

For Deeper Study

1. The unsaved are governed by a “carnal” mind and walk “according to the flesh” (see Romans 8:5–8). Read Ephesians 4:17–19 and describe their condition.

2. Then read Galatians 5:19–21 and list the “works of the flesh”—the fruit of a carnal mind.

3. According to Titus 1:15, what has happened to the mind and the conscience of those who are unbelieving (carnal)?

4. What is the attitude of the carnal mind toward God (Romans 8:7)?

The Greek word for “enmity” used here is also used in Ephesians 2:15,16 and James 4:4, and is translated as “hatred” in Galatians 5:20. It is the opposite of the Greek word *agape* (love). It is this unbelieving, anti-God, Law-hating carnal mind that we’re trying to reason with in appealing to a sinner’s intellect. We must therefore, as soon as possible, find a place of harmony between the sinner’s mind and God’s Law. Where do we find that? (See Romans 2:15.)

How can we resurrect a defiled conscience and appeal to it?

6. Read Romans chapter 2, marking everywhere Paul mentions future punishment. Write comments on how and why he did so. Compare this to our typical witnessing methods today. Note where he mentions the Moral Law, and where he gives his hearers the "Good Test" by personally confronting them with the Commandments.

MEMORY VERSE

**"But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."**

ISAIAH 53:5,6