Notes on Romans 8:5-7, 9 (carnally minded or spiritually minded)

5For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

**After the flesh:**

* those who walk or conduct themselves according to the promptings of the flesh
* Slaves to the flesh
* Things corporeal belonging to the welfare of the body; riches which may be sought after; things sinful – the lusts, works, and sins of the flesh
* Whole mental and moral activity is set upon the gratification of the cravings of sense
* Includes the intellect and affections; lesser motives, thoughts, desires
* Carnal and unregenerate; evil
* Things that please and gratify our senses and animal appetites and passions, our corrupt nature; pleasures of this world, riches of the world
* Do mind: give their attention to
* Men must be under the predominating influence of one or the other of these two: flesh or spirit
* One will have the mastery and will be the character of their life, the character of their actions

**After the spirit:**

* Things invisible and eternal
* Under the influence and guidance of the Spirit
* Devoted to the service of God
* They who are spiritual in whom the Spirit dwells mind spiritual and heavenly things

6For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

* To think of nothing but the flesh and its gratification is death
* To have thoughts governed by the Spirit brings with it all that is healthful, harmonious and immortal.
* To follow the inclinations of the flesh leads us to condemnation and death.
* Making the object of the mind, the end and aim of the actions, to cultivate the graces of the Spirit and to submit to his influence tends to life and is in fact real life, the only path to happiness.

7Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

* the things of the flesh, giving them supreme attention, is hostility against God and leads to death
* Enmity; hostility; hatred; opposed to God’s law and to his plan for purifying the soul
* God abhors the fleshly tendencies; we should not submit or put ourselves in subjection to them
* Carnal thought is subject to the laws of sin not the law of God

9But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

- **but ye:** who are vitally united to Christ, who are living in the faith of Christ, who are a new creature, not carnally minded but are true Christians

- are not in the flesh: under the full influence of corrupt desires and passions

 **- but in the Spirit:** under his government and spiritually minded; under the direction and influence of the Holy Spirit; accepted and approved by God

- The Spirit of God dwells in you: in the hearts of Christian; God influences, directs, guides Christians, producing meekness, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness