

# CARNAL CHRISTIAN - OXYMORONIC?

*Romans 8:5-11*

## I. We Live According to the Flesh or the Spirit - vs. 5

*Ontos* – be, exist; belong to a particular class, represent; really

*Mark 11:32*

*1 Timothy 5:3-6*

*Sárx* – flesh, physical life; the flesh, denotes mere human nature, the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God

*Phronéō* - to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for

*2 Peter 2:4-11*

*Philippians 3:17-21*

*Mark 8:33*

*1 John 2:15-17*

*Romans 7:22*

*Philippians 3:12-16*

## II. Carnal Minded is Death, Spiritual Minded is Life and Peace – vs. 6

*1 Corinthians 2:13-16*

*Romans 5:10*

*Galatians 5:17, 22-25*

## III. The Carnal Mind is an Enemy of God and He Hates it - vs. 7-8

*Échthra* – enmity, enemy, hatred

*hypotássō* - to arrange under, to subordinate; to subject one's self, obey; to submit to one's control

*Psalm 7:11*

*James 4:4*

*Ephesians 2:14-16*

IV. Saints are Not in the Flesh, Rather in the Spirit - vs. 9-11

*2 Corinthians 13:5*

*Philippians 2:12-16*

*Genesis 3:19*

*Ecclesiastes 3:20*

*Philippians 3:8-9*

*Isaiah 64:6*

*Romans 3:21-26*

*1 Peter 1:13-16*

*2 Corinthians 3:4-6*

**Closing Thought:** The proof text of our righteousness in Christ is the reality that we set our minds not on earthly things, but rather on the things of God. Consider, what occupies your mind?