

## Whose Side Are You On? Romans 8:5-8

### *Three wrong ways of living the Christian life:*

1. Trying to live the Christian life by a set of rules.
2. Trying to live the Christian life by a formula.
3. Trying to live the Christian life by an experience.

*Question:* What is the secret of living the Christian life?

*Answer:* The Holy Spirit

### *Two classes of people in the world:*

First Group: Those who have their minds set the things of the flesh. (v.5)

Definition of "flesh": refers to our inherent bent to live independently from God and to live a self-centered life as opposed to a God-centered life.

Question: What does Paul mean when he says, "set their minds on"?

Answer: It means "taking the side of".

### *Three things about the flesh mindset:*

1. To set your mind on the flesh is death. (v.6)
2. To set your mind on the flesh is hostility to God. (v.7)
3. To set your mind on the flesh means you cannot please God. (v. 8)

Second Group: Those who have their minds set on the things of the Spirit. (v.6)

### *Two things about the Spirit mind set:*

1. To set your mind on the Spirit is life. (v.6)
2. To set your mind on the Spirit is peace. (v.6)