

Sermon: Living by the Flesh or Spirit
Scripture: Romans 8:1-17

Introduction: Context

- I. Living according to the flesh (vs. 4b,5a)
 - A. Hostile toward God (vs. 7a)
 - B. Won't submit to God's law (vs. 7b)
 - C. Unable to obey God's law (vs. 7c)
 - D. Cannot please God (vs. 8)
 - E. Don't have the Spirit of Christ (vs. 9b)
 - F. Don't belong to God (vs. 9b)

- II. Living according to the Spirit (vs. 4b, 5b)
 - A. Have the Spirit of God (vs. 9a)
 - B. Will be bodily resurrected (vs. 10, 11)
 - C. Are led by the Spirit (14a, 12, 13; Gal. 5:16; Is. 63:10)
 - D. Are sons of God (vs. 14a, 15, 16)
 - E. Are heirs of God (vs. 17a; Ps. 73:25-26)
 - F. Are fellow heirs with Christ (vs. 17b; Matt. 5:12)

- III. Application
 - A. Apart from Christ, there can be no true .
 - B. The best test of the truth of a Christian's profession is in his life not his lips.
 - C. Because the Holy Spirit dwells in Christians, our concern should be:
 - 1. To be led and governed by Him in all things and at all times.
 - 2. To not offend Him with our thoughts, words, and actions.
 - 3. To live as those sanctified, set apart unto God in body, soul, mind, spirit, and heart.
 - 4. To enjoy our adoption as sons and daughters and know that God loves us as His children.