

The Spiritual Mind

Romans 8

Contrasts: Romans 8:1-17

Contrasts two conflicting ways of life

- Flesh (selfish indulgence, 3)
- Spirit (Holy Spirit or our spirit)

4: walk ... flesh or Spirit. Conduct

5: are ... after flesh or Spirit. Character

5: mind things of flesh / Spirit. Thoughts

6: mind of flesh / Spirit – life. Destiny

7: mind of flesh is enmity... Enemy

8-9: in flesh vs in Spirit ... Choice

I. The Spiritual Mind Is Not Mere . . .

1. Knowledge of Bible.

- 1 Co.1:5, *enriched in everything...*

Knew Paul, Cephas, Apollos ...

Miracles ... power of gospel

Examples; suffering for truth

1. Knowledge of Bible.

2. Church membership

- 1 Co.3:1-3, in church at Corinth...
 - Not spiritual but worldly. 'Fleshen.'
UN-spiritual.
 - Spiritual infants. 14:20.
 - Carnal. Allows flesh to dominate. Worldly.
ANTI-spiritual.

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3. **Desire to go to heaven.**

- 2 Co.5:2.

- “Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die.”

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4. **Desire to be approved by others.**

- 2 Co.10:18

- “It is not self commendation that matters; it is winning the approval of God” (Phillips).
 - “I’m Okay, You’re Okay”

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II. The Spiritual Mind
Is . . . (Romans 8)

1. Eternally thankful for God's grace.

1: no condemnation (judgment). 33. 6:3-4

2: made free (liberate). 7:23-25. Mt.12:11...

3: sent Son. 3:23, condition; 24, grace; 25

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2. **Walk that honors God's grace.**

- **4:** walk according to Spirit (conduct that He directs) 6:4.
- **5:** set mind on things of Spirit, be intent on, 6:17.

Mt.16:23, **Peter**

Phil.3:19, **earth th.**

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3. **Respect for word of God.**

- 7: cf. v.2. 1:16-17. Ac.20:32
- Lk.12:54-56, **three-part warning**
 1. We learn what we are interested in.
 2. We neglect what does not interest us.
 3. Neglect does not free us from consequences of our choices.
- 2 Tim.3:16-17

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4. Constant influence of God.

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 - Spirit, as we receive revelation of His mind, 1 Co.2.
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26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27** I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments... – **Ezk.36**

33 ...I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts . . .

34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD – **Jer.31**

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 2. Test of indwelling: conduct; influence on us
 - a. Ro.7:17, 20, sin
 - b. Lk.22:3, satan

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– Ps.139:1-7...

1. **Stifle sin**, 7, 11-12
2. **Stimulate prayer**, 14
3. **Slay fear**, 19-24

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5. Affections set on heaven.

- 17, heirs of God.
- Col.3¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.