

Rm 8:6 The mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life...

According to God there are two minds.

Whatever mind we live in and are ruled by brings life or death.

Rm 8:6 **Now the mind of the flesh** (natural/carnal mind, our human brain), **[which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death**, (cut off from the life of God) Amp

Are we ready to agree with God? That nothing good dwells in our natural mind, in fact,

Rm 8:7 **A person becomes an enemy of God when they are controlled by their human mind...** GNT

Written to Christians,

Eph 4:17-18 **You should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles** (unconverted)

walk, in the futility of their (natural) **mind, being darkened in their** (own)

understanding, excluded from the life of God... NKJ

But the life of God is hidden from the wisdom of this world.

1 Cor 1:21 **For God in his wisdom made it impossible for people to know him by means of their own wisdom. Instead, by means of the so-called "foolish"**

message we preach, God decided to save those who believe(with their heart).GNT

What or who is the mind of the Spirit?

No one knows God's thoughts but His Spirit. And the "the Spirit of the LORD", "the mind of the LORD", "the mind of Christ", are all one and the same.

Consider these scriptures,

Isa 40:13 **Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has taught Him?**

1 Cor 2:16 **For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?"**

But we have the mind of Christ. NKJ

Without the Holy Spirit, the mind of Christ, we can't receive the life of God.

Rm 8:6 **...but the mind of the Spirit is life...** (the life of God Himself)

God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts. He is a Spirit so all His thoughts are spiritual. He created us to have a continuous intimate relationship with Him, we as His children, He our loving heavenly Father. He gave us a spirit to communicate with Him, Spirit to spirit. But we have to be living there, under the control of His Spirit. The Holy Spirit can only give God's life, His Spirit revealed words, to a humble, teachable heart. It's as a person thinks in their heart, not our corruptible human intellects.

1 Pet 3:4,8 **Rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, the**

incorruptible *beauty* of a meek and quiet spirit (our heart or spirit, the part of us made in God's image),**which is very precious in the sight of God...all of you**

should be of one mind...(not double minded) **Be tenderhearted, and...humble**

NKJ/KJ/NLT

So won't you now submit to the Father of your spirit and live? Won't you,

Phil 2:5 **Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...** NKJ

I used to have a crazy mind that never gave me rest
Even as I tried to sleep it put me to the test
Yes, it was my natural mind
Where rest I would never find
Because it is the enemy of God
The flesh is where it'd prod
It wasn't until I hated it
God could show a better fit
The heart that He had given me
Now I could clearly see
This is the place to live and think
But His Spirit I'd need to drink
There'd be no rest for the wicked
Those who are uncommitted
So I became vigilant
And no longer be ignorant
Of the carnal mind and death
Now living in His Spirit by His precious breath
In the Spirit of my mind, perfect life and peace
The control of my carnal mind now began to cease
No longer looking to it for answers I see fit
But look inside to my new mind
And always I do find
Answers of the sweetest kind
And if my foot had ever slipped His mercy held me up
Always is He faithful to overflow my cup
Each day now growing stronger in the renewing of my mind
Because my will has chosen, no longer looking back
My thoughts no longer able to distract
With my Spirit now intact
I'll reach for what's before me
And never look behind me
Because this world is growing dim
With each new precious glimpse
Of all our Father promises
Oh how sweet His kisses
Keeping me forever submissive
Because this gift to me
I stay on bended knee

