



Kingdom Of Christ & Kingdom Of Satan

- ❖ The Kingdom of Christ. (Service)
 - Luke 17:21 "The kingdom of God is within you"
 - Ephesians 3:17 "that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith" cf. Galatians 2:20
- ❖ The Kingdom of Satan. (Service)
 - Revelation 2:12-13 Pergamum – Satan's throne / dwelling
 - cf. Romans 6:12ff The world of Satan is a matter of service!

Worldliness Defined 1 John 2:16

(1) Lust of the flesh
 (2) Lust of the eyes
 (3) Pride (vain glory) of life. } Genesis 3

"For all that is in the world ..."
 is embraced in these things.

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"The Lust of the Flesh"

- ❖ Sometimes *"the flesh"* (**Greek soma**) means **ONLY the physical body.** Galatians 6:17; Romans 4:19; 12:2
- ❖ Sometimes *"the flesh"* (**Greek sarx**) is used to denote the physical body. Romans 2:28; 2 Corinthians 12:7

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"The Lust of the Flesh"

- ❖ Often *"the flesh"* (**Greek sarx**) means more than flesh and blood and bones. Sometimes giving too much rein to the fleshly appetites.
 - Romans 7:25; 8:6-13; Galatians 5:19-21
 Now we serve in Satan's world.

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The "lust of the eyes"

- ❖ *That which gratifies the sight.*
 cf. Genesis 3:6; cf. Proverbs 23:24-28; 4:25

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"The Pride of Life"

- ❖ Boasting arrogance.
 Genesis 3:6; cf. James 4:16 (10).
 - Proverbs 8:13 "Pride and arrogancy ... do I hate."
 - Proverbs 11:9 "When pride cometh, then cometh shame."
 - Proverbs 16:5 "Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord."
 - Proverbs 27:2 "Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth, a stranger, and not thine own lips."
- ❖ Desire to be popular, to have the praise and approval of men.
- ❖ Preachers: Compromised rather than be "cast out of the synagogue." (John 12:42-43)

Conclusion:

- ❖ Man is a dual creature. He is composed of flesh and spirit. cf. Romans 7:22-23
- ❖ Christ and Satan work from different directions.
 - Satan works through the flesh to gain control of the spirit.
 - Christ works on the spirit (heart - inner man) to control the actions of the flesh. cf. Titus 2:11ff
- ❖ Your choice. cf. Matthew 11:28

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Conclusion:

Where is your spiritual citizenship?

- ❖ The kingdom of Christ or the kingdom of Satan?
- ❖ 1 John 2:16-17 *"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the glory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."*

Not all that glitters is gold!

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