

Carnality Vs Spiritual

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Romans 8: 1-11

8 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

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

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For 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.

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

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

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But 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.

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

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

65-0418E - Does God Ever Change His Mind About His Word?

73 Now, in this, and you people out in the—on the telephones, I want to first say that I—I do not wish to be critical, and I hope I'm not. But, the Message that's been given to me, I must be faithful to that Message, or I'll be a hypocrite. See? I—I can't say no more than what I am sent to say.

And I—I am thinking that the great enemy of the Christian society today is the organized churches. I do believe with all my heart that it'll finally form into the mark of the beast, which I can, think I can prove that by the Bible with God's help. I have already done it. That, it will form into the mark of the beast, in the federation of the churches. Because, God never did, at any time, ever recognize a ordained church, organized church, never. He never did do it. And every time that man made an organization, the

Spirit of God left it and never did return again. Ask any historian, or you may be a reader yourself. Never! When they organized,

God laid it on the shelf, and that's where it went; it stayed, from then on. They grewed in members, but never a wakening of the Spirit; never, no more.

74 Moab, here, is a type of such, because they were a—a organized nation; in their own land, like in their denomination. And there had their own religions, and their religion was the same religion that Israel had. They were Moabites and believed in Jehovah God, but they was an organized group of people.

75 And, now, as they represent the natural church, Israel represents the spiritual church in its journey. Now, Israel was not an organized nation. As long as they followed God, they were independent. They come up, sojourners, no place to go. Wherever the Pillar of Fire went, they went with It.

They were not a organized nation. They had a organism among them, because circumcision gave them that under the commandment by God, but never an organized nation at this time. When they finally become an organized nation, that's where they fell and rejected their Messiah.

76 And now we find, always, that when these natural and spiritual, spirits of churches and organizations, meet, there is

always a clash. It's never failed to be so. It always clashes. Because, we find that in there is a jealousy. And there, in this jealousy, it causes carnal comparisons, impersonations.

And we find it in today, as it was then. When God does something for an individual, everybody tries to copy just like God did for that person. See, it causes a competition, and it makes carnality.

And then if they cannot, the other side, get the spiritual results, then they take it by a political power, or they substitute something, to upset the people's minds, to draw disciples after themselves.

77 That's exactly what took place at the very beginning; as Cain and Abel, both boys here on earth. And when Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, and God vindicated Abel, by coming down and receiving his sacrifice; it caused jealousy with Cain, because he was jealous of his brother, and slew his brother.

78 It started at the beginning, that when the natural and the spiritual, yet Cain and Abel worshipped the same God. They both built the same kind of altars. And they both worshipped the same God, at the same church, same altar.

But Cain, by carnal reasoning, brought in the fruits of the land and laid them upon the altar as a sacrifice, thinking that surely that this would answer to God for an atonement.

So he must have brought in, as people think today, “apples that Adam and Eve took, that caused the sin.” And, whatever, I think now they got it down to a “pomegranate” or something now. Some of them said, not long ago, it was something else.

79 And, but Abel had the right sacrifice. He knowed that it was blood that did it, so he brought a lamb. And when God received his, now, Abel, by faith, by revelation, no other way. There was no Bible written.

So, you see, the beginning of righteousness is God’s revealed Truth, and the entire Church of the living God is built upon that.

55-0224 - Water From The Rock

103 That’s what’s the matter with the church tonight, it ain’t got no leaves for the healing of the nations. It’s sticking and out of

water, become thorns, sticking one another, because you don’t belong to a certain organization; stickery. Pour on the Water, that’s what you need: the Holy Spirit.

104 Grumbling, carnality; cut off their water supply. Would you imagine a people that left the muddy waters of Egypt to drink from the spiritual Rock, and was still complaining?

Could you imagine leaving the flesh-pots and garlic in Egypt, to eat Angel's food, and was still complaining? Could you imagine that?

105 Leaving the boasting physicians of Egypt, saying, "The days of miracles is past. There's no such a thing as miracles anymore." And then go out to be with the people who believe in the signs following, with a sign of a King in the camp, and great wonders and sign;

a Pillar of Fire hanging over them, the blessings falling, spiritual manna out of Heaven, and still grumbling; insult to their Maker. Right.

106 Oh, what a time. God's still in His mercy, still merciful. Said, "Moses, go out and speak to the rock and bring them some water. They have forgot all the miracles that happened last month. They forgot how I opened up the Red Sea."

55-0731 - The Uncertain Sound

163 "They shall speak with new tongues." I don't mean the uncertain sound now. They speak with knowledge, with revelation. They had the real gift of speaking in tongues.

There is something takes place when they do. That's no uncertain sound. That's no sound of unbelief, not at all. If it's a lot of carrying on, like we see a lot of times, that's unbelief. But

when you speak with Words, with interpretation, with revelation, hallelujah, that's the Gospel bell tolling. It's no uncertain sound.

164 "If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." That's no uncertain sound.

165 You dear people, belong to church of Christ, back there, you say, "That's of the devil." It is? Then the Bible is of the devil. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit once—Ed.] See?

166 The Bible said, "They'll lay hands on the sick, they shall recover. I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the world." No uncertain sound.

167 Be careful, you hear a lot of church theology. It's uncertain sounds. It don't co-with the Bible. Paul said, "If the—if the trumpet don't give a certain sound, how can we know who is to prepare for battle?" Yes, sir. Oh, my!

168 Jesus said, "These things that I do shall you do also, even greater, for I go unto My Father." No uncertain sound; not a thing.

169 Peter said, on the Day of Pentecost, in Acts 2:38, "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." That's no uncertain sound.

170 There wasn't a place in the Bible, anywhere, from Genesis to Revelations, where God ever "sprinkled" a person. That's an uncertain sound. There never was a place where anybody was baptized any other way than in the Name of Jesus Christ. Anything contrary is an uncertain sound.

171 Read the Bible. That's what the Gospel is made out of. This is the Seed. The Seed will bear Its fruit. Whew! Kind of warm, isn't it? But it's good.

172 The kind of Fire we need is "Holy Ghost and Fire," to burn carnality and church-anity out of us, to get us back to sons and daughters of God; where this mental theology and what you learn in the seminary out here, and so forth, will pass away, and God can get into your heart. That's what counts.

56-1125E - A Blushing Prophet

37 And all of our joining church and getting a better class, has come to nonsense, and it did in that day and it will this. Bring us back to God, not with an injection of education,

not with an injection of religious reformation, not in the injection of some kind of man-made theology. But an old-fashion baptism of the Holy Ghost sent down from God, out of Heaven, in a pentecostal experience of burning out the carnality.

And replacing in there the jewel that God intended to be in there, of a son and daughter of God. Till we do that, brothers

and sisters, we will still have bobbed-haired, make-up, on sexy-looking women; and men drinking, smoking, and calling themselves Christians; because they don't know no better.

In their heart, that very root of carnality lays there, and we need a church cleaning-up, from the basement to the pulpit. Amen. And that's right.

57-0115 - God Keeps His Word

186 Now, not like in some of our modern meetings, a bunch of carrying on, where there was no, nothing could be understood; but they heard them in their own language wherein they were

born. Notice, every man in his own language wherein he was born, they were listening. They said, "Isn't this marvelous?" See?

187 And other mocked and said, "Hah! Look at them. They're just so drunk; they don't even know what they're doing." They were reeling and staggering like drunk men under the mighty impact of the mighty God. The great unction, which means in

the Greek word "dynamite," was in their soul that had blowed out the roots of carnality, and the Holy Spirit had settled in their heart. There they was. And others begin mocking.

2 Corinthians 10:1-7

1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:

2 But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? if any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

60-0723 - Speak To The Rock And It Shall Give Forth His Water

26 Carnality had cut off their spiritual supply. Carnality had cut off all their joy, all... They begin murmuring and fussing; they took them off in the desert. If anything I hate is a desert. It's hot;

there's nobody hardly can live there, and everything you get against in the desert's got stickers on it. Every kind of little old vine's got stickers on it. You know why? It's because there's no water there. Now, if that same little plant grewed up in my country, or up in a country that's got rain on it, that little plant would not be a sticker.

That little sticker would unfold, and it would be a nice tender leaf when it comes into a watered place. That's what's the matter with the churches, the reason they fuss, and quarrel, and stew, and so-called Christians, because they've been bypassed from the land of blessing, from the fountain that never runs dry, from the Rock in the weary land.

And they have become dry and carnal. They want to stick and say, "The days of miracles is past. That's a bunch of holy-rollers. No such a thing as that." Oh, just let them come to the water one time. They just unfold and get tender and sweet, and kind and humble. Something takes place when you put him in water. I don't know why, but it happens that way. Oh, carnality had cut them off.

JUDGMENT

Revelation 3:3, “Remember therefore how thou has received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” I want to read another translation (Wuest) of this verse, “Be remembering, therefore, in what way you have received (the truth as a permanent deposit) and what way you heard (it) and be safeguarding (it), and have a change of mind at once.” It is very evident from this verse that God had given them truth as a permanent deposit.

It was received and is irrevocably theirs. It now remains to be seen what they will do with it, whether they will regard it or not. And that is true. They had been given the basic truth of the whole Gospel, “The just shall live by faith,” “Salvation is of the Lord.” They had heard the truth of the Bible which cast down the doctrines of Rome and set at naught all papal authority.

They knew the truth that the church does not save. They understood the Lord’s supper. They had light on water baptism. They put out the images. Truth? Why there never was an age with any more men with so much light to shed. They had enough illumination to completely overhaul the old system or start out fresh and let God lead them, line upon line and precept upon precept.

They received the truth. They wanted it and heard it. But the question was, how did they hear it? Did they hear it to build

upon or was it with the same attitude that many Greeks had — something to discuss and theorize over? Evidently the rich Word of truth was being heard in an academic manner, rather than for practical outworking, for God was demanding a change of mind concerning it.

If this is the Word of God which indeed it is, then it must be obeyed. Failure to obey would bring judgment. When the guards of the sacred temple were found sleeping, they were beaten and their garments burned. What shall the Lord do to those who in this age have relaxed their guard? “I will come on thee as a thief.”

Ancient Sardis was constantly harassed by bandits that swooped down from the hills and pillaged the people. Thus they knew only too well what the Spirit was saying in that the coming of the Lord is as a thief. Vigilance and preparation alone will suffice to be ready for His coming. Now we know that this is a message for the false vine, for the coming of the Lord will be as it was in the days of Noah.

The eight saved were well aware of the impending flood, and being aware were prepared and saved. But the world of the ungodly was swept away. Though they daily were in contact with the righteous and heard the truth, they turned it aside until it was too late.

Those completely carnal people in that ancient period type out today the nominal Christians whose lives are full of earthly things, and take pleasure in them to such an extent that they have no desire for the Spiritual, and are not at all aware of, nor readied for His appearing.

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 7 - The Sardisean Church Age

Revelation 2:13, "I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast My Name, and hast not denied My faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth."

"I know thy works." These are the identical words uttered to each of the seven messengers relative to the people of God in each age. As they are spoken to the two vines (true and false) they will bring joy and gladness to the hearts of one group, but they ought to strike terror in the hearts of the other. For though we are saved by grace, apart from works, true salvation will bring forth works, or deeds that will please God.

I John 3:7, "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that DOETH (worketh) righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous." If this verse means anything at all, it means that what a man DOES he IS. James 3:11, "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" Romans 6:2, "How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"

Matthew 12:33-35, “Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.” Now if a man is born of the Word (“being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever,” I Peter 1:23), he will produce the Word.

The fruit or works of his life will be a product of the kind of seed or life that is in him. His works, therefore will be Scriptural. Oh, what an indictment this truth is going to be against the Pergamean Age. There stands that Matchless One, and in His hand the sharp sword with the two edges, the Word of God. And that Word will judge us in the last day.

In fact the Word is judging even now, for it is the discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. It cuts asunder the carnal from the spiritual. It makes us living epistles read and known of all men to the glory of God. “I know thy works.” If a man fears that he might not please God, then let him fulfill the Word. If a man wonders if he will hear those words,

“Well done, good and faithful servant,” let him fulfill the Word of God in his life, and assuredly he will hear those words of praise.

The Word of truth was the criterion then; it is the criterion now. There isn't another standard; there isn't another plumb line. As the world is going to be judged by one Christ Jesus, even so it is going to be judged by the Word.

If a man wants to know how he is making out, let him do as James suggested: "Look into the mirror of God's Word." "I know thy works." As He stood there with the Word, examining their lives in the light of the blue print He had laid out for them, He must have been pleased in a goodly measure, for they, like the others who had gone on before, were enduring the persecution of the unjust and still joyfully cleaving unto the Lord.

Difficult though it was at times to serve the Lord, yet they served Him and worshipped Him in Spirit and in truth. But with the false vine it was not so. Alas, they had repudiated the life that is built upon the Word and were now going further and further away from the truth. Their actions bore witness to the depths to which they had sunk.

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 5 - The Pergamean Church Age

1 Cor 2:13-16

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.

65-0427 - Does God Change His Mind?

33 Not to be different, but, you see, the question was, “Who does man say I am?”

34 And Peter said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

35 He said, “Blessed art thou, Simon, son of Jonas, flesh and blood never revealed this to you. You never learned this by going to a seminary. See, you never learned this by some man-made affair. But My Father, which is in Heaven, has revealed this to you. See? Upon this rock I’ll build My Church, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against It,” the spiritual revelation of Jesus Christ, Who is the Word. Then it would be the spiritual revealed Truth of the Word, is exactly where the Church rests.

36 I think that’s what Abel had at the beginning, a spiritual revelation that it wasn’t the fruit of the field or the works of our

hands, or so forth. It was blood. And he offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than—than Cain did.

37 We find in Abraham and Lot, the same thing, in a choice, because Lot went down, when the time come, when the spiritual and the—and the natural church come in a clash, because of the herdsmen. They had to separate one for another. And whenever this does, it sets up a jealousy.

38 We find out that Abel, because God had received him, and He did not receive Cain's beautiful big offering, he had toiled so hard for. And was religious, and bowed down and worshipped, and so forth, done everything that Abel did, only he didn't have the revelation of what was the truth. So we find out, that when God accepted Abel's revelation and his offering, it made Cain get jealous of Abel. And there was the first murder.

39 We find out that jealousy become between the herdsmen of Abraham and Lot, and they had to separate. We find out that Moses and Korah had a clash, also. Jesus and Judas had a clash.

40 And as ever, it's been the same thing, and so is it today, the natural church and the spiritual church has a clash when they come together. Now, the natural tries to match the spiritual, always with a carnal impersonation. But, as it was with Esau and Jacob, it will not work.

41 God has His Church called, named, set aside. And in the age that She lives in, He'll reveal Himself to Her, each and every time, just as He said in Romans the 8th chapter, **that the foreknowledge or predestination of God might stand sure.** Cain, or I mean...

42 Esau and Jacob, before either boy was born, before they even had a chance to make a choice, God said, "**I hate Esau and love Jacob,**" for He knew what was in them, from the beginning. And we know...

43 Keep that in mind, He knows what's in your heart. He knows what you mean. No matter what we say, He knows what you mean.

44 And it's always caused trouble. And they, the...always, the natural always tries, since Cain destroyed Abel, the natural has always tried to destroy the effects of the spiritual. We find it the same thing today, the very same thing today. It proves that it comes from Satan, because it's jealousy and impersonation of Truth.

45 So, we really believe that God never changes His mind about what He said. He always keeps It true.

46 But He has a permissive will. Now, there, where the trouble lays. We try to work on God's permissive will, and He will permit it. But also if we take His permissive will, though it's not right,

He will make His permissive will to work out, together, to glorify His perfect will.

1 Corinthians 3

3 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

65-0418E - Does God Ever Change His Mind About His Word?

88 See, there was a clash. When the carnal and the spiritual meets, there is always a clash. When Judas and Jesus met,

there was a clash; One, the Son of God; the other one, the son of Satan. Just like Cain and Abel, there was a clash when they met.

One of them was the treasurer of the church, and the other One a pastor. And as now, we come in this day, to the same thing again. The carnal denomination to the spiritual Bride of Christ. The spiritual Bride of Christ is so much different from the carnal organizations, till there's no comparison in them at all.

89 Now notice, the natural always tries to type the spiritual. But, as in Jacob and Esau, it will not work. It would not. Now, when it come to doing good works, I—I believe that Esau actually was a better man than Jacob, in the sight of man. He tried to take care of his daddy; he was blind, a prophet.

And all these things that he tried to do, but yet Esau didn't think about that being just carnal work. He thought he could get in by what he done, do something good for somebody, which was all right. But Jacob, his whole soul was to get that birthright, and that's what God recognized in him spiritual.

90 Notice, and it's always caused the natural to hate the spiritual. It caused Cain to hate Abel. It caused Korah to hate Moses. It caused Judas to hate Jesus. And on and on it goes. It causes the natural to hate the spiritual, just as Cain at the beginning hated Abel, the one that God received the sacrifice from, and tries to destroy them.

Even they try to destroy the influence. They try to destroy everything, because it's nothing but jealousy. It started in Cain and proved that it was jealousy, and it's still the same thing today when the natural (the carnal) and the spiritual meet together. It proves it's Satan, no other way, because jealousy comes from Satan.

And then causes an impersonation of the Truth, somebody to try to impersonate something that isn't, they are not ordained to do. How much of that have we seen in this last days! Oh, my, how much of it!

91 So we see God does for-...not forever change His mind about His original Word. But, who He calls, that's who He ordains. No one else can take that place. No one could take Moses' place. No matter how many Korah's raised up, and how many Dathan's; it was Moses, God had called, regardless.

92 But, and if the people won't walk in His perfect will, He does have a permissive will He'll let you walk in. Notice, He permits it, all right, but He will make it work out for His glory, in His perfect will. Now if you'd like...

65-0218 - The Seed Is Not Heir With The Shuck

61 Neither can the spiritual be...the natural be heir with the spiritual. No more can Ishmael's children be heir with the—with

the Isaac's children, and no more than the carnal can be heir with the spiritual.

62 Church natural; Church spiritual. There is a church natural that these women here type; and there's a Church spiritual, also. So, the natural church and the spiritual Church cannot be heirs together. They are two different, separate times; two different, separate peoples; under two different, separate covenants.

63 That's why the Rapture is different, and will only be for the royal Seed of Abraham. It cannot come by the natural, carnal seed of the church. It'll have to be the royal Seed of the Word of God, through Abraham, the royal Seed. That's why the Rapture has to be first. Cause, remember,

“We which are alive and remain shall not hinder, prevent those which are asleep. For the trumpet of God shall sound, the dead in Christ shall rise first. We which are alive and remain shall be caught up with them, together, and meet the Lord in the air.”

Notice, and again it's written, “And the rest of the dead lived not, for a thousand years.”

64 Therefore, there, they will not be heirs together. They'll not be in the Rapture together. There is absolutely a church natural, and Church spiritual; a church carnal, a Church spiritual. Then, see, here is no...

65 There is no Judgment to the royal, spiritual, predestinated Seed of Abraham, for they are predestinated to Eternal Life. They have accepted God's provided Sacrifice; and that Sacrifice, which was Christ, the Word.

Hebrews 7:16

16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

65-0206 - Doors In Door

189 But there is a segregation, the Bride of Christ is segregated from the rest of the churches, and that's exactly right: church natural, and the Church spiritual; church carnal, the Church the Word. It always has been. "Jesus came to His own, His own received Him not; but as many as received Him!"

Let Us Pray,