

Beulah Missionary Baptist Church
 Noon Day Prayer – Bible Study
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 12:00 Noon

Lesson #73 Those Who Walk After the Spirit

Scripture: Romans 8:1 – 13

Emphasis: Romans 8:7 – 8

“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.”

Subject: “They That Are of the Flesh Cannot Please God”

Background: In the Letter to the Romans in Chapter Paul focus is turned to the Crisis within himself. We, just like Paul must deal with this internal Battle inside of us between the Carnal me and the Spiritual me. Paul admits that he cries out in agony when he does something that he does not want to do after he has done it and declares that he hates what he has done. Paul’s desire and ours should be that we want to please the Lord with our actions. Those actions should be to surrendering our mind, body and soul to do righteousness for His name’s sake and to avoid evil. Paul shares and exposes himself with his readers of his own private and personal struggles with sin.

Introduction: In this 23rd Lesson of the Letter to the Romans, we will continue our study in Romans in Chapter 8. Paul starts this chapter informing his audience of some of the great benefits of walking in the Spirit and to not allow the Flesh to constantly control the Members of our minds. One concept that we will explore deals with the absence of Condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the Flesh, but after the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. If Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Lesson Topic #1 Romans 8:1 – 4

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

- There is Therefore and Now
 - Fact #1 No Condemnation
 - Believers in Christ Jesus are not put on a Waiting List
 - Believers in Christ are not Enrolled in a Tier System
 - Believers in Christ receive their Benefits Immediately
 - Christ’s works inside the Believers begins once they Accept and Believe in the Blood of Christ Jesus
 - There is no Turning Back and there is no Condemnation for the Believers in Christ Jesus
 - We should walk in Confidence that All of Our sins are Forgiven and that there will be no further Penalties assessed to the Believers
 - Fact #2 The Law of Spirit of Life
 - Freedom has been obtained for Every Believer – Jew and Greek
 - Believers are Free from sin, the affects of sin and its control
 - The Law of sin has been Defeated by Christ’s Dominion over it
 - The Law of death has been Defeated by Christ’s Dominion over it
 - The Law of Spirit of Life has given me a new Boldness that allows me to go before the Throne of Grace and Mercy and ask for Help in Christ Jesus name
 - Fact #3 The Righteousness of the Law
 - Christ Jesus’ Mission was and will always be Successful in the Believers Life because of the Righteousness that was fulfilled in us
 - The Believer’s walk has changed to a new direction
 - The Believer no longer walks toward the Flesh, but away from it
 - The Believer now walks after the Spirit, not toward the Spirit, but after the Spirit because the Believer is now being Led by the Spirit
 - God did something no other Master would ever do and that was to come live as Flesh so that He Combat it in the Flesh
 - Christ Condemned sin in the Flesh and was Victorious over it

Lesson Topic #2 Romans 8:5 – 9

“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. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”

- We are not in the Flesh
 - Realities #1 Mind the Things of the Flesh
 - While we were in the Flesh the motions of sin were expected and therefore, we continued in sin
 - While we were in the Flesh, we produced the fruit of sin which is death
 - While we were in the Flesh, death and hell was not a notion, but an obvious conclusion
 - The mind set of the Carnal mind is how to get better and how to get more of the same thing that is destroying you
 - While we were in the Flesh, we also encouraged others to remain in the Flesh where we were maintaining bitter fruit
 - Realities #2 The Carnal Mind
 - Whatever you constantly Feed, Grows and will continue to Grow
 - There is nothing good about our Flesh (Carnal Spirit)
 - The Carnal Mind is constantly going against everything that is Spiritual, Righteous, that is the Light and Godly
 - The Carnal Mind cannot Obey Righteousness or Spiritual
 - Realities #3 The Spirit of Christ
 - The Spirit of Christ dwells inside the Believer and does not have to be summoned from an outside Source to come help the Believer
 - Scripture points out two Realities that have two totally opposite Consequences:
 - In the Spirit: Life
 - In the Flesh: Death
 - If you do not have the Spirit dwelling in you, you are not one of God’s sons or daughters
 - If you do have the Spirit dwelling in you, you are one of God’s sons or daughters

Lesson Topic #3 Romans 8:10 – 13

“And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.”

- Christ be in You

- Truths #1 When Christ is in You
 - The Body is dead because of sin
 - The Spirit is Life because of Righteousness
 - Strength to combat the Carnal Mind
 - Assurance that you are not Alone in your Struggles
- Truths #2 Advantages of the Same Spirit
 - There is Extreme Awesome Power with the Same Spirit
 - The Same Awesome Spirit that Raised Jesus from the Dead is available to you because Christ dwells in You
 - The Same Spirit will Quicken (bring back to Life) your Body
- Truths #3 We are not Debtors to the Flesh
 - Our sin debt was paid at Calvary, and we do not owe sin anything
 - Our sin debt was paid at Calvary, and we do not have to live after the Flesh nor be subject to it
 - We understand that if we live after the Flesh, we will also die after the Flesh
 - We understand that if we live after the Spirit, our bodies are renewed, and we become New Creatures in Christ Jesus

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Conclusion: But the Spirit is Life because of Righteousness

Exercise our **Faith** and **Act** on our **Faith** accordingly. The Bible says that we are to be **Doers** of God’s **Word** and not just **Hearers** only.

Let us Pray

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