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In Romans we are now going to discuss a central truth of the human need: Paul's teaching of/on the "Realm of The Spirit" is a direct reflection upon why our God became flesh and why God restored humanity in the man Jesus Christ. The questions we must ask are:

1. What is the result of our involvement in sin and what is our need so that we might be restored?
2. Why did God in Jesus need to die?
3. Why did he ascend and send to us his Spirit?
4. What is the nature of a reconciled person? How are we different before and after receiving Christ through his Spirit. What is a person "in Christ"?

This comes clearly into focus in Romans the eighth chapter:

## A. Romans 8:1-8

- a. God "has done" what could never be accomplished by mere flesh
- b. While we were all sinners God "atoned"/died for us.
- c. This had a twofold result (1) it condemned "sin in the flesh" and (2) created a humanity that could fulfill the "righteous requirements of the Law." "in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit?" (**Rom 8:4 ESV**)

## B. Romans 8:9-14

- a. There are two distinct and differing manners of living created by the act of God (Jesus' death, resurrection, ascending, and sending to human beings God's Spirit).
- b. Life "in Christ" is life lived in the indwelling Spirit
- c. The true person "in Christ" is being governed "by a mind set on the Spirit"
- d. The Spirit determines authentic people of God
- e. The central issue is the Mind and what is leading or directing it!

**Romans 1:28** *Since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. Romans 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper. Romans 7:22 I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? 7:25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.*

**1 Corinthians 2:16** *"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.*

Now let us read: Romans 8:26-30