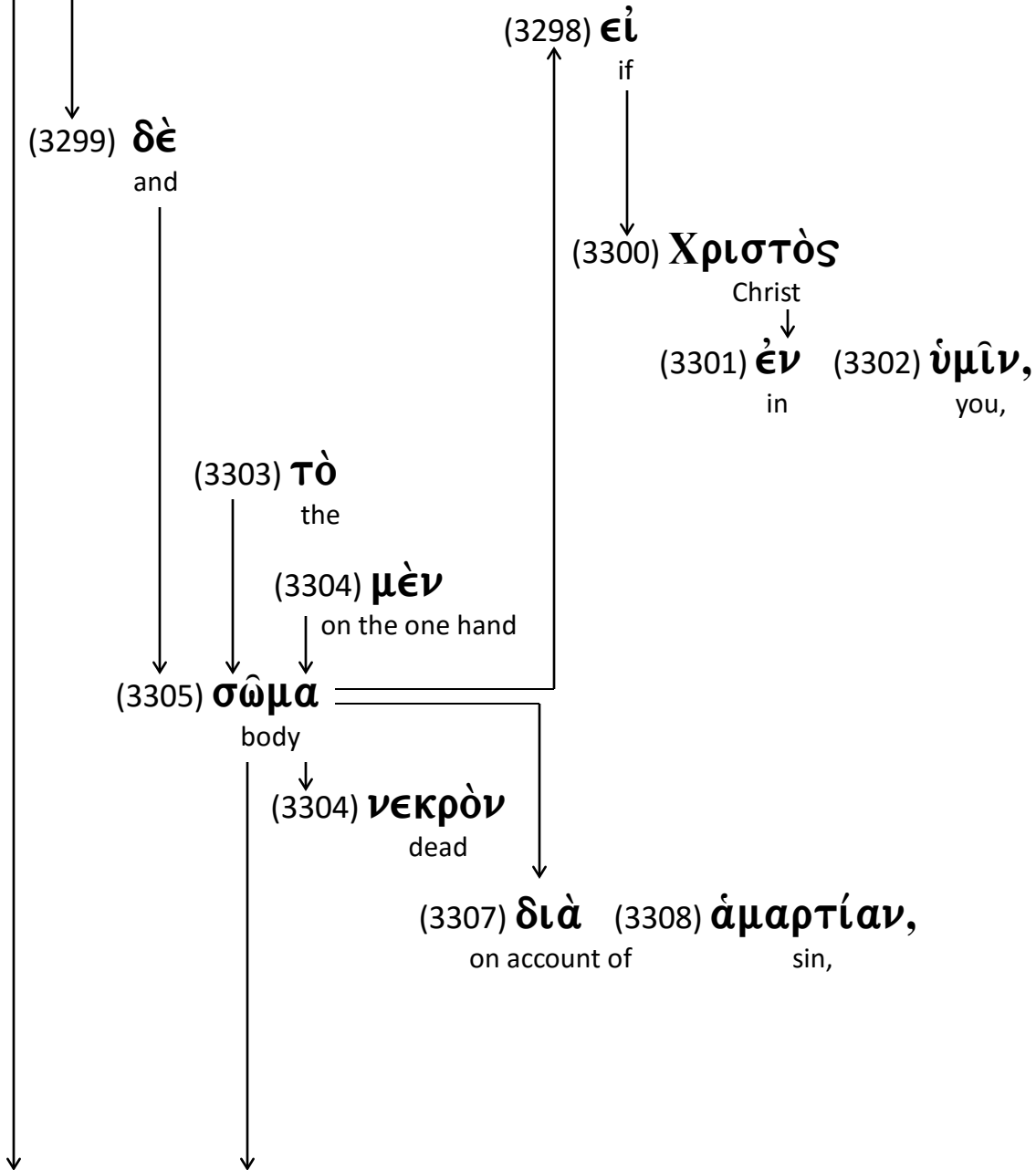
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