

Questions and Answers

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I. Introduction.

- A. The flesh is all that we are without Christ.
- B. It can appear very good because of a person's personality.
- C. Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:19.

II. The mind, emotions and will make a person a person—this makes up the inner man.

III. Paul prays that a person would be strengthened here. (Ephesians 3:14)

- A. We are born again when Christ's Spirit bears witness with our spirits that we are children of God. (Romans 8:16)
- B. Christ is in the believer. (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- C. The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Christ—it is Jesus Christ's other self. (Galatians 4:6, Romans 8:9)
- D. Jesus is in the human spirit strengthening that person.

IV. The first stage of the Christian is being born again.

V. The second stage is the Spirit dwelling in a person's mind and emotions.

- A. Many Christians only call Jesus into their lives when they are in trouble.
- B. The mature Christian has Jesus settled down in his or her heart.

VI. The Christian life is about making the life of Christ manifest in the human life.

- A. Jesus Christ will not fill what he does not control.
- B. The Holy Spirit's job is to convict people—this is not our job.

VII. Conclusion. (Jeremiah 14:8)

Application questions:

1. What is “the flesh”?

2. What are the stages of the Christian experience?

3. How would you counsel a young Christian about how to become mature?
