



THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Salvation by Grace Through Faith

SPIRIT-LED LIVING

Romans 8:1 (NKJV)

¹ *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.***



A LIFE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Last week we learned about guilt-free living. Today we are learning about Spirit-led living!

Romans 8 is a treasure trove of powerful spiritual truths, and here is one more!

If we follow the gentle leading of the Holy Spirit, we will walk in power and victory!



HOLY SPIRIT VS. FLESH (SELFISH DESIRE)

Romans 8:2-4 (CEV)

²The Holy Spirit will give you life that comes from Christ Jesus and will set you free from sin and death. ³The Law of Moses cannot do this, because our selfish desires make the Law weak. But God set you free when he sent his own Son to be like us sinners and to be a sacrifice for our sin. God used Christ's body to condemn sin. ⁴He did this, so that we would do what the Law commands by obeying the Spirit instead of our own desires.

THE CHOICE

Every day and every moment, we get to choose if we are going to be guided by the Holy Spirit or by our own selfish desires.

When we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, we draw closer to God and experience His presence, peace, and power.

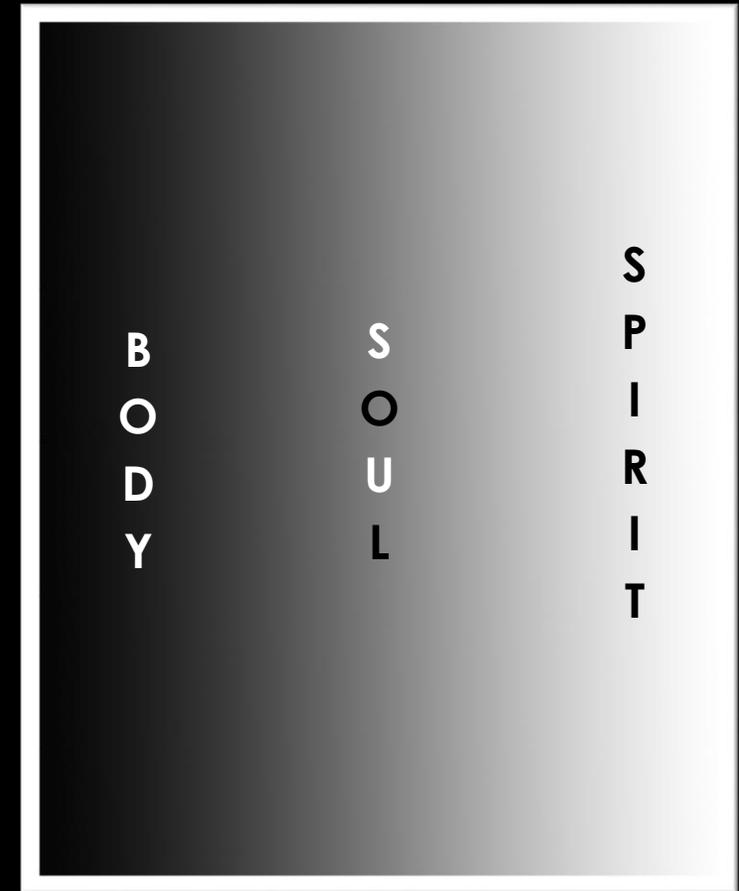


SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY

**You are a spirit;
You have a soul;
You live in a body!**



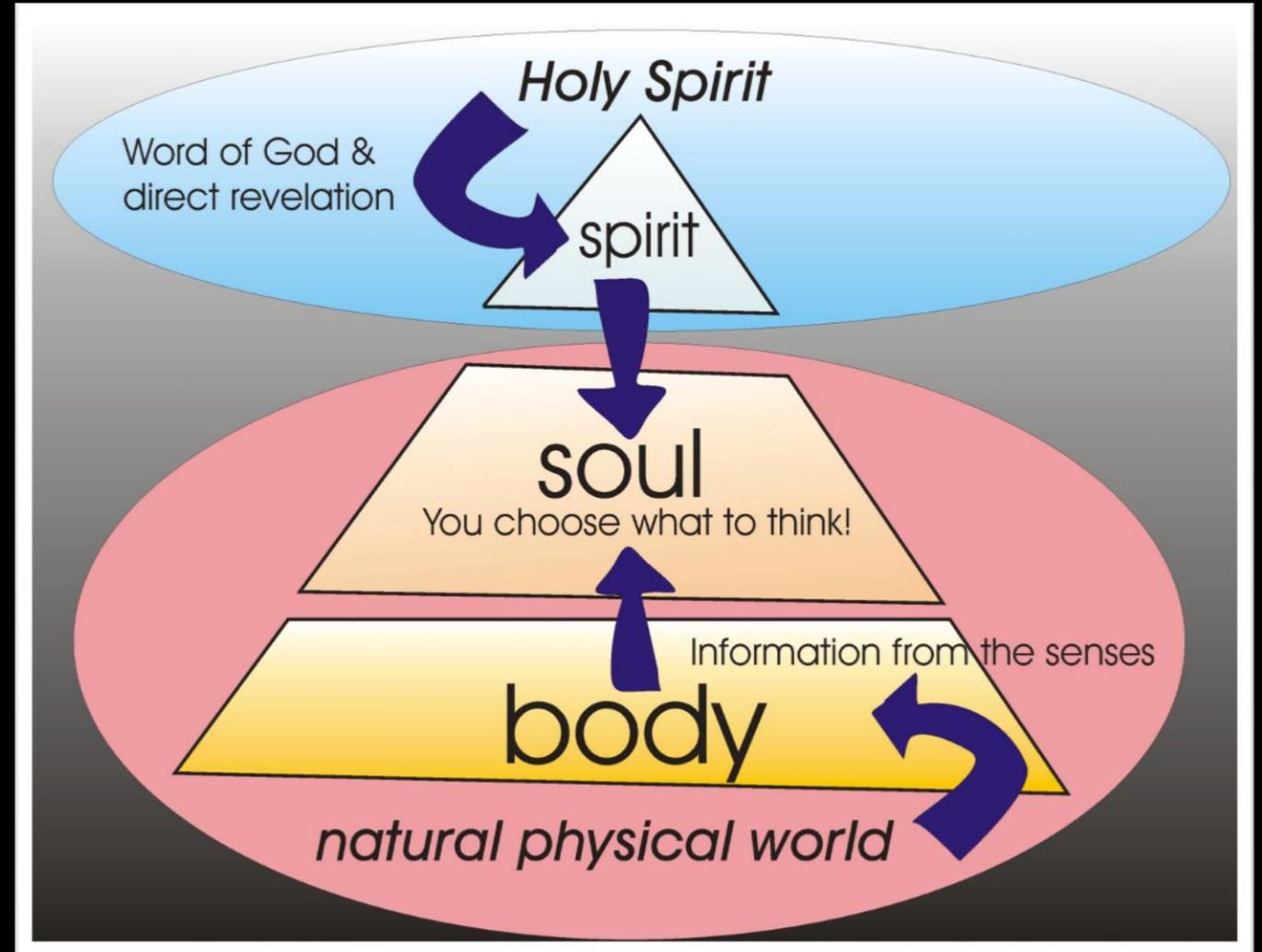
- Your **spirit** communes with the Holy Spirit. (8:16)
- Your **body** relates to the physical world.
- Your **soul** processes the information and directs action.



SOUL, WHICH WAY SHALL I GO?

The **Soul** has three parts:

1. The **Intellect** (reason),
2. The **Emotions** (feelings), and
3. The **Will** (decision)



A LIFE LED BY THE FLESH

Romans 8:5-8 (ESV)

⁵ People who are ruled by their desires [the **FLESH**] think **only of themselves**. Everyone who is ruled by **the Holy Spirit** thinks about **spiritual things**. ⁶ If our minds are ruled by our desires, we will **die**. But if our minds are ruled by the Spirit, we will have **life and peace**. ⁷ Our desires fight **against God**, because they **do not and cannot obey God's laws**. ⁸ If we follow our desires, we **cannot please God**.



A LIFE LED BY THE SPIRIT

Romans 8:9-11

⁹ You are no longer ruled by your desires [the FLESH], but by God's Spirit, who lives in you. People who don't have the Spirit of Christ in them don't belong to him. ¹⁰ But Christ lives in you. So you are alive because God has accepted you, even though your bodies must die because of your sins. ¹¹ Yet God raised Jesus to life! **God's Spirit now lives in you, and he will raise you to life by his Spirit.**

Being Led
by the
SPIRIT
of God



THE REDEMPTION OF THE WHOLE PERSON

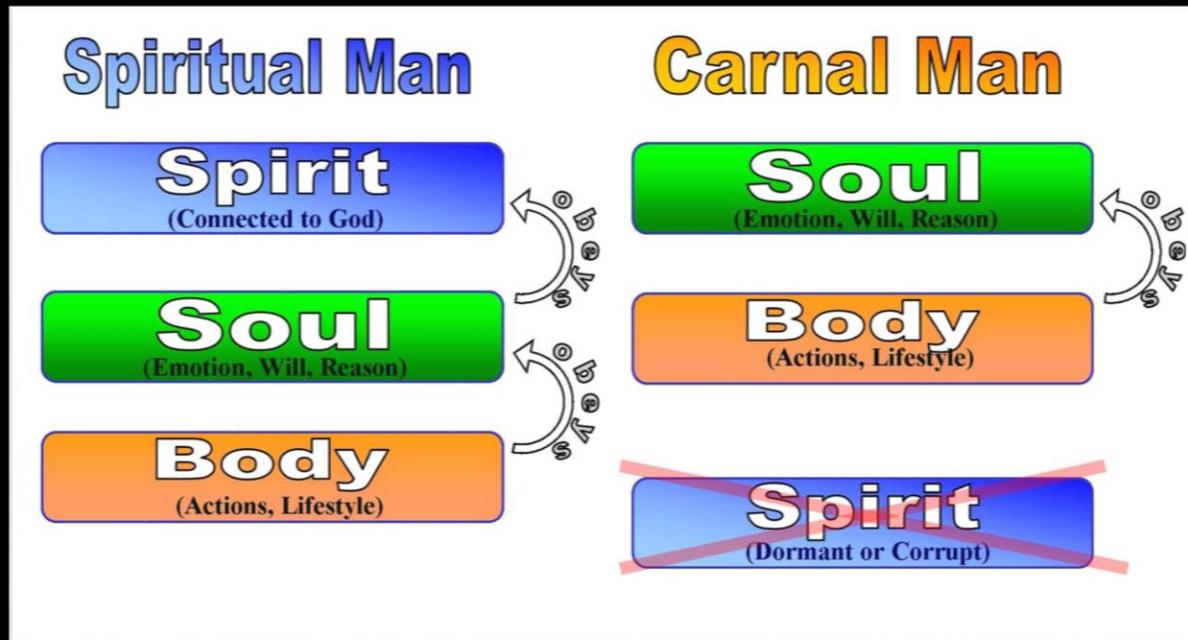
When we are saved, our spirit is revived (the new birth) and we become a “new creation.”

The Spirit of God fellowships with our **spirit** and, as it does, our **soul** is transformed to be like Christ!

As my soul is renewed, my **body** is re-trained to express Christ-likeness!



THE SPIRITUAL VS THE CARNAL PERSON



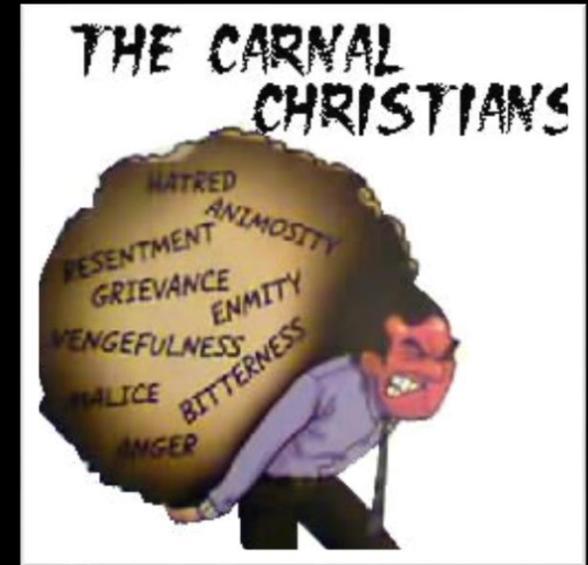
Romans 8:12-14

¹² My dear friends, we must not live to satisfy our desires [**FLESH**]. ¹³ If you do, you will **die**. But you will **live**, if by the help of God's Spirit you say "No" to your desires. ¹⁴ Only those people who are **led by God's Spirit** are his children.

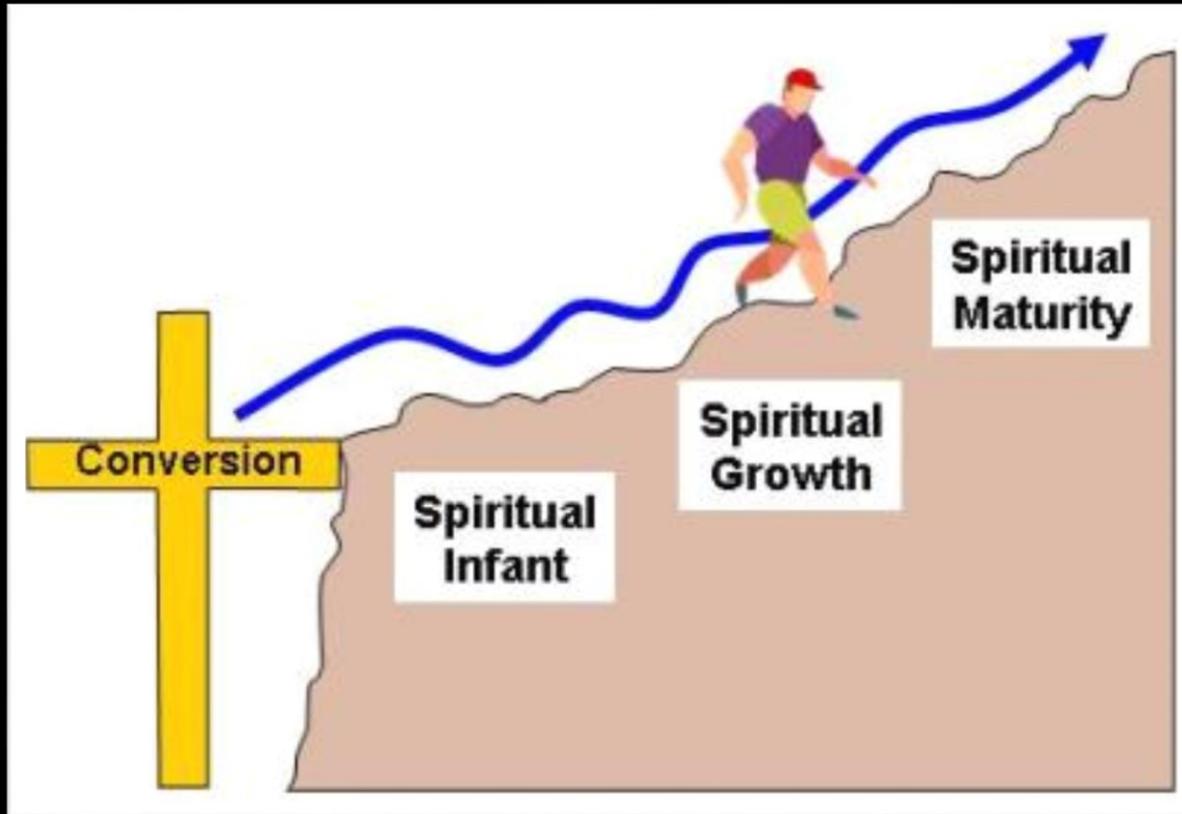
CAN A CHRISTIAN BE CARNAL (FLESHLY)?

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

¹ And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to **spiritual** people but as to **carnal**, as to babes in Christ. ² I fed you with **milk** and not with **solid food**; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; ³ for you are still carnal. For where *there are* **envy, strife, and divisions** among you, are you not carnal and **behaving like mere men**? ⁴ For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?



THE SPIRITUAL VS THE CARNAL PERSON



When our soul chooses or allows itself to be guided by the flesh, we are being **carnal** (immature).

When our soul, with the help of the Holy Spirit, surrenders to the leading of the Holy Spirit, we are being **spiritual** (mature).

A LIFE LED BY THE SPIRIT

Romans 8:15-17

¹⁵ God's Spirit doesn't make us slaves who are afraid of him. Instead, we become his children and call him our Father. **¹⁶ God's Spirit** makes us sure that we are his children. **¹⁷ His Spirit** lets us know that together with Christ we will be given what God has promised. We will also share in the glory of Christ, because we have suffered with him.



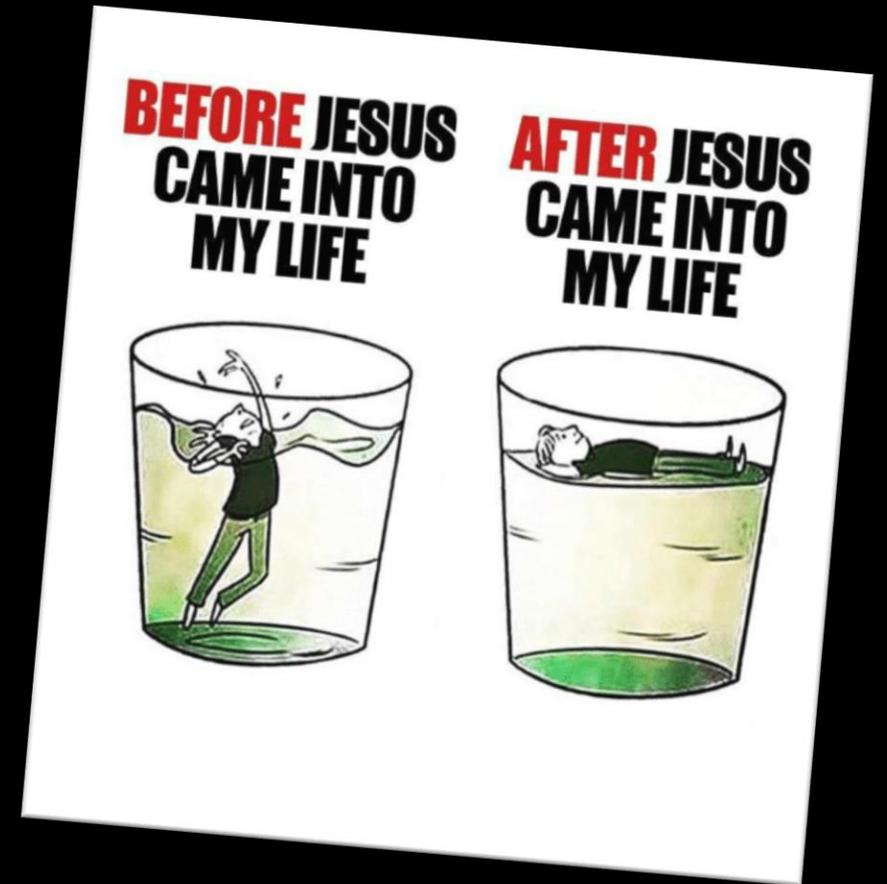
ROMANS 7 VS ROMANS 8

Romans 7 describes a life of sin, defeat, and condemnation.

Romans 8 describes a life of freedom, righteousness, and joy!

The difference? The Holy Spirit!

(He is mentioned once in Rm. 7 and 20 times in Rm. 8)



SPIRIT-LED LIVING

Those who are led
by the Spirit of God
are sons of God.

Romans 8:14



The Holy Spirit Leads Us

Would you turn
to the Holy Spirit
and let Him lead
your life?