The Three Minds Of Man

ROMANS 8:6 - "FOR TO BE CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH; BUT TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED IS LIFE AND PEACE."

I. THE CARNAL MIND

The very essence of a carnal mind is that of the flesh.

To be carnal minded means one is fleshly minded, and, therefore means one caters to the desires of the flesh.

* "The carnal (or fleshly) mind is death."

There is absolutely <u>nothing in it that is</u> <u>pleasing to God</u>! (see also Rom. 8:7; Ps.94:1; Prov.15:26; Rom. 1:28).

NOTE: HE THAT SOWS TO THIS FLESHLY MIND SHALL REAP CORRUPTION, THE

PROOF OF DEATH. (see Pro. 23:7)

Notice: The carnal mind is not death in a passive sense - for it is even worse than that – ...

...**it is "enmity against God,"** and so very bitter that IT (the carnal mind) cannot possibly be subject to the law of God (v.7)

* A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit (see also Titus 1:15)

REMEMBER: THE ONLY CURE FOR A CARNAL MIND IS CRUCIFIXION.

II. THE SPIRITUAL MIND

"To be spiritually minded is life and peace."

* It is the evidence of a great change. Life and peace are the results of this new spiritcreation.

NOTE: THE SPIRITUAL MIND IS A MIND

ILLUMINATED BY THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH,

ENJOYING THE LOVE OF GOD, AND SEEKING THE CARRYING OUT OF HIS PURPOSES. (see Rom. 6:11-13).

YOU are alive to God and His will, and thus your physical members are yielded to Him as instruments of righteousness.

REMEMBER - IT IS THE GOOD TREE THAT CANNOT BRING FORTH EVIL FRUIT (Matt. 7:18)

III. THE MIND OF CHRIST

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5)

NOTE: TO BE A CHRISTIAN MEANS LITERALLY TO BE LIKE CHRIST. THEREFORE, WE MUST STRIVE TO HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.

HIS MIND WAS:

1. <u>A LOWLY MIND</u> (MAT. 11:29; JOHN 13:4,5).

2. <u>A PURE MIND</u> (LUKE 22:61; I PETER 2:22).

3. <u>A STRONG MIND</u> (HEBREWS 12:3; MAT. 4:10).

4. **A FRUITFUL MIND** (MATTHEW 4:7; JOHN 8:29; I PETER 2:23).

5. **AN UNSELFISH MIND** (ROM. 15:8; JN. 11:35; I PT. 2:23).

6. **A PRAYERFUL MIND** (LUKE 6:12; JOHN 17).

7. **A LOVING MIND** (LUKE 23:34; EPHESIANS 5:2).

LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU!