

# THE FLESH PROFITS NOTHING

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- Grace – God's unmerited favor. (Rom 5:2)
  - charis – "the New Testament writers used *charis* pre-eminently of that kindness by which God bestows favors even upon the ill-deserving, and grants to sinners the pardon of their offences" (Thayer)
  - A complete pardon from crimes committed.
- Romans 11:5,6 – grace and works
- John 1:14, 17 – grace and truth. (Col 1:6)

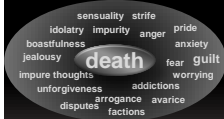
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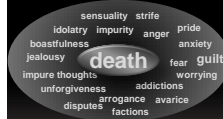


- Faith – Looking away unto Jesus. (Heb 12:2)
  - Gal 2:20,21 – I live by faith
  - Heb 11:6 – without faith...
  - James 2:14-18 – faith without works is dead!
  - Rom 14:23 – faith or sin?

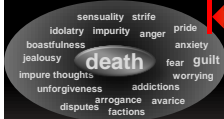
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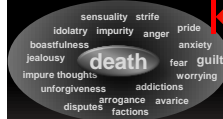


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- John 6:63 – the flesh profits nothing!  
 Galatians 3:3 – Are you now being perfected by the flesh?  
 James 2:17b – "being by itself"

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"Like the eye which sees everything in front of it and never sees itself, faith is occupied with the Object upon which it rests and pays no attention to itself at all. While we are looking at God we do not see ourselves - blessed riddance." (Tozer, POG)

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**Death**

- sensuality
- strife
- pride
- idolatry
- impurity
- anger
- anxiety
- beastialness
- jealousy
- fear
- guilt
- impure thoughts
- worrying
- unforgiveness
- addictions
- arrogance
- avarice
- disputes
- factions

**Life**

- peace
- patience
- kindness
- love
- joy
- faithfulness
- goodness
- selflessness
- gentleness
- generosity
- honesty
- self-control
- trustworthiness

2 Corinthians 4:7 – not from ourselves!  
 2 Corinthians 3:5 – nothing coming from ourselves!  
 Galatians 5:22 – the fruit OF THE SPIRIT is...