

Romans Chapter Eight - Session 3

Romans 8:5-8 “A Mind That Pleases God”

Big Idea: There are only **TWO** kinds of people.

Key Question: How is it possible to please God?

Two Lifestyles, Two Mindsets (8:5)

- **Phroneō** (set their minds) means a person’s basic **DISPOSITION**.

Illustrations: “Mind the **GAP**” or “Mind your **MANNERS**”

- **Sarx** (flesh) means the human being under the power of **SIN**.

Justification Question - are you saved?

LIGHT Switch - You are either in Christ or you are not.

Sanctification Question - are you being made righteous?

DIMMER Switch - You are growing in obedience to Christ.

Death or Life (8:6)

The text does not say that this mindset **LEADS** to death.

The text says that this mindset **IS** death.

“In the fallen state, man is not sick, he is dead.”
— *R.C. Sproul*

The Mind of Death (8:7-8)

Four verbs that describe the fleshly mind:

HOSTILE _____

Does not ___**SUBMIT**___ to God's Law.

Cannot ___**SUBMIT**___ to God's Law.

Cannot ___**PLEASE**___ God.

Four Characteristics of the Person Outside of Christ:

- 1) His thinking is set on sin.
- 2) His state is death.
- 3) His religion is rebellion—lack of submission—against God.
- 4) In his present condition, he cannot please God.

Four Characteristics of the Person IN Christ:

- 1) His thinking is according to the Spirit.
- 2) His state is life and peace.
- 3) His mind is submitted to God.
- 4) He pleases God because of Jesus Christ.

This is why you must be **BORN** **AGAIN**.

*“You cannot experience high levels of assurance
while participating in low levels of obedience.”
— Joel Beeke*