**Biblical Music Principles** 

## 7. Flesh/Spirit

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

"CCM, as I have defined it (Christian music which makes use of sensual music techniques and rhythms), is unbiblical for the simple reason that it appeals to the flesh, whereas God desires that we 'mortify the deeds of the body." Kimberly Smith, *Let Those...*, pp. 116-117.

**Romans 8:1-12** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

<sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

<sup>3</sup> For what the law 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:

<sup>4</sup> That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

 $^{5}$  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.

<sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

<sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

<sup>8</sup> So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

<sup>10</sup> And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> 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 dwelleth in you.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

**Galatians 5:16-17** *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

**Galatians 6:8** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

"This does not engender a disregard for the lost; rather, it gives the unsaved world an opportunity to see correctly the contrast between their ways (of the flesh) and our ways (of the Spirit). The more excellent our methods, the greater the contrast. Philippians 1:10 reminds us, 'That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;" Tim Fisher, *The Battle....*, p. 20.