

# 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

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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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