

THE BATTLE FOR THE MIND: CARNAL VS. SPIRITUAL

(Romans 8:5-7)

II. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD RECEIVED: HIS JUSTIFICATION TO ALL BELIEVERS (3:21-5:21)

III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REPRODUCED IN SANCTIFICATION (6:1-8:13)

A. The Believer's POSITIONAL Sanctification in Christ (6:1-10)

B. The Believer's PRACTICAL Sanctification under Grace (6:11-23)

C. The Believer's POWERLESS Sanctification under Law (7:1-25)

D. The Believer's POWERFUL Sanctification by the Holy Spirit (8:1-13)

1. Every believer has the potential for either a _____ or a _____ life. (vv. 5-7)
 - a. The contrast described here is between a life dominated by the _____ or one dominated by the _____.

 - b. This contrast of desires or lifestyles basically centers on the believer's way of _____ or _____.

2. Christians who "*set their minds on the things of the flesh*" (8:5a) will be consumed with "*the lust of the _____, the lust of the _____, and the _____ of life*" (Matt. 16:21-23; 1 John 2:15-17; Philip. 3:17-19).

* How is it possible for a believer to "*live according to the flesh*"?

* How can this be evident in relation to the Word of God?

3. Christians who “*live according to the Spirit*” (8:5b) will set their minds “*on things _____, not on things on the _____*” (Col. 3:1-4).

* What does this say about true spirituality and how is it often misunderstood?

4. The result of a mindset and pursuit of the things of the flesh is _____, while the results of a mindset and pursuit of the things of the Spirit is _____ and _____. (v. 6)

5. The characteristics of the carnal mind are _____ with God, _____ toward God, and the _____ to obey God. (v. 7)

a. We commonly associate the carnal mind with _____. (Gal. 5:19-21a)

b. The carnal mind can also be expressed in merely being preoccupied with _____, just doing your _____ with no regard for the will of God or others. (Gal. 5:20; 2 Cor. 12:20; Philip. 2:3-4)

* How can you personally apply this passage this morning?