

ROMANS 8:1-4

FREED BY THE GOSPEL, GOD, AND JESUS CHRIST

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

{2} For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

{3} For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

{4} that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

ROMANS 8:5-8

SAVED TO PLEASE GOD BY WALKING ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT

“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.”

ROMANS 8:9-11

WHO IS IN YOU AND WHO ARE YOU IN?

“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.

{10} And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

{11} But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

ROMANS 8:12-17

WHO ARE THE SONS AND HEIRS OF GOD?

“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

{13} For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

{14} For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

{15} For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

{16} The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

{17} and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

Romans 8:2-14

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- Are you in the flesh literally? If you are alive, then you are in the flesh literally.
 - If “in the flesh” is literal, then nobody alive can please God!
- Living in the flesh: Figurative. Not literal. Walking according to the flesh; setting mind on things of the flesh (fleshly minded); not living subordinate to, subjecting self to, the law of God

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- “Living in the flesh” was not literal, and neither is “living in the Spirit” literal
- Living in the Spirit and the Spirit dwelling in you: Figurative. Not literal. Walking according to the law of the Spirit; setting mind on things of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:14); living subordinate to or in subjection to the law of God; led by the Spirit of God; sons of God
- Spirit is in you, Christ is in you

CONTRASTS IN ROMANS 8:1-14

In the Spirit	In the flesh
Walk according to the Spirit – v.4	Walk according to the flesh
Set mind on things of the Spirit – v.5	Set mind on things of the flesh
Spiritually minded – v.6	Carnally minded
Fruit is life & peace with God – v.7	Fruit is death
At peace in fellowship with God	Enmity against God – v.7
In subjection to the law of God – v.7	Not in subjection to the law of God
Spirit of God dwells in you – v.9	Spirit of God does not dwell in you
In the Spirit – v.9	In the flesh
Has Spirit of Christ	Does not have Spirit of Christ – v.9
Christ's	Not Christ's – v.9
Christ in you – v.10	Christ not in you