**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)

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<td>(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.</td>
<td>(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.</td>
<td>(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.</td>
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<td>(8:2) No metaphor</td>
<td>(8:2) For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death</td>
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<td>(8:3) No metaphor</td>
<td>(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</td>
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<td>(8:4) who walk not after the flesh The mind being the only governing force over a spiritually dead spirit.</td>
<td>(8:4) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit</td>
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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

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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
(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.

(8:9) 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.

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

(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.

(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.
(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.

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(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

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(8:14) No metaphor

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

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(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

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(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.

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(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

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(New metaphor)

(8:14) spirit of God
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(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**