

Triumphant Living

Lesson Three • Romans 8:5-8

Life in the Flesh

Two Distinct Groups of People:

Those who are according to the FLESH (unbelievers or unsaved) and those who are according to the SPIRIT (believers or saved).

*For those who live according to the flesh...but those who live according to the Spirit...
Romans 8:5 NKJV*

We Tend to Think in Terms of:

(1) NON-Christians, (2) ORDINARY Christians, and (3) SUPER Christians.

Life in the Flesh:

1. Those According to the Flesh Are Marked by THREE Defining Characteristics.

Three Defining Characteristics:

- They set their MINDS on the things of the flesh.

*For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh...
Romans 8:5 ESV*

- They are HOSTILE to God in their hearts.

*For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God,
for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Romans 8:7 ESV*

- They cannot PLEASE God with their lives.

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:8 ESV

2. Those According to the Flesh Are Marked by ONE Defining Consequence.

One Defining Consequence:

DEATH—those according to the flesh are spiritually dead.

*For to set the mind on the flesh is death...
Romans 8:6 ESV*

*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked...
Ephesians 2:1-2 ESV*

A Challenge to Our Self-Sufficiency:

God is warning us that all attempts at SELF-JUSTIFICATION will inevitably end in failure and eternal death.

How Then Does Anyone Become a Believer in Christ?

Only by God's GRACE are we saved through faith in Jesus Christ.

*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ has made me free from the law of sin and death.
Romans 8:2 NKJV*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV*

COMMUNION:

Remembering God's Grace in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Followers of Jesus Christ are invited to participate in Communion. Please remain seated as the bread and juice are passed out. The bread and juice represent the broken body and shed blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!