

Text: Romans 8

Subject: "To be carnally minded is death"

INTRODUCTION

1. The problem of Sin

- a) It is deadly
- b) It is destructive
- c) It leads to death

2. Beneath the problem of sin

- a) There are underlying difficulties
- b) These need to be understood and addressed

THE PROBLEM OF CARNALITY

⁶For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

⁷Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

⁸So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:6-8

1. Carnality comes from being in the flesh

- a) The danger of being carnally minded needs to be understood
- b) It is often not dealt with
- c) The mind is the place where sins begin to take root

2. The Carnal Mindset

- a) It is highly detrimental
- b) It will lead to death

3. The Carnal Mind in the sight of God

- a) It is at enmity with God

- b) It is not subject to the law of God
- c) The carnal Christian cannot please God

4. The works of the flesh described:

This is described in Galatians 5

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21

THE SPIRITUAL-MINDED CHRISTIAN

1. The believer lives according to the Spirit

- a) The Spirit dwells within the believer
- b) He causes the believer to truly come alive to God

2. He is alive to the Spirit of God

- a) He lives according to the Spirit
- b) He follows the law of the Spirit

3. The results are wonderful to note:

- a) There is life
 - i) Abundant life
 - ii) Victorious life
- b) There is peace
 - i) A special peace given by God
 - ii) A peace that passes all understanding

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To deal with the problem of having a carnal mindset
2. To cultivate a godly and spiritual mindset
3. It is vital that we cultivate a strong spiritually-minded lifestyle

