**FROM CARNAL MIND TO SPIRITUAL MIND**

**Text: Romans 8:5-10**

* 5 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.
* 6 For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.
* 7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.
* 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
* 9 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.

**INTRO:**

3 Major types of people

1. Natural-the unsaved, logical
2. Carnal- they could be saved but still live on the flesh or senses
3. Spiritual-renewed mind, mindful of the things of the Spirit

**AIM**:

* FOR US TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED
* FOR US TO HAVE LIFE AND PEACE
* FOR US TO PLEASE GOD

**I. THE CONCERNS OF THE CARNAL MIND**

* The things of the flesh
* The things of the world
* Col 3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
* 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
* flesh (the soft substance of the living body, which covers the bones and is permeated with blood) of both man and beasts
* the body of a man
	+ Used of natural or physical origin, generation or relationship
	+ born of natural generation
* the sensuous nature of man, "the animal nature”
* without any suggestion of depravity
* the animal nature with cravings which incite to sin
* a living creature (because possessed of a body of flesh) whether man or beast
* the flesh, denotes mere human nature
* the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence
* **and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God**

**II. THE SPIRITUAL MIND IS MINDFUL OF THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT**

* The things which are above
* The things that we cannot see
* Anything contrary to the flesh is of the Spirit
* Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

**III. LIFE AND DEATH IS DETERMINED BY WHAT WE THINK**

* To be carnally minded is death
* Proverbs 18:21 Life and death is in the power of the tongue
* But what you say is determined by what you think
* Ex. Prodigal son
* To be spiritually minded is life and peace
* We lose our peace by being mindful of the things of the flesh
* Phil 4: 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
* 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding
* , will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
* 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.
* 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you (NIV)

**IV. THE CARNAL MIND IS ENMITY AGAINST GOD**

* Enmity- positive, active, and typically mutual hatred or ill will
* It is not subject to the law of God
* Never can it be, there is no way at all
* So those who are in the flesh cannot please God

**V. THE RESULTS OF BEING CARNALLY MINDED**

* 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,
* 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,
* 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past,
* that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**VI. 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.
* Eph 1:13 In Him you also *trusted,* after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,
* 14 who[a] is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.
* Gal 5:16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
* 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

**VII. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

* Gal 5: 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control.
* Against such there is no law.
* Gal 5:16 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: *“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*
* Romans 13: 9 For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet, and if *there is* any other commandment, are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
* 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.

**CHALLENGE:**

* What are those things that fill your mind?
* Worldly or heavenly?
* Seen or unseen?
* Carnal/Sensual of spiritual?
* Do you have peace of mind?
* Do you please God?

**CONCLUSION**:

* Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.