



This or That?

(Romans 8:5–8)

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Key Passage:

Romans 8:5–8 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

1. Two Groups (📖 Romans 8:5)
 - a. Super Christian vs. Cultural Christian
 - b. Unsaved vs. Saved
(📖 Genesis 3:14-15, John 8:39-47, Matthew 25:31–33)
 - c. Identify with the right group!
(📖 2 Peter 1:10, 2 Corinthians 13:5–6)
2. Two Natures, Mindsets, and Destinies (📖 Romans 8:5-6)
 - a. Relationship between our nature, thinking, and actions.
 - b. Works of the Flesh vs. Fruit of the Spirit
(📖 Galatians. 5:19-23)
 - c. Every Road will End Somewhere
3. The Mind of the Unsaved vv. 7-8 (📖 Romans 8:7-8)
 - a. Rebellion = Hostility
 - b. Thin line between love & hate (📖 John 3:19–20
15:18-19; John 17:14)
 - c. But God! (📖 Ephesians 2:1–7, 1 Corinthians 6:9–11,
Titus 3:3–7)

Scripture Passages for Today's Message

- 📖 Matthew 25:31–33 (ESV) “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.
- 📖 2 Corinthians 13:5–6 (ESV) Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?— unless indeed you fail to meet the test! ⁶ I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test.
- 📖 John 3:19–20 (ESV) **And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.**
- 📖 Ephesians 2:1–3 (ESV) And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
- 📖 Titus 3:3–7 (ESV) For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.