

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 _____ 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 _____ is no longer associated with the flesh.

The flesh cannot enslave the Christian unless the Christian _____ to follow the flesh.

Walking in the flesh _____ brings dreadful consequences.

- While you do not _____ 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 _____ on this earth.
cf. 1 Corinthians 11:32-34

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

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

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

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

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

- The flesh can bring temporary pleasure, but it cannot bring _____.
- For the Christian, it is no longer your nature to live a lifestyle of _____ and wickedness.
- The flesh can gratify, but never _____. True satisfaction only comes through your relationship and _____ 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**