## A Life or Death Mindset Romans 8:5-8



In order for God to fulfill His requirement of righteousness in us, we must walk according to the Spirit (v.4). Here in 8:5-8 Paul explains this walk will require us to choose a totally different mindset.

## Two kinds of people: 5

Walk = our conduct/how we live, 6:4, Eph. 4:1, Phil. 3:17, Ps. 1:1 Is this contrasting believers & unbelievers or types of believers? See Gal. 5:13-16, I Cor. 2:14-3:3, plus note *you* in v.13 refers to *brethren* in v.12.

## Two different mindsets: 5

What's on my mind truly determines how I walk/live, Rom. 12:1, 2, II Cor. 10:5, I Pt. 1:13, Prov. 23:7. See Gal. 5 for the intense conflict between the walking by the Spirit versus our flesh.

Mindset of the flesh: Rom. 1:21ff., Eph. 4:17-22, Phil. 3:19, Matt. 16:23 and especially Gal. 5:19-21 in contrast to the Spirit's fruit.

Mindset of the Spirit: Col. 3:1, Eph. 4:23,24, Phil. 4:8, and especially Gal. 5:22,23 for the fruit of walking by the Spirit.

## Two opposite outcomes: 6-8

A spiritual mindset allows us to experience the life/peace God has for us, 6:4, 7:10, 14:17,19, Jn.10:10, Isa. 26:3, Phil. 4:8,9.

A fleshly mindset brings death: 6:16,21,23, 7:9,10, 8:13, I Tim. 5:6, Note here the focus on the negative aspects of the flesh.

Why the mind set on the flesh conflicts with God:

(1) Hostility (2) Rebelliousness (3) Inability to obey