

In the Flesh

Identity of those “in Christ Jesus”

No Condemnation – v. 1

New Conduct – v. 4

New Controlling Influence – v. 9

v. 5-8 – “in the Flesh”

v. 9-14 – “in the Spirit”

Three Responses

- Gratitude
- Compassion
- Evaluation

1) In Walk – v. 4

2) In Mind – v. 5-8

a) Futility – v. 6

b) Hostility – v. 7

c) Inability – v. 7-8

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1. In our culture, what type of persons do you think most struggle with identity crisis? Is it more helpful for them to know who they are or who they are not? Does this have any parallels in the Christian realm?
2. Galatians 5:19-21 lists 15 specific deeds of the flesh – what do you make of this list? How does this list drive you to gratitude?
3. Consider Colossians 3:1-4 and its parallel statements of believer’s position + “set your mind.” Are “things of earth” related to “things of the flesh” (Rom 8:5)? How?
4. How does worry relate to “setting mind on things of the flesh”? (see Matt 6:25-34)
5. What is the difference between the one who is “not able to obey law of God” (8:7) and how Paul describes the believer’s struggle in 7:14-25?