

Romans 8:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, there is now no
condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus,

² because through Christ Jesus the law of
the Spirit of life set me free from the
law of sin and death.

Romans 8:3 (NIV)

³ 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,

Romans 8:4 (NIV)

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.

Romans 8:5 (NIV)

⁵ 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.

WHO Shapes Your OUTLOOK?

Romans 8:5-8

→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

³ 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, ⁴ 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**.

A Believer who **gives in** to his sin nature
is **acting like an unbeliever.**

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

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

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

8:8 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.

²² 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** - so we must **NOT walk** according to the **Flesh**

8:5 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**.² I gave you **MILK**, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are **still not ready**.³ 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**

**8:5 ...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. ¹³ **Bear with each other** and **FORGIVE** whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ 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.**

¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ 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.

→ What we Think About Matters

8:5 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.

² **SET YOUR MINDS** on things **ABOVE**,

not on earthly things.

³ For you died, and your life is now hidden
with Christ in God.

Find rest, my soul, **in God alone**

Amid the world's temptations;

When evil seeks to take a hold

I'll cling to my salvation.

Though riches come and riches go

Don't **set your heart** upon them;

The fields of hope in which I sow

Are harvested in heaven.

I'll set my gaze on God alone

And trust in Him completely;

With every day pour out my soul

And He will prove His mercy.

Though life is but a fleeting breath

A sigh too brief to measure,

My King has crushed the curse of death

And I am His forever.