

Living according to the Spirit – Romans 8:5-11
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Introduction

- What is one of the main themes of Romans 8?
- What two lessons did David teach us last week?
 - i)
 - ii)
- In **v4**, Paul told us that some people live according to the flesh. What does that mean?
- On the other hand, some people live according to the Spirit. What does that mean?
- Were the Romans living according to the flesh or according to the Spirit?

*Here is a literal translation of v5. Sorry it's more wooden than Mr Plank. **"For those who are according to the flesh have the mindset of the things of the flesh; and those who are according to the Spirit have the mindset of the things of the Spirit."***

- What is the simplest definition of a mindset?
- Paul is saying that who you are will _____

i The Flesh

*Here is another woodenly literal translation, this time of v6-8. **"The mindset of the flesh is death, but the mindset of the Spirit is life and peace. For the mindset of the flesh is hostile towards God, because it does not submit to the law of God, nor can it. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God."***

- What four things does Paul tell us about those of the flesh here?
 - i)
 - ii)
 - iii)
 - iv)
- How should you respond to this if you are a Christian?
- How should you respond to this if you are not a Christian?

ii The Spirit

*One last timber-like translation, but just of v9. **“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not Christ’s.”***

- What significant thing does Paul say about the Holy Spirit here?
- What three verses from I Corinthians say the same sort of thing?
- How should you respond to this if you are a Christian?
- What does Paul mean when he says that the Christian’s body is “**dead**” in **v10**?
- But what is the status of our spirits?
- How should you respond to this if you are a Christian?
- Which persons of the Godhead are mentioned in **v11**?
- What does the Holy Spirit guarantee for us?
- What will our bodies be like then?
- How should you respond to this if you are a Christian?

Conclusion

- What is the Holy Spirit associated with in **v2**, **v6**, and **v11**?
- Are you of the flesh, or are you of the Spirit?