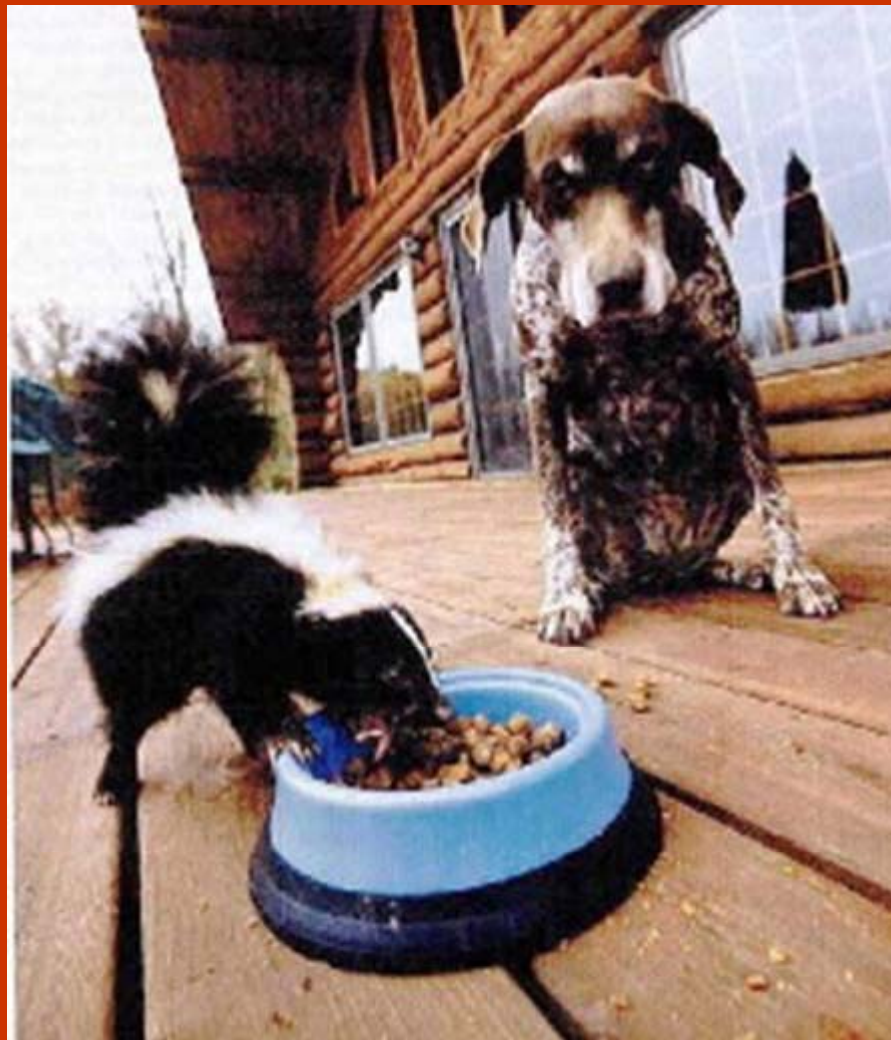


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Great Conflict of Desires



NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR LIPSTICK!

Why would you even ask me that? I'm so insulted!

Every time something goes missing around here, everybody looks at me!



Flesh vs. Holy Spirit

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Romans 8:1-17

Experiential Sanctification

What is the context of Romans 8?

1. Paul is writing to believers: “Saints,” “brethren,” “we,” and “in Christ”
2. Paul’s topic is experiential sanctification in chaps 6 and 7
3. Paul’s thought flows directly out of chap 7 to chap 8
4. Paul’s topic is the spiritual life of the believer

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk (live) according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

1. “no” – emphatic, “none of any kind”
2. “Condemnation” – *punishment* following a judicial sentence
3. No punishment – for those (“in Christ”) “who walk in the Spirit”
4. Punishment for those “who live according to the flesh”
5. “Flesh (*sarx*) vs. Spirit (*pneuma*)”

Romans 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

1. Refers to 6:1-5 (“dead to sin”)
2. Refers to 7:25 (“law of sin”)
3. “Spirit of life” – the experiential spiritual life
4. Free from law of sin (nature) and death (operational)

Romans 8:3

For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

1. ML could not produce righteousness or justify
2. ML could not produce the spiritual life (Deut 6:24-25)
3. “Weak through the *flesh*” – sinfulness of individual Hebrew
4. The Son provides atonement – judges sin

Romans 8:4

that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

1. The law was holy and righteous (7:7-12)
2. The OT saint could not fulfill the law (only Jesus did)
3. The righteous life now possible – live according to the Spirit
4. Wishing and wanting in chap 7 could not produce Exp Sanc

Romans 8:5

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

1. Believers living according to sin nature
2. Similar passage, Col 3:1-3
3. Bels have a choice
4. “Things of the Spirit” – later called “righteousness”

Romans 8:6

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

1. “Carnally minded” – is “living according to the flesh” (*sarx*)
2. “Death” – not physical or sp death, but operational death
3. “Life” – opposite of op death; enhanced life of John 10:10
4. “Peace” – “state of harmony” – “Fruit of the Spirit”

Romans 8:7

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

1. “Carnal mind” – “mind set on the flesh” – “hostile to God”
2. Why? Sin nature is not submissive to God. (Rebellion!)
3. “*hupotasso*” in the passive voice
4. Supporting passage, Gal 5:16-17

Romans 8:8

So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

1. “*en sarki*” opposite of “in Christ”
2. The unbel cannot please God (one option, sin nature)
3. The bel living according to the sin nature act like unbels
4. Bel in operational death is unproductive (Gal 5:16-23)

Romans 8:9

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

1. Paul reminds his readers, “y’all are believers”
2. Implies ... “y’all are living like unbelievers”
3. “Spirit of God” and “Spirit of Christ” are synonymous
4. The indwelling of GHS is proof of the bel’s status

Romans 8:10

And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

1. “Christ in you” = “in the Spirit” (indwelling)
2. Paul uses a 1st CC plus a *men ... de* construction
3. “If Christ in you” ... two opposite results ...
4. “Body” = flesh, sin nature, and “dead” = no sp production
5. “Life” = exp sanc and “righteousness” = exp righteousness

Romans 8:11

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

1. V. 11 builds on v. 10 (*de*, “moreover”)
2. 1st CC (“If indwelling of Christ, then ... life”)
3. “Life” = exp sanc (enhanced life) because of GHS
4. This is not resurrected life and glorification

Romans 8:12

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors-- not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

1. “Therefore,” conclusion to conditional sentences (vv. 10-11)
2. Refers back to chap 6 and 7
3. “Brethren,” no longer debtors, slaves to sin nature
4. 1 Cor 6:20; 2 Cor 5:14-15; Eph 1:14

Romans 8:13

For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

1. Two 1st CC explain why not live according to the flesh
2. “Y’all will certainly die” = operational death
3. “If by the Spirit y’all put ... body” = life from sin nature
4. “Y’all will live” = exp sanc, enhanced life of John 10:10

Romans 8:14

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

1. “Sons of God” are “led by the Spirit”
2. “Led” = walking/living by GHS; “spiritually minded”
3. “Sons” here refers to a special category of believers
4. In v. 14, “children” is the general term for believers

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

1. Refers back to 6:1-11, “no longer slaves of sin”
2. “spirit” refers to disposition, status, character
3. “Adoption” better translated “sonship”
4. “Abba Father” intimate address by a “son”

Romans 8:16

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

1. GHS supports the prayer in v. 15
2. Intensive use of *autos*, “Himself,” a member of the Godhead
3. GHS interacting with the believer’s human spirit (Rom 8:27)
4. All “children” can pray, only “sons” are led

Romans 8:17

and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

1. “Children” (general term) = “heirs, “heirs of God”
2. *Additionally* “Joint heirs with Christ” if we endure with Him
3. The “*men ... de*” construction = contrast or a distinction
4. “If indeed” adds an element of doubt “if we will endure”
5. Successful exp sanc = glorification “with” *Christ*

That's All Folks!

The Three Stages of Sanctification

**PHASE
ONE**

Justification

**PHASE
TWO**

**Spiritual
Life**

**PHASE
THREE**

Glorification

**Positional
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Penalty of Sin**

**Experiential
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Power of Sin**

**Ultimate
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Presence of Sin**

