Living in the Spirit: A Life of Contrast

Romans 8:5-13 January 17, 2021

I. A Contrast of Living (v. 5)

- A. Life in the flesh
 - 1. Glorifies the created rather than the Creator (Romans 1:24-25)
 - 2. Lives by the standards of the world (Galatians 5:19-21)
 - 3. The fleshly mind is driven by the cravings of the flesh
 - The unregenerate mind can't understand the things of God (1 Cor 2:14)
 - The unregenerate mind is driven by and to self-worship (Philippians 3:19)
- B. Life in the Spirit
 - 1. The habits of life reflect those of Christ (1 John 2:4-6)
 - 2. Fruit produced will be characteristic of Christ (Galatians 5:22-24)

II. The Contrast of the Mind (v. 6-8)

- A. Carnality of the mind carries the stench of death
 - 1. The stench of spiritual death
 - 2. The unredeemed are at war and mortal enemies of God (James 4:4)
 - 3. The carnal mind will in no way seek after God (Romans 3:10-11)
- B. The mind set on the Spirit emits life and peace
 - 1. Life because we are given real life through the revelation of the Spirit
 - 2. Peace because God makes peace with us through Christ (Romans 5:1)

III. The Contrast of the Indwelling (v. 9-11)

- A. Salvation is a conditional state that we come to by grace
 - 1. One's Spirit must be graciously quickened by the spirit of God
 - 2. Saving faith is awakened by which we believe
 - 3. We indwell by the Holy Spirit
 - He teaches
 - He comforts
 - He convicts
 - He judges
- B. The believer should look differently (Ephesians 4:21-32)
 - 1. We are not to continue in the world in our actions
 - 2. We are called to be a peculiar/holy people
- C. The one without the Spirit is not part of the beloved
 - 1. No presence of Christ evident in the life
 - 2. No real evidence in the actions of their life
 - 3. No real fruit produced that gives one legitimate claim to Christ

IV. A Contrast of Eternities (v. 12-13)

- A. A rejection of God's Spirit is death
 - 1. A life of condemnation (John 3:18)
 - 2. A life hereafter of wrath (John 3:36)
- B. A life that comes by faith has life
 - 1. A life of abundance spiritually (peace, joy & comfort) (John 10:10)
 - 2. Confidence in our future eternally (Romans 8:28-30)

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