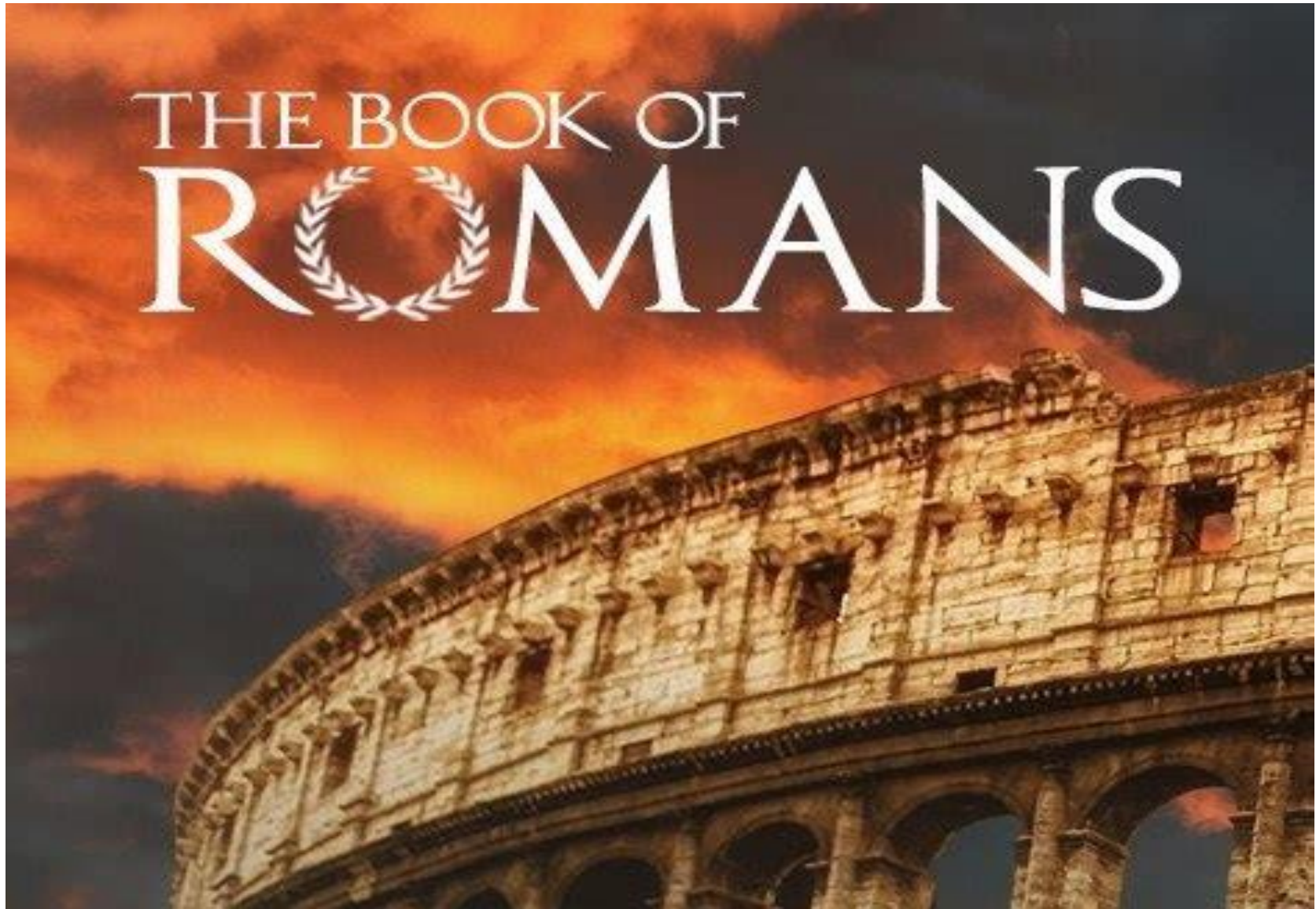


Rom 8:9-11 You Are in the Holy Spirit !



The word **flesh** (*sarx*) has a threefold usage in the NT:*

First: The term **flesh** refers only to the material part of man. It is equivalent to its synonym: body.

Phil 1:22 But if I am to live on in the **flesh**, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose.

Second: Its meaning refers to humanity's relationships and classifications. 1 Peter 1:24 For, all **flesh** is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers. ---

Third: The word **flesh** is that which is wholly restricted to the immaterial [spiritual] part of man.

It is an element in man which is predicated [spoken] of both the unregenerate and the regenerate.

It is opposed to God and godliness.

It may be defined as a fallen nature, a disposition to sin.

Review from previous weeks



⁵ For those who are according to **the flesh** set their minds on the things of **the flesh**, but those who are according to **the Spirit**, the things of **the Spirit**.

⁶ For the mind set on **the flesh** is death, but the mind set on **the Spirit** is life and peace,

⁷ because the mind set on **the flesh** is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*, ⁸ and those who are in **the flesh** cannot please God.

- **set their minds on** – *phroneo* – a verb, which describes the action of the mind - to be minded in a certain way

Vine

- **mind** – *phronēma* – a noun, which has to do with what is in your mind, lit: thought, purpose Merryman

Overview of Rom 8:5



For

subject

those who are
[continually exist]
according to
the flesh

verb

“set their
minds on”
[**think about**]
phroneo

direct object

the things
of the flesh

But

subject

those who are
[continually exist]
according to
the Spirit

verb

“set their
minds on”
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phroneo

direct object

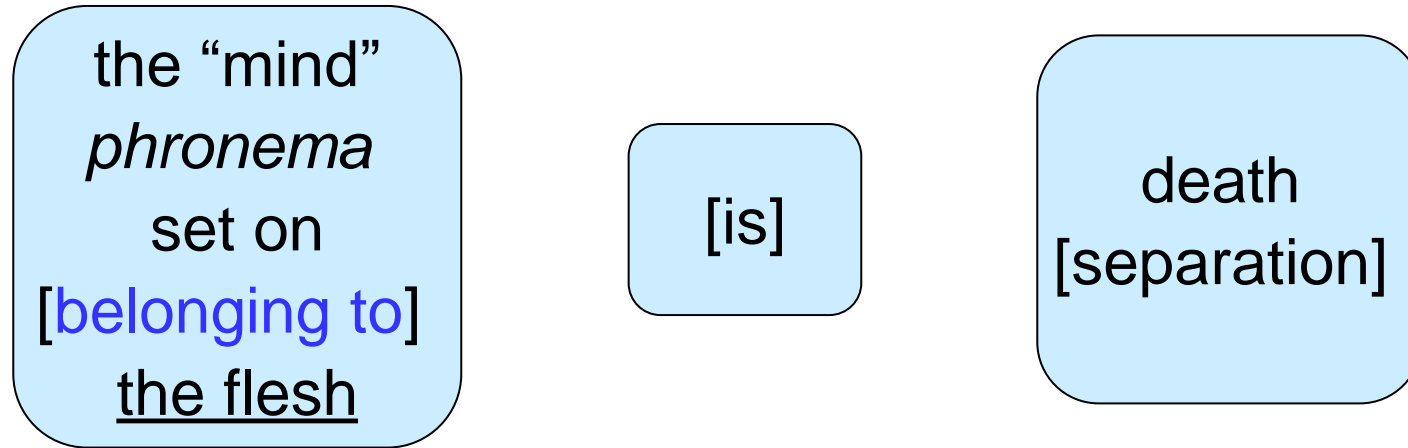
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Overview of Rom 8:6

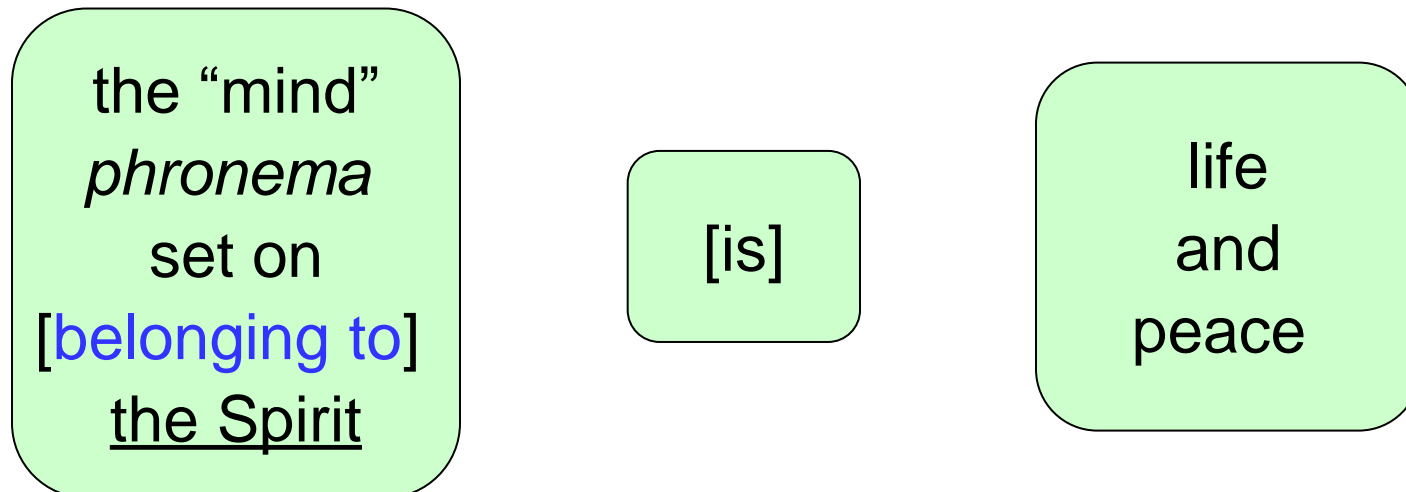


- Now we are given the results of each mind set

For



But



Observations on Rom 8:5-6



- These verses talk about **those** (lit: the ones) who are [continually exist] according to two different sources
- One is according to **the flesh** and the other is according to **the Spirit**
- **The ones** according to **the flesh** set their minds on [think about] the things of **the flesh**
- **The ones** according to **the Spirit**, set their minds on [**think about**] the things of **the Spirit**
- There is a mind that derives its nature from **the flesh** and pursues the things of **the flesh***
- Also there is a mind that derives its nature from **the Spirit** and pursues the things of **the Spirit*** *edited McCalley

Observations on Rom 8:5-6 (cont.)



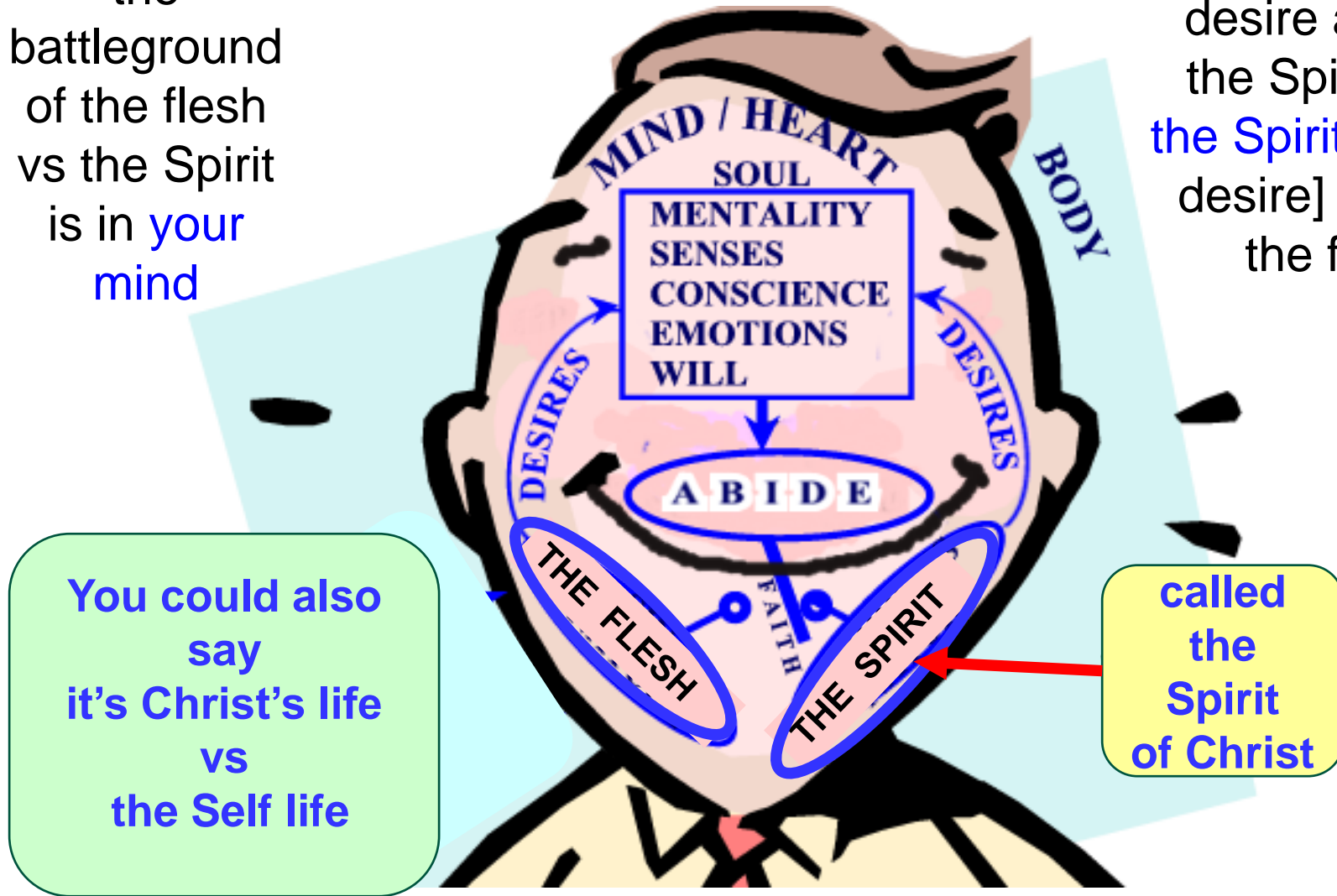
- Some say this is describing the unbeliever vs the believer
- Others say this describes the struggle all believers have between the flesh and the Spirit
- Gal 5:17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit [sets its desire] against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.
- When Paul talks about the flesh he's talking about the part of your mind which is your sin nature Merryman
- So the battleground of the flesh vs the Spirit is in your mind

The Flesh vs The Spirit *

from Gal 5:17

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Gal 5:17a For
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desire against
the Spirit, and
the Spirit [sets its
desire] against
the flesh



* edited from H. Molloy

Today's Verses



⁹ However, you are not in the flesh but **in the Spirit**, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells **in you**. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

¹⁰ If Christ is **in you**, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells **in you**, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells **in you**.



⁹ However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

however - *de* – in contrast to (what Paul said in Rom 7)

- Rom 7:5a For while we were in the flesh (in past time)

you – lit: you yourselves [as a believer] – emphatic !

are not - this is negative of verb *eimi* – the state in which someone continually exists

in the flesh – in your sin nature from Adam

but in the Spirit – you are now in this living union with the Holy Spirit

- Nowhere in Scripture do we find a clearer indication that the Spirit enters a person's life at the moment of conversion

Mounce via Constable



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if indeed [since] **the Spirit of God dwells in you**

since - *eíper* – provided that, assuming that Wuest

• therefore what follows is assumed to be the case

the Spirit of God

- the Holy Spirit is called by this name in many verses
- Romans 8:14 For all who are being led by **the Spirit of God**, these are sons of God.
- Matt 3:16 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw **the Spirit of God** descending as a dove and lighting on Him.



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if indeed [since] the Spirit of God (cont.)

dwells - *oikeō* - to inhabit as one's home

(present tense – cont. action)

- to live or dwell in a certain place as your home Wuest
in you – a believer
- Gal 4:6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
- 1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
- 1 John 4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.



9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

but – *de* – in the sense added information

if – assumed to be true

anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ

- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is true of all believers
- So the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Christ or the Spirit of God in this verse

[then] **he does not belong to Him**

- lit: this one **is not** of Him [of God]
- **is not** - this is the negative of verb *eimi* – the state in which someone continually exists
- so you must have the Holy Spirit to be of Him

¹⁰ If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.



If – assumed to be true

Christ *is* in you – lit: Christ in you

- This is a statement of fact about every believer
- This is a parallel truth to the Holy Spirit being in you
- John 17:23a *I in them* and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity
- Gal 2:20a I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but *Christ lives in me*;
- Col 1:27c which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory.

The remainder of the verse presents a truth *on the one hand* [*men*] contrasted with a truth *on the other hand* [*de*]

¹⁰ If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.



on the one hand [though]

the body is dead on account of sin

- Paul recognized his body was dead
- Rom 7:24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from **the body of this death**?
- The indwelling sin nature is the reason the body is dead (1 Cor 15:22 For as **in Adam all die**, so also in Christ all will be made alive.)
- The believer's human body is dead in the sense that it has death in it because of sin*
- Adam's sin which brought both spiritual and physical death to each member of the race* * Wuest

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but on the other hand [yet]

the spirit – with the article this is the Holy Spirit
is alive - zoe – lit: life

- lit: the Spirit life
- The Spirit has taken his abode in you

on account of righteousness

- The righteousness is the character or quality of being right or just
- The Holy Spirit is the source of spiritual life for the redeemed person who now possesses Jesus Christ's imputed righteousness

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¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.



But if the Spirit of Him

If – assumed to be true

- now the Holy Spirit is called **the Spirit of Him** [God] **who raised Jesus from the dead**

lit: **having raised** - *egeirō* - of the resurrection of Christ
(aorist, active, participle)

- this factual event - Scripture describes as follow:
- Gal 1:1 Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, **who raised Him from the dead**).

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.



dwells in you [believer]

- repeats the statement about the indwelling Holy Spirit
- Now we will learn what else God the Father has done through the Holy Spirit

He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead=God the Father

also – *kai* - it precedes the word which it stresses Vine

give life - *zōopoieō* - to make alive, cause to live
(future, indicative, active)

- The future resurrection of the believer's body is in view here, as the context indicates Wuest

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give life to your mortal bodies

mortal – *thnētos* - subject or liable to death

- This is not a reference to the present energizing of the body by the Spirit,*
- but rather to the fact that the Spirit will quicken [make alive] that body in resurrection from the dead*

through His Spirit who dwells in you.

- The presence of the indwelling Spirit guarantees the endurance of the believer *

* Chafer

Final Thoughts*



- This declaration [you are in the Spirit] is dogmatic and final.
- If any man have not [the Spirit], which means as an indwelling presence, this one does not belong to Him
- The Spirit comes from Christ and [was] sent into the world.
- The Christian is characterized by the fact that he has received the divine nature. [Rom 5:5b because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.]
- No such being could exist as a Christian who does not possess the divine life which is essential to his newly created self [new life in Christ].
- That new life is often declared to be none other than the Holy Spirit.

* Chafer

