

The Body of Sin & The Mind of Christ

(based on Romans 7 & 8, The Bible)
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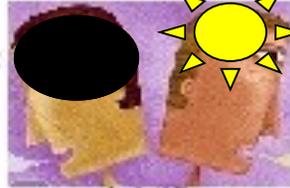
Is the Body Ruling Your Life?

The mind before Christ

Carnal mind

Dominated by lawlessness & rebellion

Taken both mind & body



Has a voice!

The Mind of Christ

Filled with the Law of God.

Submissive

Free from the hold of the carnal mind.

A spiritual mind.

The Law of Sin
Body Appetites
All about the "self-life"

The FLESH

Has a voice!

NEVER goes away!

All about

FEELS/FEELINGS!

Living according to the flesh listens to

BUT, this leads to death. In Current terms: stuck in patterns and cycles of negative emotions, negative behaviors & attitudes, self harming behaviors, addictions, dependencies, broken relationships.

Also results in anger/hatred at God, the idea that you cannot please Him, and consistent feelings of failure and guilt.

It is Gods work upon salvation to spend the rest of your life, through every situation in your life (internal or external) setting the body free to unite with the Mind of Christ!

There is NO CONDEMNATION once the Law of the Spirit is in place. It is now a **process of liberation!** This includes a lot of falling and getting up! Where God, Daddy, fights to move our flesh out of the way so that we can experience freedom of mind but also where our body KNOWS/is in agreement. A total deliverance.

Living by The Spirit, listens to...

This mind is free from the hold of the carnal mind. In other words, free to see, reason, and choose righteous feelings, thoughts, behaviors, & words. No longer slave to "me" but now serves Christ. However, now battles with The Flesh in a constant struggle.

The Law

The law tried to change the body, adjust/modify behavior without dealing with the root cause of needing to be perfectly behaved.

This is the sin sickness of the mind—all thoughts surround around "self". Psychology w/out God & the religion of social acceptance attempt to conform the person without changing the root cause first. It is the freed mind + the power of God that enables the body to be put in submission by the person.

In the Process of Change...

There are primary goals to accomplish.

There are barriers to overcome.

Primary skills:

Honesty.

The use of honesty in communicating to the self, God, and to primary supporters the “actual” state of the heart. (example: I don’t want to let go of my resentment because my resentment makes me feel powerful instead of vulnerable and lets me be in control.)

Reliance on the Holy Spirit

The ability to listen, hear, and obey the Holy Spirit and receive the Spirit’s power to obey God/fulfill His word.

These skills are difficult due to the voice of the flesh being far more familiar than the voice of the Spirit of God.

Discernment

Ability to separate the voice of the flesh from the voice of the Spirit.

Goal:

To re-establish the union of the mind and the body (the Garden state).

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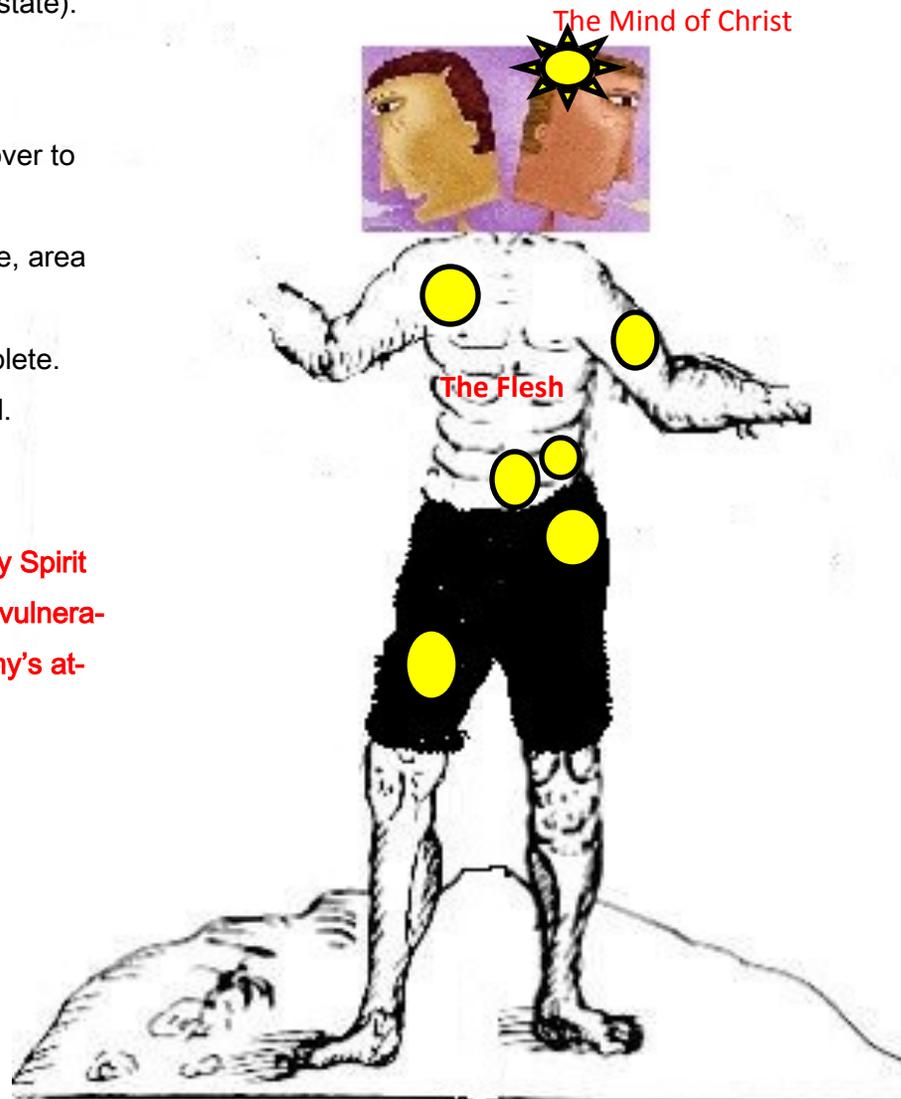
Total letting go of control over to God.

Spot by spot, piece by piece, area by area

Until reunification is complete.

This is a life-long goal.

Without the power of the Holy Spirit we are spiritually naked and vulnerable to our flesh and the enemy’s attacks.



God’s plan is NOT for you to try harder but to surrender to Him in all areas of YOU! Focusing every day on surrendering your body, mind, future, relationships, needs, wants, career, etc to Him and letting Him do the work in and through you.

His workmanship! His power! His change! His vision for your life.