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⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.
Eph. 2:8-9

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.
Rom. 5:8-9

¹¹ And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed.
Rom.13:11

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in
the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,
2 Peter 1:2

I pointed out how Peter's prayer was that grace and peace would be multiplied through the knowledge of God (The Father) and of Jesus our Lord. Their faith brought (Justification, Phase 1 Salvation), but grace and peace involves the intake of God's Word (Phase 2 Salvation) focused on GTF and GTS. The deeper the knowledge of God and of Jesus, the more grace and peace are multiplied.

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11

God's word/Bible doctrine protects you against sin

³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

God's divine power has adequately endowed believers with all things related to life and godliness. Believers have everything they could possibly need to live a godly life.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Rom 1:16

17 For in it the **righteousness** of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

Rom 1:17

A δικαιοσύνη that God provides for people on the basis of faith in the gospel of Christ. It also gives us a provision: The just will live by faith

¹*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are **in Christ Jesus**, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

No condemnation (Gr. **κατάκριμα**) refers to slavery to sin. It is the freedom from the power of sin in the life of the believer. How is this possible? Because the believer is **IN Christ Jesus**. As such, the believer is free from the enslaving power to sin.

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The **process of living**, or the manner in which one **behaves, occupied with**

om. 8:1

Being in Christ Jesus is absolutely essential to victory over sin but, by itself, it is not enough. The second step to victory is how the believer *walks*. He must not walk in relation to the flesh but in relation to the Spirit.

² For the **law of the Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Paul has been talking about the law of Moses. Here he introduces a new law – the **law of the Spirit of life**. This new law, can set you free from ... sin and death (8:2).

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.

Rom. 8:4

The righteous action of the Law can be fulfilled by him as he walks in relation to the Spirit.

The very thing Paul found himself unable to do (7:15-25) has now become possible for him by means of God **the Holy Spirit** since he has been united with Christ in His death (6:5). **The righteous action of the Law can be fulfilled** by him as he walks **in relation to the Spirit**.

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.

Rom. 8:5

The behavior of believers follows their mindset. A change of attitude results from welcoming God's Word. That new attitude in turn results in a change of behavior (Col. 3:2).

² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Col. 3:2

Paul wants us to understand that our minds will determine our well-being. The only source for stability is **on the thing above, not the things here on earth. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. That is, concentrate on the eternal, not the temporal.** The Christian life is centered in one's mindset.

² And do not be conformed to this world,
but be **transformed** by the renewing of your
mind, that you may prove what is that good
and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Rom 12:2

Present tense – ongoing action. So we are to be continuously transformed.

Passive voice – means that the action of the verb is done to the subject.

Imperative mood – mood of command

Transformation is God's work not ours. This is something that will happen to you as a result of renewing your mind. We study, He transforms us.

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

Rom. 8:6

A literal rendering: “***the flesh’s mind-set – death!*** ***But the Spirit’s mind-set – life and peace!***” One belongs to the sphere of, and results in, death. The other belongs to a contrasting sphere with contrasting results, life and peace.

3 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men? 4 For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I *am* of Apollos,” are you not carnal?

1 Cor 3:1

πνευματικός pneumatikos- spiritual

σάρκινος sarkinos- carnal

νήπιος nēpios infant; child

They were like babes in Christ. They couldn't eat the solid food. Instead they could only handle milk.

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil

Heb 5:12-14

Anyone who lives on milk is inexperienced (5:13). To be mature, you need solid food. Only in this way will your senses be trained to distinguish between good and evil so that you can live from a heavenly, rather than, an earthly perspective (5:14). This, in fact, is why God allows trials in our lives.

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

Rom. 8:6

To be carnally minded is to be mentally inclined to the things of the flesh (v.5). It is death as far as one's present enjoyment in life. This results in emptiness, depression, and spiritual impoverishment. It also has the potential of physical death if carried out to full-term (James 1:14-15)

14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

James 1:14-15

⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:8

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Romans 8:9

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.

Rom. 8:5

9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Rom. 8:9

The mind set on the flesh is death: For the believer, if we “set our minds on the flesh,” our fellowship with God is interrupted. We separate ourselves from the power of the indwelling ministry of God the Holy Spirit, and we are on our own, operating from the flesh. We do not lose our relationship with God, just our fellowship, which is nonetheless a great loss. What we lose is **life and peace**, because **the mind set on the Spirit is** “life and peace.” But when believers “set their minds on the things of the flesh,” they cease to experience the presence/empowerment of God in their lives.

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

Rom. 8:11

GHS will give life [empowerment] to your mortal bodies through the [indwelling] Spirit. *The GHS empowers the body in all of its weakness. By the power of the Holy Spirit the believer can begin to experience this resurrection-life now.*

Conclusion

1. Your walk/behavior is determined by your mind set
2. Whatever you set your mind on will result in either:
 - death – emptiness, depression, and spiritual impoverishment with potential for early death
 - life and peace – inward stability, tranquility