

"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." *Romans 8:13-14 KJV*



When desire exceeds need, it is lust. Those who do not have the Spirit of God in their Life, creating in them *ōa new creature,ō* either deny or obey their desires. Many make an open show of bodily denial (diets, monks, & etc.), but it is of no value to God. God's Word says, *ōBodily exercise profiteth little. They that are in the flesh cannot please God. The carnal mind is enmity with God.ō* Unbelievers have no choices but what *ōthe fleshō* provides. Many religions teach redemption through denial and self-torture. *ōWhyí are ye subject to ordinancesí after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.ō* Many Roman and Greek religions taught salvation through gratification of desire. Until the Spirit of God reveals the Truth through God's Word, you have no alternatives to *ōthe carnal mind.ō* The only way to possess eternal life is to have the indwelling presence of God. *ōThe anointing which ye have received of Him (/Holy Spirit) abideth in youí and your life is hid in Christ with God. To be carnally minded is death,ō* because it separates man from God who is life. Those who have reconciled to God and His Word through faith and repentance have an alternative to *ōthe flesh. If any man be in Christ, he is a NEW CREATURE!ō* Faith is the alternative to *ōthe carnal mind.ō* It allows us to follow *ōthe mind of Christō* who is the *ōWord made flesh;ō* the ability to be spiritually minded which *ōis life and peace.ō* Through the guidance of *ōThe Spirit of Truth,ō* I can *ōmortify (kill) the deeds of the body.ō* Through faith; trusting obedience to God's Word; I can walk with Jesus, *ōThe Way, The Truth, The Life.ō* Otherwise, I am *ōdead in trespasses and sin;ō* separated from God who is Life. The good news is I am *ōnot in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in [me], and if Christ be in [me], the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is Life because of righteousness.ō* Battles with *ōthe fleshō* are overcome through faith; *ōAnd this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God.ō* Flesh cannot perceive the Spirit of Truth. *ōThe natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of Godí because they are spiritually discerned. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.ō* Believers fail through unbelief; choosing lust over Truth; flesh over Spirit, but they do not have to do it. There is an alternative for *ōthe sons of God.ō*

The Flesh is evil, sold to sin,
Its choices never cleanse within,
But with the Truth of God all men,
Can live forever without sin. ~CGP

Believers either obey *ōthe flesh [or] the Spirit.ō* Without God's Word constantly guiding your thoughts through study and meditation therein, you are the servant of sin. Redemption is never withdrawn. Jesus promised, *ōHim that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.ō* You can walk miserably in *ōthe fleshō* or triumphantly *ōin the Spirit.ō* Dear Believer, your condemnation is forever lifted. Serving the flesh brings only separation from the joy of the Lord. Don't flounder in the flesh when you can soar in Truth! *ōWhere the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.ō* Walking in the flesh, obeying your carnal desires, brings only misery to the true child of God!

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk NOT after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:1-2 KJV