

The Flesh (East of Eden Series – Part II)

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1. Jesus was not only the Son of God, but He was also the Son of Man, living a life that should be an example for each of us. Pastor Steve observed that not many catch the vision of what that looks like and even fewer then actually follow through by living such a life. In addition to the inertia of living life like we always have, he listed six barriers to a Christ-like life. What were they and what examples of that barrier have you observed?

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2. In Genesis 2:7 God created the body first and then breathed life into him. Further, the body came before the fall of man, not after. Why are those two sequences important to remember?

3. It can be tempting to separate our body and soul. Pastor Steve gave two different ways in which we can do that. Compare and contrast them, explaining the traps into which they lead us.

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b)

4. Read Ephesians 4:17-19. What was futile about the Gentiles thinking?

5. Continue on with Ephesians 4:20-24. What are these verses describing?

6. Thus, Pastor Steve describes three keys to the way back to the Garden of Eden type of relationship with God as it relates to our physical bodies. The first is described in Romans 12:1-2. What is it and what does it look like?

7. The second key comes from 1 Cor. 3:16-17. What is it and what does it look like?

8. The third key then has to do with learning how to use our physical bodies to perform righteous actions. What does that look like?

9. Pastor Steve related the view of C. S. Lewis that in heaven we will be far more human than we ever dreamed of on earth. How does that mesh with what we read in the Bible?

10. In closing or on your own in the next few days, read Romans 8:1-17 and consider the powerful words as they relate to your daily walk. You are not just children of God, but you are heirs along side Christ himself.