

INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW:

1. PAUL SPEAKS OF OUR WONDERFUL LIFE IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD (8:1-11).

- a. There exists no condemnation to those who are “in Christ” (8:1).
- b. The Spirit of life frees us from the principle of sin and death (8:2-4).
- c. **The carnal mind is hostile to God; the spiritual mind has life and peace (8:5-11).**

(1) What does the Holy Spirit say in these verses about the carnal mind?

(2) What does the Holy Spirit say in these verses about the spiritual mind?

2. THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO OBEY THEIR SINFUL FLESH (8:12-14).

- (1) Paul does not teach that Christians can become sinless in this life, and we reject as unbiblical the doctrine of perfectionism.*

(2) Christians will war against their sins in this world until they die.

(3) while killing sin is the believer's responsibility, our loving heavenly Father and Jesus the Lover our souls have given us the power of the Holy Spirit by which to do this.

CONCLUSION: