

## WHO Shapes Your OUTLOOK? ~ Romans 8:5-8

→ Scripture Reading Rom. 8:1-5

### INTRODUCTION

#### → What we Think about Matters

As believers we are IN Christ, and we are free from ALL condemnation because Jesus Christ has completely FULFILLED the Law on our behalf. He became what WE ARE - weak and human and subject to sin's power - that we might become what HE IS - righteous and holy. DACarson

<sup>3</sup> For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God DID by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to BE a sin offering. And so HE condemned sin in sinful man, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do NOT live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

### Choose Your FOCUS ~ Romans 8:5-8

<sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup> The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;

A Believer who gives in to his sin nature is acting like the unbeliever. BKC

<sup>7</sup> the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

To be IN the FLESH as the word is used here is to be unregenerate - NOT SAVED. Expositor's

### IMPLICATIONS

#### → The BELIEVER is IN Christ - but is Not IN the Flesh

<sup>8:1</sup> ...NO condemnation now exists for those **IN Christ** Jesus (HCS)

<sup>8:8</sup> Those who are **IN the flesh** CANNOT please God. (HCS)

**Colossians 1:13-14** (NLT) For He has RESCUED us FROM the kingdom of **darkness** and TRANSFERRED us into the Kingdom of **His dear Son**, who purchased our freedom and FORGAVE our sins.

**Being IN Christ** - means we were RESCUED from kingdom of Satan and darkness

**Being IN Christ** - means we were TRANSFERRED into the Kingdom of God's Son

**Being IN Christ** - means that through Jesus we are FORGIVEN

**Colossians 1:21-22** (NLT) This includes you who were once FAR AWAY from God. You were His ENEMIES, separated from Him BY your EVIL thoughts and actions. <sup>22</sup> Yet NOW He has RECONCILED you to Himself through the death of Christ in His physical body. As a result, He has brought you into His own PRESENCE, and you are HOLY and BLAMELESS as you stand before Him without a single FAULT.

**Being IN Christ** - means we are RECONCILED with God

**Being IN Christ** - means we are IN His PRESENCE

**Being IN Christ** - means we are HOLY and BLAMELESS

**Being IN Christ** - means we stand before God with NO FAULT

## →We are IN Christ we must NOT walk according to the Flesh

<sup>8:5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh THINK about the things of the flesh... (HCS)

**1 Corinthians 3:1-3** (NIV) Brothers, I could NOT address you as spiritual BUT as worldly - mere infants IN Christ. <sup>2</sup> I gave you MILK, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. <sup>3</sup> You are STILL WORLDLY. For since there is JEALOUSY and QUARRELING among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?

## →We are IN Christ so let us live According to the Spirit

<sup>8:5</sup> ...those who live according to the Spirit, THINK about the things of the Spirit. (HCS)

**Colossians 3:12-14** (NIV) Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and FORGIVE whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

**Colossians 3:15-17** (NIV) Let the PEACE of Christ RULE in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ DWELL in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you DO, whether in word or deed, DO IT ALL in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## TAKE AWAY ??

### →What we Think about Matters

<sup>8:5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh **THINK about** the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, **THINK about** the things of the Spirit. (HCS)

**Colossians 3:1-3** (NIV) Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, SET YOUR HEARTS on things ABOVE, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> SET YOUR MINDS on things ABOVE, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.