Living In The Spirit Pt. 2

Romans 8:5-11

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**Introduction:** This lesson gives a contrast between two ways of living: the flesh-life and the Spirit-life.

The Greek word for flesh is sarx - used several different ways in Scripture:

* Literal physical body
* Human nature
* Unregenerated state of man
* The seat or beachhead in which the power of sin may operate

The Greek word for spirit is pneuma - which means:

\*To breath or blow (breath of God)

The one supreme question for us is Are We in Christ?

1. **Life According to the Flesh**
2. Life according to the flesh describes the natural man.
3. Paul paints this picture in Ephesians 2:1-3
4. **The flesh includes the mind** - *“And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked words, yet now hath he reconciled” Colossians 1:21*
5. **The flesh includes the total personality** - *“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned”* I Corinthians 2:14
6. **Here is the diet of the flesh** - *“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like”* Galatians 5:19-21

**II. Life According to the Spirit**

1. ***Life according to the Spirit describes the born again, regenerated child of God.*** *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. -Colossians 3:1-2*
2. No child of God can be happy living for the things of the flesh.

  ***NOTE: The prodigal son may get into the pig pen, but he will never be content to stay there.***

**III: Carnally Minded Contrasted with Spiritually Minded (V. 6)**

1. Carnally minded = **Death** - separation from God
2. Spiritually minded = **Life** - to live life to it’s fullest

 **Peace** - Tranquility and well-being regarding the present and future

C. C. Why is this true? (Verses 7-8)

***“The carnal mind is enmity against God”***

***“....not subject to the law of God”***

***“...the flesh cannot please God”***

**IV. Notice God’s Presence in the Believer *(Verses 9-11)***

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. -II Corinthians 5:17*

*For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. -Galatians 6:15*

1. **Three beautiful truths in these verses**
2. ***The Believer’s Power***
3. The Spirit of God dwellings within you

 ***2. The Believer’s Purity***

1. This is made possible by living “after the Spirit” (Sanctification)

***3. The Believer's Prospect***

1. The indwelling of the Spirit is associated with our resurrection (v. 11)