

Sermon Notes, Sunday Evening, April 18, 2010
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The Basis For All True Christian Beliefs
Spirit –vs- Flesh
(Romans 8:5-11)

I. There are Two Divisions Among Men (Gal 3:28)

- A. Those who Live by the Sinful Nature (v. 5a)
- B. Those who Live by the Spirit's Power (v. 5c; Josh 1:8; Eph 5:18)

II. There are Two Dispositions Among Men

- A. Mind Set on the Flesh (v. 5b)
- B. Mind Set on the Spirit (v. 5d; Gal 5:25)

III. There are Two Destinies Among Men

- A. Destiny of the Carnally Minded (vv. 6-7)
 - 1. Face the Wrath of God (v. 6a; Rom 6:23; Eph 2:1-3; Heb 10:26-27)
 - 2. Fight a War against God (v. 7; 5:10; Ex 17:14-16; Deut 25:17-19)
- B. Destiny of the Spiritually Minded (v. 6b)
 - 1. Enjoy Peace of God (Psa 4:8; Jn 14:27; Phil 4:6-7)
 - 2. Expect Life with God (Jn 10:10; 1Jn 5:11-13)

IV. There are Two Dominions over Men (vv. 8-11)

- A. Controlled by the Flesh (v. 8; Jer 17:9-10; Rom 3:10-13)
- B. Controlled by the Spirit (vv. 9-11)
 - 1. Indwells every Believer (v. 9)
 - 2. Invigorates every Believer (v. 10; Rom 3:21-24)
 - 3. Insures every Believer (v. 11; Eph 1:13-14; 1Jn 4:13)