

New Testament

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ROMANS

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Greek Exegesis

**Lesson 30**  
**Romans 8:5-11**

## VERSE 5

οἱ γὰρ κατὰ σάρκα ὄντες τὰ τῆς σαρκὸς  
the ones for according to flesh being the things the of flesh

φρονοῦσιν· οἱ δὲ κατὰ πνεῦμα τὰ τοῦ πνεύματος.  
are minding; the ones and according to spirit the things the of spirit.

## VERSE 6

τὸ γὰρ φρόνημα τῆς σαρκὸς θάνατος· τὸ δὲ φρόνημα τοῦ  
the for mind the of flesh death; the and mind the

πνεύματος ζωὴ καὶ εἰρήνη·  
of spirit life and peace;

## VERSE 7

διότι τὸ φρόνημα τῆς σαρκὸς ἔχθρα εἰς Θεόν, τῷ  
on account of that the mind the of flesh hostile toward God, the

γὰρ νόμῳ τοῦ Θεοῦ οὐχ ὑποτάσσεται, οὐδὲ γὰρ δύναται·  
for to law the of God not is being submissive, neither for is it able;

## VERSE 8

οἱ δὲ ἐν σαρκὶ ὄντες Θεῷ ἀρέσαι οὐ δύνανται.  
the ones and in flesh being God to please not are able.

## VERSE 9

ὕμεις δὲ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἐν σαρκί, ἀλλ' (ἀλλὰ) ἐν πνεύματι,  
yourselves and not you are in flesh, but (but) in spirit,

εἴπερ Πνεῦμα Θεοῦ οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν. εἰ δέ τις Πνεῦμα  
if indeed Spirit of God is dwelling in you. if and anyone Spirit

Χριστοῦ οὐκ ἔχει, οὗτος οὐκ ἔστιν αὐτοῦ.  
of Christ not is having, this one not is of Him.

## VERSE 10

εἰ δὲ Χριστὸς ἐν ὑμῖν, τὸ μὲν σῶμα νεκρὸν  
if and Christ in you, the on the one hand body dead

διὰ ἁμαρτίαν, τὸ δὲ πνεῦμα ζωὴ διὰ  
on account of sin, the and on the other hand spirit life on account of

δικαιοσύνην.  
righteousness.



## VERSE 11

εἰ δὲ τὸ Πνεῦμα τοῦ ἐγείραντος (τὸν) Ἰησοῦν ἐκ  
if and the Spirit of the One having raised (the) Jesus out of

νεκρῶν οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν, ὁ ἐγείρας [τὸν] Χριστὸν ἐκ  
dead is dwelling in you, the One having raised [the] Christ out of

νεκρῶν ζωοποιήσει καὶ τὰ θνητὰ σώματα ὑμῶν, διὰ τοῦ  
dead will make alive also the mortal bodies of you, through the

ἐνοικοῦντος αὐτοῦ Πνεύματος ἐν ὑμῖν.  
in-dwelling of Him Spirit in you.

**I The Introduction Romans 1:1-17**

**II The Doctrine of the Christian Faith Romans 1:18 - 11:36**

Romans 1:18 - 3:20

The Indictment: The Doctrine of Condemnation

Romans 3:21 - 5:21

The Imputation: The Doctrine of Justification

Romans 6:1 - 8:39

The Impartation: The Doctrine of Sanctification

## **Romans 6: The Power over Sin**

## **Romans 7: The Problem of the Flesh**

## **Romans 8: The Provision of the Spirit**

Romans 8:1-4      The Plan of Sanctification

Romans 8:5-11      The Procedure of Sanctification

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Romans 8:18-25      The Patience in Sanctification

Romans 8:26-30      The Provision of Sanctification

Romans 8:31-39      The Position in Sanctification

# The Four Spiritual Laws of the Believer

## Law One

**Romans 6:1 - 7:12    The Law of God**

**It's purpose: Not meant to produce life but to make sin known**

## Laws Two and Three

**Romans 7:13-25    The Law of Sin**

**The Law of the Mind**

## Law Four

**Romans 8:1-39    The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus**

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Diagrams

# Romans 8:1, page 970

## SUMMARY

Then now,

ἄρα νῦν



**there is not even one**

οὐδέν

↓  
**judgment against**

κατάκριμα



**= the ones in Christ Jesus,**

τοῖς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ,

**= [the ones not walking**

[μὴ περιπατοῦσιν

↓  
**according to flesh,**

κατὰ σάρκα

↓  
**but according to spirit]**

ἀλλὰ κατὰ πνεῦμα]



# Romans 8:2, page 972

## SUMMARY

For

γὰρ

the law

ὁ νόμος

of the Spirit

τοῦ πνεύματος

of the Life

τῆς ζωῆς

in Christ Jesus

ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ

freed me

ἠλευθέρωσε(ν) με

# Romans 8:2, page 974

## SUMMARY

↓  
**from the law**

ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου

↓  
**of the sin**

τῆς ἁμαρτίας

↓  
**and**

καὶ

↓  
**of the death.**

τοῦ θανάτου.





Line 2958:

(3199) ἵνα

Line 2959:

in order that

(3200) τὸ

the

Line 2960:

(3201) δικαίωμα

righteous requirement (3202) τοῦ

the

Line 2961:

(3203) νόμου

of law

Line 2962:

Line 2963:

(3204) πληρωθῆ

might be fulfilled

Line 2964:

(3205) ἐν (3206) ἡμῖν, =

in

us,

Line 2965:

(3207) τοῖς =

Line 2966:

the ones (3208) μὴ

not

Line 2967:

(3209) κατὰ (3210) σάρκα

according to

flesh

Line 2968:

(3211) περιπατοῦσιν,

walking,

Line 2969:

(3212) ἀλλὰ

but

Line 2970:

(3213) κατὰ (3214) πνεῦμα.

according to

Spirit.

Line 2971:

(3215) οἱ

Line 2972:

(3216) γὰρ

the ones

Line 2973:

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(3217) κατὰ

(3218) σάρκα

according to

flesh

Line 2974:

(3219) ὄντες

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(3220) τὰ

the things

Line 2976:

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Line 2977:

(3222) σαρκὸς

of flesh

Line 2978:

(3223) φρονούσιν·

Line 2979:

are minding;

(3224) οἱ

the ones

Line 2980:

(3225) δὲ

and

Line 2981:

(3226) κατὰ

(3227) πνεῦμα

according to

spirit

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the things

Line 2983:

(3229) τοῦ

the

Line 2984:

(3230) πνεύματος·

of spirit.

## The Old Testament Use of "Flesh"

**Bāsār is the primary Hebrew word for "flesh" in the Old Testament.**

**The word used in the Septuagint for bāsār is SARX (σάρξ).**

**Bāsār is used 140 times to denote man as a whole - the human being.**

**The hope of the Jews from the Old Testament  
was the resurrection of the physical body.**

## The New Testament Use of "Flesh"

**SARX (σάρξ) is the Greek word for "flesh" in the New Testament.**

**Used 150 times, 90 times by Paul.**

**SARX (σάρξ) primarily denoted the physical or human side of life in contrast to the spirit and spiritual side of life.**

## The New Testament Use of "Flesh"

The use of "flesh" to denote the physical or human side of life is important in understanding the theology of Christ from the New Testament.

### **John 1:14**

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

## The New Testament Use of "Flesh"

### **I Timothy 3:16**

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

### **John 6:51**

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

## The New Testament Use of "Flesh"

### **Romans 8:3**

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:

### **Colossians 1:21-22**

<sup>21</sup> And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

<sup>22</sup> In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:



## The New Testament Use of "Flesh"

### **I John 4:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

<sup>3</sup> And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

### **II John 1:7**

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

## Paul's Use of the Term "Flesh"

The word SARX (σάρξ) translated "flesh" in the New Testament is used 140 times - 90 times by Paul.

Paul's use of the word SARX (σάρξ) for "flesh" adds a more detailed understanding of "flesh" not known before him.

## Paul's Use of the Term "Flesh"

**Paul used the term "flesh" in two ways.**

**He used the normal use of the word to represent the human or physical side of life.**

**He also used the term to represent the spiritual aspect of the flesh - the fallen nature, the unregenerate dimension of humanity - which is the seat of sinful desires and passions.**

**So Paul used "flesh" to denote both the human element as well as the sin nature dwelling in the flesh.**

**Paul's use of "flesh" to denote the human or physical side of life.**

## **1) The Human Point of View**

### **Romans 4:1**

What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

### **I Corinthians 1:26**

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

### **II Corinthians 5:16**

Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

**1) The Human Point of View (continued)**

**II Corinthians 10:3**

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

**Ephesians 2:11**

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

**Colossians 2:1**

For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

**2) The Human Descent**

**Romans 1:3**

Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

**3) Human Relationship**

**Romans 9:3**

For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

**Romans 9:4-5**

<sup>4</sup> Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

<sup>5</sup> Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Paul also used the term "flesh" (σάρξ) to represent the spiritual aspect of the flesh - the unregenerate fallen sin nature which is the seat of sinful desires and passions - dwelling in the flesh.

### 1) The Former Condition of Believers

#### **Romans 7:5**

For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

#### **Ephesians 2:3**

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

## 2) The Present Condition of Believers

### **Romans 7:18**

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

### **Romans 7:25**

I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

### **Romans 13:14**

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.



### 2) **The Present Condition of Believers** (continued)

#### **Galatians 5:13**

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

### 3) **The Present Condition of Unbelievers**

#### **Galatians 5:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

<sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

<sup>21</sup> Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

**3) The Present Condition of Unbelievers (continued)**

**Romans 8:1-11**

**A) Romans 8:1**

Then now, there is not even one judgment against the ones in Christ Jesus, [the ones not walking according to flesh, but according to spirit].

**No judgment against the ones in Christ Jesus.**

**Description from 8:1 and 8:4 - the ones not walking according to flesh, but walking according to spirit.**

**3) The Present Condition of Unbelievers (continued)**

**Romans 8:1-11**

**B) Romans 8:5**

The ones being according to the flesh  
are minding the things  
of flesh.

**Contrasted with:**

The ones being according to spirit  
are minding the things  
of the spirit.

**3) The Present Condition of Unbelievers (continued)**

**Romans 8:1-11**

**C) Romans 8:6**

The mind of the flesh is death

**contrasted with:**

The mind of the spirit is life and peace

**3) The Present Condition of Unbelievers (continued)**

**Romans 8:1-11**

**D) Romans 8:7**

- The mind of the flesh is
- 1) hostile toward God
  - 2) is not submissive to the Law of God
  - 3) does not have the capacity to be submissive to the Law of God

**3) The Present Condition of Unbelievers (continued)**

**Romans 8:1-11**

**D) Romans 8:8**

The ones being in flesh  
are not able to please God.

**E) Romans 8:9**

You yourselves are not "in flesh" but "in spirit"

**conditional clauses**

- 1) if indeed the spirit of God is dwelling in you
- 2) and if anyone does not have the spirit of God this one is not of him

**3) The Present Condition of Unbelievers (continued)**

**Romans 8:1-11**

**F) Romans 8:10**

**conditional clause:**

And if Christ is "in you"

**two contrasting conditions exist**

1) on the one hand the body is dead on account of sin

2) on the other hand the spirit is life on account of righteousness

**3) The Present Condition of Unbelievers (continued)**

**Romans 8:1-11**

**G) Romans 8:11**

**conditional clause:**

And if the spirit who has raised Jesus from out of the dead "is dwelling in you"

**future promise**

the one who raised Christ from out of the dead will make alive also your mortal bodies through His indwelling spirit "in you"



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## CONCLUSION

Paul's use of the term "flesh" (σάρξ) in Romans 8:1-11 represents the unbeliever in his unregenerate sin nature that dwells in his flesh.

1) **Romans 8:5**

The ones being according to flesh

2) **Romans 8:6-7**

The mind of flesh is:

- death
- hostile toward God
- is not submissive to the Law of God
- does not have the capacity to be submissive to the Law of God

3) **Romans 8:8**

The ones being in flesh

4) **Romans 8:9**

Anyone does not have the Spirit of God

## CONCLUSION

Paul's use of the term "flesh" (σάρξ) in Romans 8:1-11 is in contrast to the believer who is presented as not being under the control of his sin nature that is dwelling in his flesh but rather under the control of the indwelling Spirit of God.

- 1) **Romans 8:1**  
The ones not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit
- 2) **Romans 8:5**  
The ones being according to spirit
- 3) **Romans 8:6**  
The mind of the spirit is life and peace
- 4) **Romans 8:9**  
You yourselves are not "in flesh" but "in spirit"  
**IF** the Spirit of God is dwelling "in you"

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