

A STUDY OF PAUL'S LETTER  
TO THE ROMANS  
CHAPTER 8  
SECTION 2  
5-17

Men to Men Ministries

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# Perspicuity

1. What is the Bible intended to be?
2. Is the Bible all we need to know about everything?
3. Is the Bible only about spiritual things?
4. Can we find salvation without the Bible?
5. Is the knowledge of the Bible enough to attain spirituality?
6. Can I know the Bible and have a fleshly mind?

YOU ARE A SPIRIT  
YOU HAVE A SOUL  
YOU LIVE IN A BODY

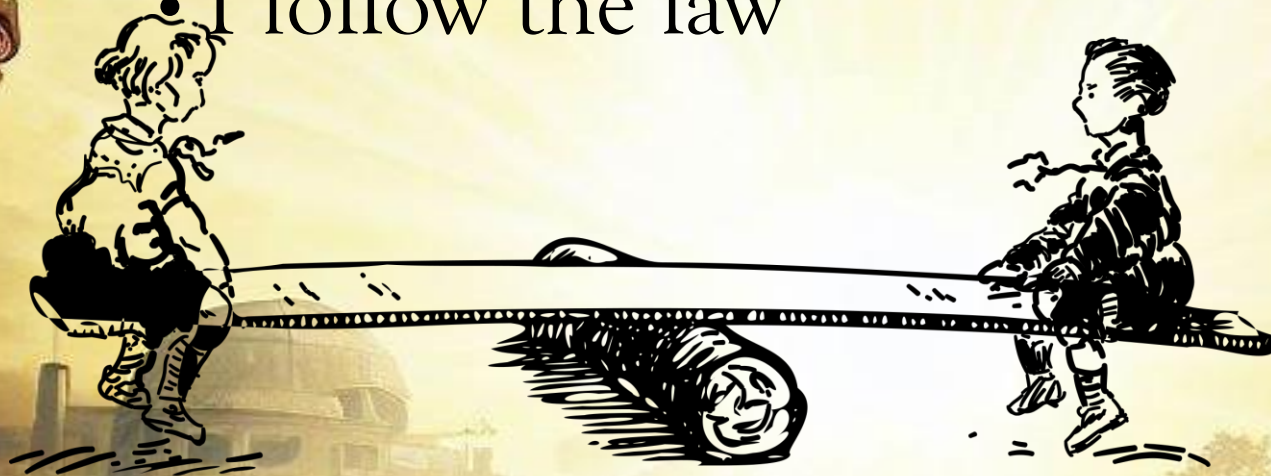
Where does the mind dwell?



# DECISIONS AND HOW WE MAKE THEM

- I make decisions as I see fit
  - *I am a free being*
  - *I have needs*
  - *I have my concept of the truth*

- I follow the law



# DECISIONS

- Decisions are an inevitable part of humanness
- My life Is the sum total of my personal and willful decisions.
- God has a plan for My life
- God wants us to make good decisions
- We all have made bad decisions, some have been very bad
- God is still our guide



# THE FOUNDATION OF ROMANS 8

- Freedom from Judgement 8:1-4
  - *No condemnation for those in Christ Jesus 8:1*
- Freedom from Defeat 8:5-17
  - *For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God 8:14*
- Freedom of Discouragement 8:18-30
  - *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed to us. 5:18*
- Freedom from Fear 8:31-39
  - *If God be for us, who can be against us. 5:32*

# ROMANS 8:5-17

5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. 10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

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Every decision we make,  
has an eternal effect.



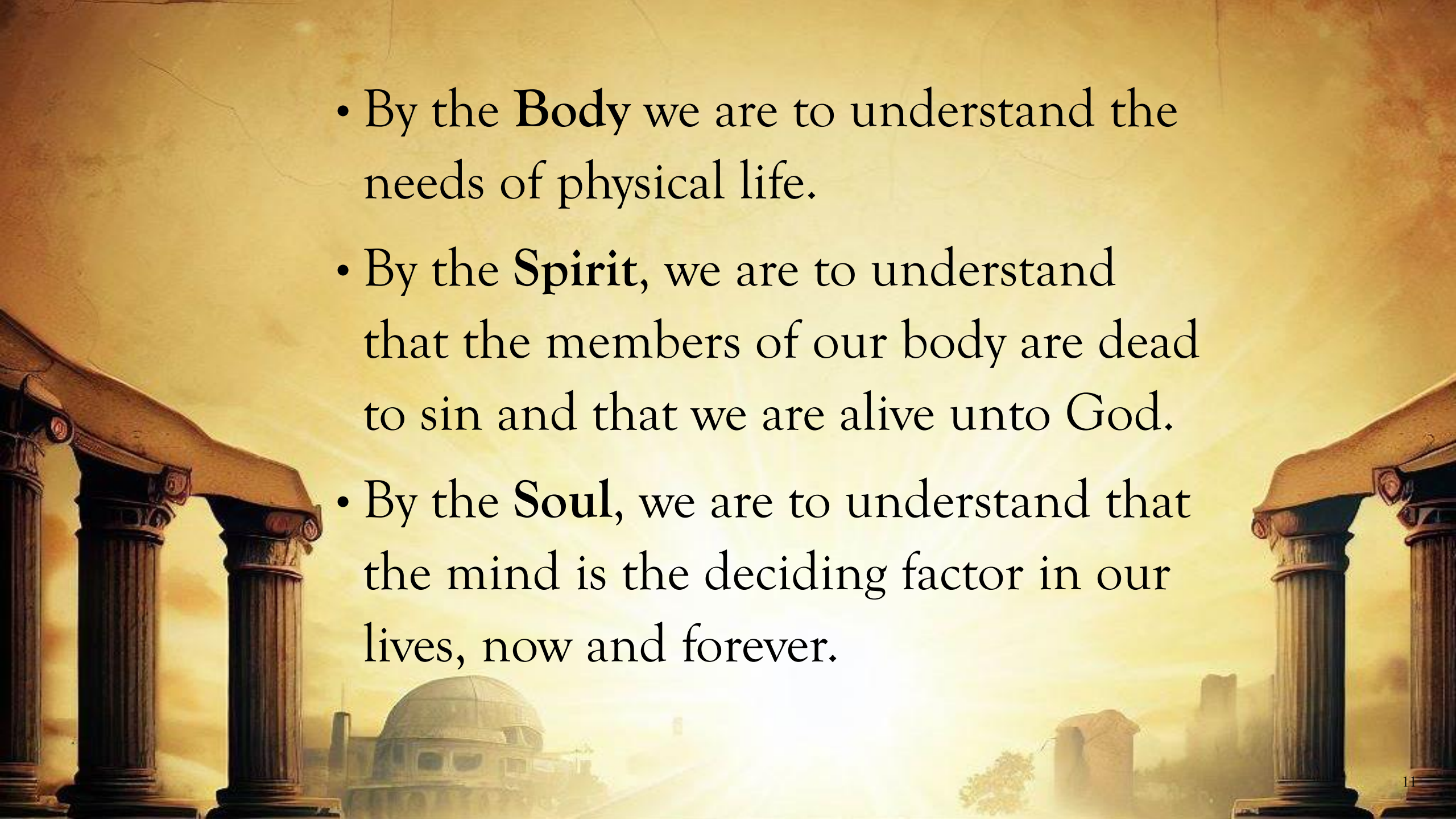
# GOOD NEWS: FREEDOM IN LIFE

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# FREEDOM FROM DEFEAT 8:12-17

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- By the **Body** we are to understand the needs of physical life.
  - By the **Spirit**, we are to understand that the members of our body are dead to sin and that we are alive unto God.
  - By the **Soul**, we are to understand that the mind is the deciding factor in our lives, now and forever.