

Metaphors Used in Romans 8

Metaphor—a figure of speech in which a word or phrase literally denoting one kind of object or idea is used in place of another to suggest likeness or analogy between them

*(Example: A metaphor used in place of saying a person is a citizen of the United States is when he is referred to as an **American**)*

METAPHORS DESCRIBING NOT BORN AGAIN

(8:1) Walk **not after the flesh** *Someone not born again
Leadership is out of the mind. Based on natural reasoning. Influenced by a spiritually dead human spirit.*

(8:2) *No metaphor*

(8:3) *No metaphor*

(8:4) who walk **not after the flesh**
The mind being the only governing force over a spiritually dead spirit.

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(8:1) There is therefore now no condemnation (*death sentence*) to them which are **in Christ Jesus**, who **walk not after the flesh but after the spirit**.

(8:2) For the law **of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus** hath made me free from the *law of sin and death*

(8:3) For what the law (*the law of Moses*) could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh

(8:4) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit**

METAPHORS DESCRIBING BORN AGAIN

(8:1) **in Christ Jesus**
Born again
after the spirit
Leadership comes out of the reborn human spirit to the part of the mind that has been renewed.

(8:2) **of the spirit**
The reborn human spirit. Born of the life of God.
in Christ Jesus

(8:3) *No metaphor*

(8:4) (*who walk*) **after the spirit**
Reborn human spirit and the renewed mind

**METAPHORS
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(8:5) **after the flesh**
*They mind the things
of the flesh.
Their mind governs
their entire being
based on what it
receives from the
natural world and
their spiritually dead
human spirit.*

(New metaphor)

(8:6) For to be **carnally
minded**
*Not born again. The
mind only able to
reason. Controlled by
a spiritually dead
human spirit.*

(8:7) **the carnal mind**
*Used here, Paul is
speaking expressly of
the mind of a person
not born again.*

(New metaphor)

(8:8) **in the flesh**
*Not born again
Spiritually dead
human spirit.*

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(8:5) For they that are
after the flesh do **mind**
the things of the flesh; but
they that are **after the
spirit**, the things of the
spirit.

(8:6) For to be **carnally
minded** is death; but to be
spiritually minded is life
and peace

(8:7) Because the **carnal
mind** is enmity against
God; for it is not subject to
the law of God, neither
indeed can be.

(8:8) So then they that are
in the flesh cannot please
God

**METAPHORS
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(8:5) **after the spirit**
*They mind the
things of the spirit.
The renewed part of
their mind **can**
receive input from
their reborn human
spirit.*

(New metaphor)

(8:6) but to be **spiritually
minded**
*Born again.
Potential exists for
this person's mind to
be renewed with the
Word of God and the
image of Christ to
develop, giving
direction to the
renewed mind.*

(8:7) *No metaphor*

(8:8) *No metaphor*

**METAPHORS
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(8:9) **in the flesh**

*Not born again,
only capable of
functioning out of
the reasoning ability
of a mind subject to
the world and a
spiritually dead
human spirit.*

(8:10) *No metaphor*

8:11 *No metaphor*

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(8:9) but you are not **in the flesh**, but **in the spirit**, if so be that the **spirit of God dwells in you**. Now if any man have not the **spirit of Christ**, he is none of His.

(8:10) and if **Christ be in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because of righteousness.

8:11 But if the **spirit of Him** that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by **his spirit** that dwells in you.

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(8:9) **in the spirit**

*Born again
The renewed part of
the mind is receiving
input from the reborn
human spirit.
**the spirit of God
dwells in you.**
This is the reborn
human spirit.
the spirit of Christ
A reborn human
spirit.*

(New metaphor)
(8:10) **if Christ be in you**
*You are born again
with a human spirit
just like Jesus.*

(2 New metaphors)
8:11 **the spirit of Him**
*Our reborn human
spirit that was
Fathered by God
his spirit
The spirit I received
from God when I was
born again.*

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(8:12) *Note:
As sinners we owed a sin
debt we could never pay
nor could we say no to sin.
That is, until we were born
again.*

(New metaphor)
(8:13) **live after the flesh**
*Most definitely
applies to anyone
not born again
whose mind is
influenced by the
world and a
spiritually dead
human spirit. But
could also apply to
someone who refuses
to live out of their
reborn human spirit*

(8:14) *No metaphor*

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(8:12) Therefore, brethren,
**we are debtors, not to
the flesh**, to live after the
flesh

(8:13) **For if you live
after the flesh, you shall
die** but if you **through
the spirit** do mortify the
deeds of the body, you
shall live

(8:14) For as many as are
led by the **spirit of God**,
they are the sons of God

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(New metaphor)
(8:12) **debtors not to
the flesh.**
*The sin debt was
paid on our behalf.
Sin cannot rule
over our flesh
unless we allow it.*

(New metaphor)
(8:13) **If you through
the spirit**
*Through the
strength of your
new nature in your
reborn human
spirit, which has
initiated the
renewing of your
mind by the Word
of God, resulting in
continued
development of the
image of Christ
and an ever
increasing desire to
put more of the
deeds of the body to
death*

(8:14) **spirit of God**
*A reborn human
spirit Fathered by
God.*

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(New metaphor)

(8:15) **spirit of bondage**
(spiritually dead
human spirit)

(8:16) *No metaphor*

(8:17) *No metaphor*

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(8:15) for you have not received the **spirit of bondage** again to fear; but you have received the **spirit of adoption**, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

(8:16) The Spirit itself (*Himself*) beareth witness with **our spirit** that we are the children of God.

(8:17) And if **children**, then **heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

**METAPHORS
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(New metaphor)

(8:15) **spirit of adoption**
(Our reborn human spirit given to us by God who is now our Father.)

(8:16) **our spirit**
Our reborn human spirit.

(8:17) Though not metaphors, the following words and terms describe who we become when we are born again:

Children
Heirs
Heirs of God
Joint-Heirs with Christ