

Romans 8:6 (NASB77)⁶For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

PAUL SPEAKS OF THREE MEN.

THE NATURAL MAN

THE CARNAL MAN

THE SPIRITUAL MAN

The last two being Christians, with different conditions



Order of Epistles (1 Cor. 2:14-3:1)

1. Romans is God's message to the Natural Man 1:16
Christ crucified and risen
We are crucified and risen with/in Him
2. 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians
Message to the Carnal man 3:1-3, 3:10
The church as an organization (local Church)
3. Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians
Message to the Spiritual man
The church as an organism (His Body) Christ
Crucified, risen, in the Heavens
We crucified, risen, in the Heavens, in Him

⁵For those who are habitually dominated by the sinful nature put their minds on the things of the sinful nature, but those who are habitually dominated by the Spirit put their minds on the things of the Spirit.

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⁶For to have the mind dominated by the sinful nature is death, but to have the mind dominated by the Spirit is life and peace.



If you are according to the Spirit, having been born of God, there is indwelling you a mighty One, the Comforter, whose whole mind, disposition, and manner of being and ruling within you, is life and peace.

This “life” is the life of the Risen Christ, which the Spirit, as “the Spirit of grace,” supplies ([Heb 10:29](#), [Gal 3:5](#)).

6For the mind

*The word **phronousin**, "mind"*

*Mind here does not have reference to intellect or understanding,
but **to the attention or occupation.***

*those **WHOSE MINDSET IS** according to Spirit.*



Let us consider some of the infinite differences and contrasts between these two men. ADAM THE FIRST and THE LAST ADAM –the natural man and the Spiritual Man

- ❖ In Genesis One: the **first** Adam was made after the likeness of God; the **Last** Adam is God.
- ❖ The **first** Adam was made in the image of God; the **Last** Adam was the image of the invisible God.
- ❖ All creation could see in the **first** Adam one representing God on earth.



In *John One* all who had opened eyes and prepared hearts could discern in the **Last Adam** "*a glory as of the only begotten of the Father.*"

moreover,

He declared the Father, which the **first** Adam, though made in the image of God, could never do.

❖ The **first** Adam was created;

❖ The **Last** Adam, the Word, was made flesh.

Both had a beginning in flesh on the earth.

- The first had none before he lived here.
- By the Last the first was created.
- The first Adam appeared on a scene that was prepared to receive him; prepared to receive him;
- The Last Adam entered a world ready to reject Him.

The first was placed in the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it, all acknowledged the first Adam's sway.

- To own the first Adam was to submit to God.
- To receive a name from him was as if it had been pronounced by the Lord God Himself.
- Beautiful picture of order and subjection to the one set over the works of God's hands! But he was only the type of the Last Adam who was to come (Rom. 5:14).

Consequently, when the Last Adam came He could not do less than give names likewise; to Simon He gave the name of Cephas, signifying, as head of the new creation, the use to which He would put him. Afterwards the sons of Zebedee He surnames Boanerges ([Mark 3:17](#)). *In time He will give each saint a new name, which no man knows but he who receives it ([Rev. 2:17](#)).*

- ❖ In **Genesis Two**, the glory of Adam seen that day in Eden passed away never to be restored.
- ❖ In **John Two**, the glory of the Last Adam displayed on earth in a brief passing way can never fade, decay:

❖ The serpent persuaded Eve **that God had withheld something from them they ought to enjoy**. He made her doubt the reality of God's love.

❖ The Last Adam, when teaching Nicodemus, tells out the exceeding greatness of that love, which didn't stop at the giving up of His only Son for a ruined, sinful world.

Genesis Three tells us of a voluntary act on the part of the first Adam, and an act of necessity on the part of God

In **John Three** we get something more than mercy - **we get grace**.

❖ The first Adam, in Genesis Three, stands forth as the author of the ruin of his race.

❖ The Last Adam, the Son of Man, appears in John Three as ***"the Author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him"***

(Heb. 5:9).

❖ **Genesis Four**, Worship and death are the prominent subjects of Sin being in the world, its fruits are quickly made apparent, not only in entailing death on Adam and his children, but in inciting Cain to stain the earth with the blood of his brother Abel.

❖ **In John Four, Worship and life are brought before us.** And here we get more than the acceptance of an offering. It is the Father seeking worshipers. *"The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the **Father in spirit and in truth**. for the Father seeks such to worship Him.*



Death by the **first** Adam's fall obtained the mastery over all his offspring.

By the **Last** Adam, it shall be swallowed up in victory, and finally be destroyed. "*For since by man came death, man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet*" (1 Cor. 15:21, 22, 26, 27).

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From the **first Adam** what have we received? Of what have we to show off?

A life and nature wholly corrupt, flesh not subject God, neither indeed can be; for an inheritance, a and vexation of spirit; for a prospect, death.

What did the **first Adam** give creation?

By him the living creatures, indeed, were named. But by him the whole creation was made subject to vanity, and because of him the ground was cursed.



Another Adam has been found Who was obedient unto death! From Him we receive, but how unlike that which our first parent entailed on us:

- ❖ a nature which cannot sin,
- ❖ an inheritance which cannot fade away,
- ❖ and a prospect of life, which the grave cannot cheat us of, the great cheat us of, the great enemy cannot deprive us of.
- ❖ And this is unchangeable to those who possess it.
it.
- ❖ And the universe too shall rejoice in the Last Adam.
Adam.
- ❖ The curse shall be removed, and the groaning creation be brought into creation be brought into the liberty of the glory of the children of God.
the children of God.

Some questions?

Will the one led of the Spirit understand what the will of the Lord is?

- ❖ In one led of the Spirit, spiritual intelligence in divine things will be prominent. He will discern, understand what the will of the Lord is.
- ❖ In the Spirit we are not at the mercy of vague impressions which we are blindly to follow.
- ❖ Our patience and faith may be tested by the lack of guidance, but we will not be left to uncertainty, or to unintelligent impressions.
- ❖ Paul's vision of the man of Macedonia formed the basis of a clear discernment of what the mind of the Spirit was.

How does one become intelligent in the things of God?

- ❖ To be **intelligent** in the things of God means to have a knowledge of His mind as given in His Word.
- ❖ To discern, we must have those principles of truth only found in the Scriptures, and the spiritual man is ever a lover of the Word of God.
- ❖ With that Word dwelling in him, not in a coldly intellectual way, but as controlling his thoughts, enlightening his conscience and guiding his affections, he has placed at the disposal of the Holy Spirit, the instrument by which he will be made of quick understanding.
- ❖ He will Know the mind of the Spirit and thus be guided.

Is all ministry by the Spirit of God? Explain?

All ministry is by the Spirit of God. The Spirit calls, selects, and sends forth whom He chooses. He also abundantly sustains and guides them.

There are those who are according to the Spirit,

- Who discern, value, love, are absorbed in, the things of the Spirit.—
- Who “mind” the Spirit’s things: salvation, the person of Christ, the fellowship of the saints, the Word of God, prayer, praise, prophecy, the blessed hope of Christ’s coming, walking as He walked before men.



Two Natures

Beholding Jesus Christ: Transformed from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3:18)



