

THINGS OF THE SPIRIT

MINDING THE RIGHT THINGS

*"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh;
but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."*

~ Romans 8:5

1. A Spiritual Subject

- a. Romans 8:1-5 - Every materialist, naturalist, and atheist exists
- b. Spiritual ~*def.* That which is immaterial, invisible, intelligent, rational, of God.
 - i. 1 Thess 5:23, John 4:24, John 6:63, Heb 4:12, Rom 2:29, 1 Cor 2:11-14
- c. As Christians we are spiritually aware - Paul exclusively teaches your spiritual walk.

2. Do I Have the Spirit?

- a. Romans 8:8-9 - Does the Spirit of God dwell in you? When did this happen?
- b. *"none of his"* - Otherwise, you are not Christ's (those waiting for Spirit exit right)
- c. You are sealed with the holy Spirit after you hear and trust the gospel - Eph 1:13
- d. You are baptized by the Spirit into the body of Christ - 1 Cor 12:13, Rom 6:3-4
- e. The Spirit tells us what we know - the flesh tells us what we feel. 1Cor 2:12

3. Things of the Spirit - *What are these things?*

- a. Paul mentions baptism into Christ after 5 chapters of not mentioning baptism.
- b. Paul speaks of walking after the Spirit after 7 chapters of not mentioning Spirit.
- c. *"things of the Spirit"* - They are of the Holy Spirit (God) - 1 Cor 2:9-12
- d. These "things" are already taught in Romans - already revealed in scripture.

4. Things Freely Given

- a. Romans 3:24 - "being justified freely by his grace"
- b. Romans 4:22-25 - "for us also..." - what is imputed upon belief
- c. Romans 5:16-21 - "the free gift" = righteousness by faith in Christ Jesus - 2Cor 5:21
- d. Romans 6:6-7, 18,20 - "freed from sin" - we are servants of righteousness
- e. Romans 7:3-6 - "free from the law" - now we serve in newness of spirit
- f. Romans 8:1-4 - "who walk after the Spirit" = righteousness fulfilled
- g. Romans 8:10 - The body is dead, but the Spirit is life b/c of these things
- h. Romans 8:32 - Glory and power

5. Minding these Things

- a. Walking after the Spirit = minding the things of the Spirit
- b. Our mind has been changed - Rom 12:2, Eph 4:22-24
- c. The result of this is life and peace and fruit - Romans 8:6, Gal 5:22-23