

Review: Rom 8:5 “in accordance” Means “in agreement” with a Mind-set or Worldview;
Operational Death: Faith Has No Valid Object, Jms 2:26b; Rom 8:6a

Romans 8:6 - [NASB] For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.

1. The verse begins with the post positive conjunction γάρ, **gar** and is translated “So then” or “Consequently.” It is followed by the subject, φρόνημα, **phronēma**: “a way of thinking; a mind-set.”
2. Two thought processes are contrasted in the verse. The first is that of the cosmic believer and the second is the one who is under the guidance and leadership of the Holy Spirit.
3. The cosmic believer is identified by the prepositional phrase τῆς, **tēs**, plus the noun σάρξ, **sark**: “of the flesh,” referring to the sinful nature. Response to its lust patterns, strengths, weaknesses, and trends establishes facilitated wheel-tracks of wickedness that have a devastating result.
4. To emphasize the devastating result of this kind of disposition of mind, Paul omits the verb which must be supplied. But its absence is a way of placing stress on the result. The verb to be supplied is the present active indicative of εἰμί, **eimi**, translated “is.”
5. What follows is the word “death”: θάνατος, **thanatos** which refers to the end result of living in the cosmic systems while functioning under the several stages of reversionism.
6. There are actually two results that occur, first operational death, or as James phrases it, “... faith without works is dead” (James 2:26b).
7. Faith is a transitive word and must have an object. The object of faith in the production of divine good is doctrine. In order to produce divine good, doctrine must be the inventory of one’s mindset and thought processes under the recall and guidance of the Holy Spirit.
8. When a believer is out of fellowship, in chronic carnality, living in the cosmic systems, and functioning in reversionism, his faith does not have the “certified object” and therefore any “works” he produces come from the source of human viewpoint and result in human good and evil.