

# LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

## “THE PROBLEM OF THE FLESH”

### - PART 2

#### **Introduction:**

- Jesus told His disciples, “...*the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*” Matthew 26:41
- Jesus also said in John 6:63 that the spirit quickeneth, but the flesh profits nothing.
- In the Bible, the flesh is identified as being that part of you that is unregenerate and at enmity with God. In your flesh is said to dwell the **law** of sin.
- In this message, we will study God’s Word and discover the consequences of when a Christian chooses to walk after the flesh.

**The Christian’s *identity* is no longer associated with the flesh.**

**The flesh cannot enslave the Christian unless the Christian *chooses* to follow the flesh.**

**Walking in the flesh *always* brings dreadful consequences.**

- While you do not **lose** your relationship with God, there are always consequences when you decide to follow the flesh, rather than abide in Christ and His Word.
  - **Romans 8:1** - this is not speaking of eternal condemnation, but rather a temporal condemnation of your **body** on this earth.  
cf. 1 Corinthians 11:32-34

→ **Romans 8:6** - to dwell on the flesh and follow the flesh is **death**.

→ **Romans 8:13** - fleshly **choices** lead to death.

→ **Galatians 6:8** - sowing to the **flesh** reaps corruption.

- When a Christian walks after the flesh, frustration and misery will **always** result.

→ Why is this? Because you are walking in a way that is contrary to the holy, righteous **nature** that you have received in Christ.

- The flesh can bring temporary pleasure, but it cannot bring **contentment**.
- For the Christian, it is no longer your nature to live a lifestyle of **sin** and wickedness.
- The flesh can gratify, but never **satisfy**. True satisfaction only comes through your relationship and **walk** with Jesus Christ.
- *“Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.”*  
**Philippians 1:11**
- *“And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.”* **Colossians 2:10**