

LESSON 16 8:1-17

Having given a solemn example from his own life about the weakness of the flesh which surrenders to the appeal to sin, and about the war he fights to follow Christ in obedience, Paul now moves into a timely reminder that we are to be living in submission to the working of the Spirit, not in the keeping of the Law according to the flesh.

The One Who Is Spiritual

The one who is Spiritual is identified and instructed in this passage. Below is an outline to highlight the features of the one who fits in this category.

1. Is not condemned (or cast down)
2. Is free by the *law of the Spirit*, and from the *law of sin and death*.
3. Is walking according to the Spirit
 1. This is a result of the work of God who sent Christ to live in the flesh and conquer sin and death thereby
 2. This is not a result of our work in the flesh in an attempt to keep the law.
4. Sets their mind on that which is Spiritual
5. Has life and peace
6. Is indwelt by God the Holy Spirit
7. Is righteous within (caused by H.S. indwelling, resultant from trusting Christ)
8. Will have our bodies resurrected
9. Lives by killing the sinful deeds of the body (by the spirit – sin is diminished in our bodies by the warfare of the spirit, not the efforts of the flesh)
10. Is a child of God
 1. Not a relationship of slavery, but of family
 2. Not on our witness alone, but with that of the Holy Spirit
 3. With an assurance of inheritance

The One Who Is Carnal

1. Is walking according to the flesh
2. Set their minds on things of the flesh (tangible, sensual, and/or visible)
3. Finds death
4. Is hostile toward God, not submitting to His law
5. Cannot please God
6. Is not you (Believer)

This context addresses believers, hence the substantial focus on the one who is spiritual. We are new in Christ and must therefore live as such.