

The Book of Romans 8:5-11

Key Phrases

- ✓ *Flesh*: The sinful nature inherited from Adam, inclining humanity towards _____ to God and pursuit of _____ desires.
- ✓ *Spirit*: The Holy Spirit, the _____ person of the Trinity, who indwells believers, empowering them to overcome the _____ and live according to God's will.
- ✓ *Carnal Mind*: The human mind focused on fulfilling the desires of the _____, characterized by selfishness, rebellion against God, and hostility towards His law.
- ✓ *Spiritual Mind*: The mind transformed by the _____, characterized by a focus on God, seeking His will, and living in _____ to His law.
- ✓ *Enmity against God*: The state of being _____ towards or at odds with God.
- ✓ *Those who are in the flesh cannot please God*: It is impossible to please God without _____.
- ✓ *If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His*: Everyone who has been saved has been given the gift of the _____.
- ✓ *The body is dead because of sin*: Referring to the _____ of the human body – sin has been defeated by Christ, but sin and _____ still claim their hold on our mortal bodies.
- ✓ *The Spirit is life because of righteousness*: Righteousness is the state of being _____ before God through faith in Jesus Christ, receiving His perfect righteousness as a gift.

Discussion Questions

1. According to Romans 8:5-8, what are the two distinct mindsets contrasted, and what are their respective outcomes?
2. What are some practical ways that believers can cooperate with the Holy Spirit's control in their lives?
3. Discuss the implications of having a "mindset" according to the flesh versus a "mindset" according to the Spirit. How do these mindsets manifest in daily life, and what are the long-term consequences of each?
4. Consider the doctrine of "total depravity" as presented in Romans 8:7-8. How does this doctrine affect our understanding of human nature and the necessity of the Holy Spirit?

5. Explain the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. Using examples from the text, describe how the Spirit empowers, guides, and assures those who belong to Christ.
6. Compare and contrast the condition of the "sinner" and the "saved" as depicted in Romans 8. How does the believer's identity in Christ impact their relationship with sin, God's law, and their own mortality?
7. What are the central message and primary points of application for Romans 8:5-11?