

Romans 8:5-9

The Mind of Flesh and Spirit

1. 8:4 – Righteousness of the Law

- a. The law was righteous to condemn sin – Rom 3:19, 7:12-13.
 - i. Our flesh was found sinful – Rom 3:23, 5:12, 7:17-18, 10 (*the end is death*)
- b. Christ Jesus condemns sin in the flesh – Rom 3:25, 6:6-7, 11-12, 8:3
 - i. Our old man dies in Christ, yet we live – Rom 6:8, 23, 8:2 (*the end is life*)
- c. Righteousness of the law (to condemn sin, to justify, give life) fulfilled in us in Christ.
- d. Life and righteousness not by the law, but by faith of Jesus Christ - Rom 3:21, Gal 3:21
- e. “*who walk...after the Spirit*” of life in Christ Jesus = walk as we are in Christ, not in flesh.

2. 8:5 – What Do You Mind

- a. Flesh has been mentioned 8x in the last 6 verses (*Spirit shows up 10x in 8:9-16*)
- b. ‘who we are’ and ‘how we walk’ may be different. They *should* be the same. Gal 5:25
 - i. Should ~def. What must occur that is dutiful, responsible, fitting, expedient.
 - ii. How you ‘should’ is contingent on your choice - Rom 6:4,6,12; Eph 2:10, Ti 2:12
- c. How does after the flesh or Spirit differ? Rom 1:28,7:25, Co 1:21, Eph 1:13, 2:3, 4:17, 23
- d. Their mind has been changed by the hearing of faith, so the things they ‘do mind’ differ.

3. 8:6-7 – The Carnal Mind

- a. Mind v. To be inclined toward, to regard with attention, to fix the thoughts on, to obey.
- b. You can’t mind what you don’t/can’t know – 1 Cor 2:11-15, Phi 3:16
- c. You can’t mind the things of the Spirit without belief – Rom 1:5, 6:17, 2 Cor 4:13,14
- d. We’re instructed in the mind of Christ, same mind, like mind, one mind (see Phil)
- e. “*carnally minded*” – not only lusts, but puffed up religion and baby behavior– 1Cor 3:1
- f. “*spiritually minded*” – is not religious, mystical, body neglect, false humility - Col 2:18
 - i. The spiritual mind knows the things of the Spirit – Col 1:9, 2 Tim 3:16, Eph 3:5
- g. Why? “*carnal mind is enmity against God*” = sin dwelling in us - Eph 2:3, 15-16; Phi 3:18
- h. “*not subject to the law of God*” – unlike the saved inner man – Rom 7:22, 25
- i. “*neither indeed can be*” – because of its confidence in itself, and not God – Phi 3:2-3

4. 8:8-9 – You are in the Spirit

- a. “*they that are in the flesh*” is not you in Christ – Rom 5:18-19, Eph 4:17-19
- b. You are either in the flesh, or in the Spirit: in Adam or in Christ – 1 Cor 15:22, 45
- c. “*cannot please God*” – Not able, because they’re not in the Spirit, not in Christ, not His.
- d. “*But ye are not in the flesh*” – Removal of condemnation, by minding things of the Spirit
- e. “*but in the Spirit, if so be...*” – And it is if you believe - 1Cor 3:16, Rom 5:5, Gal 3:2
- f. “*dwell in you*” – The Spirit indwells the believer – Eph 1:13, 4:3-4, 4:30, 1 Cor 12:13
- g. “*he is none of his*” – In Christ = new creature = have the Spirit = in the Spirit = Eph 1:6
- h. Not 2nd blessing, wait, tarry, call, losing the Spirit – Jn 14:16, Lk 24:49, Ac 1:4, Heb 6:4