Life in the Spirit! Pt 4: The Difference Maker! Romans 8:5-9 August 01, 2021

I. The Difference Maker! The Holy Spirit dwells in you!

"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His." (Romans 8:5-9; NKJ)

The three "entities" in your life...

- A. The Flesh The Seat of Sin and Ungodly Desire
- **B.** The Spirit The Indwelling Spirit of God
- C. The Mind the Battlefield of your life

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II. The Great Difference (between a Believers and Unbelievers)



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"For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things." (Philippians 3:18-19; NKJ) "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things." (Philippians 4:9; NKJ)

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:5-8; NKJ)

B. As a believer you can experience a different ______ and _____!

"For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." (v6)

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." (Isaiah 26:3; NKJ)

C. As a believer you have a different ______ in life – to ______ God!

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"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6; NKJ)

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