

I CORINTHIANS | "SPIRITUAL AND CARNAL CHRISTIANS" | 1 Cor. 3:1-4 | LESSON 41

① INTRO / REVIEW:

① The Mind of Christ

- ② "of", "through", "to"
- ③ compare, discern, judge, instruct
- ④ knowledge, wisdom, understanding

(1 Cor. 5 → judgments)

② REVIEW:

- Corinthian infirmity to divisions & unfruitfulness
- 1 Cor. 15:33

- ① Evil communications (wisdom)
- ② Corrupt good manners (works)

③ SERMON:

[1] - "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ"

• "carnal"

- these are "brethren"
- "in Christ"

• used to describe their growth

① The Seed → Rom. 6:5 → :22

② Age / Physical Development → Eph 4, 1 Cor 13, 14
"grow up"

• Rom. 8

• matter of our "walk"

• matter of what we mind (Eph. 4)

• what we put on the mind (why Paul is taking so much time to discuss)

• "spiritual" to "carnal" = (babes in Christ)

[2] - "I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able."

Babe illustration

- fed w/milk (2:6)

• Babe is spiritual enough to be in Christ, but not spiritual to receive the deep things of God.

• Meat → deep things of God, "mystery"

- not able to bear it

• quality of the food cannot not be handled in the bowels of the babe

- bowel infirmity

[3] - "For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envyng, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

- "envyng, strife, divisions"

• reflect a selfishness, ego, and pride

• walk according to man

• (1:6) - wise, mighty, noble

• the pursuit of the flesh leads to carnality & walk as such

• Rom 13

• Eze 5

• 2 Cor. 13