

# Romans

## (26) Alive, in Christ, by the Holy Spirit

### *The position of the unsaved...8:5-8*

How does Paul describe the unregenerate person in 8:5?

**Those who are (living) according to the flesh. Have their minds set on fleshly desires.**

And the contrast? vs.5

**Those who are (living) according to the Spirit. Have their minds set on things of the Spirit.**

What does "set their mind" refer to, for either believers or unbelievers.

**It means the basic orientation, bent, thought patterns, and reasoning.**

What's the *state* of the mind set on the flesh? vs.6 Eph.2:1

**That state is (right now) death. Not 'leading to' death but right now, it is death.**

And the *state* of the mind set on or controlled by, the Spirit? vs.6 Col.1:21-22

**This state is (right now) life and peace. Spiritual (eternal) life, and peace with God.**

What else does the Scripture clearly state about the unregenerate? vs.7

**Their sinful mind is hostile to God. Doesn't submit to God's law, because it can not do so!**

And what is the summary conclusion on the unregenerate? vs.8 5:10; Heb.11:6

**Those who are "in the flesh", totally controlled by the flesh, cannot please God.**

### *The position of the redeemed...8:9-11*

In contrast, how are believers 'controlled'? vs.9a 6:14

**We are controlled by the Spirit (in the Spirit), not by the flesh (in the flesh).**

What is the obvious difference between unregenerate and redeemed? vs.9

**The believer is controlled by the Spirit of God. Those not having the Spirit are not His.**

How would you respond to one who believes that God "grades on the curve"? vs.9b IJn.5:12

**This is absolute. Have the Spirit, saved. Don't have the Spirit, not saved.**

How does verse 9 provide absolute clarity on some of the terms used in this passage?

**"in the flesh" is unsaved. "in the Spirit" is always and only describing the believer.**

Does this all mean the believer is free from the influence of the flesh? Gal.5:17, Rom.7

**No. In fact it guarantees an internal struggle. It's a true Spirit driven struggle, not self.**

How does this (vs.9) relate to assurance of salvation? IICor.13:5

**The question is do you pass the test? Do you see evidence of the indwelling Holy Spirit?**

For the believer, the body is dead but what about our spirit? vs.10

**Our spirit is alive because of (His imputed) righteousness. We now have eternal life.**

And what is the beautiful promise of verse 11? **ICor.15:50-58**

**For believers, the indwelling Holy Spirit will (future) give life to your mortal body.**