

THE NATURAL MAN, SPIRITUAL MAN, AND CARNAL MAN (1 Corinthians 2:9-3:4)

I. God ENLIGHTENS Those Who Are Rightly Related To Him (1 Corinthians 2:9-13)

A. APART From The Spirit, You Cannot Understand Spiritual Things (v9)

1. You can understand things which eye can _____, ear can _____, and the mind can _____.
2. You cannot understand the things which God has _____ for them that love Him.

B. THROUGH The Spirit, You Can Understand Spiritual Things. (v10-13)

1. The Spirit _____ (v10) - He has access to the "mind of God."
2. The Spirit _____ (v11) – but we do not!
3. The Spirit _____ (v12) – this is true of all believers.
4. The Spirit _____ (v13) – so it is important to be rightly related to Him!

* Should these truths affect the way you approach the Word of God?

II. God CONTROLS Those Who Are Rightly Related To Him (1 Corinthians 2:14-3:4)

A. The NATURAL Man (1 Corinthians 2:14)

1. The MEANING: Greek – *psuchikos* – soulish, of the senses, dominated by the _____.
2. His IDENTIFICATION: The natural man is not _____ and does not have the _____.
(Jude 19; Romans 8:9)
3. His SPIRITUAL ASSETS: He has _____.
4. His SPIRITUAL ABILITIES: He does not _____ the things of God, for they are _____ to him and he cannot _____ them.
5. His SPIRITUAL NEED: He is blinded to one message in particular – the _____. (1 Corinthians 1:18, 23; 2 Corinthians 4:3,4)

* How can a natural man become a spiritual man? (Galatians 3:14; Ephesians 1:13,14; John 7:38-39)

* Should these truths affect the way you witness?

B. The SPIRITUAL Man (1 Corinthians 2:15,16)

1. The MEANING: Greek – *pneumatikos* – of the senses, dominated by the _____.
2. His IDENTIFICATION: The spiritual man is _____ and is therefore _____ by the Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13,14)
3. His SPIRITUAL ASSETS: The spiritual man is not only indwelt by but also _____ with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)
4. His SPIRITUAL ABILITIES: He has the unhindered _____ to understand the things of God. (John 14:26; 16:13)
5. His SPIRITUAL NEED: To continuously _____ in the Spirit by faith. (2 Corinthians 5:7; Colossians 2:6)

* Is a believer always spiritual? (Galatians 5:16; Romans 15:13)

C. The CARNAL Man (1 Corinthians 3:1-4)

1. The MEANING: Greek – *sarkikos* – fleshly, of the flesh, dominated by the _____.
2. His IDENTIFICATION: The carnal man is _____ and is therefore _____ by the Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13,14)
3. His SPIRITUAL ASSETS: The carnal man is indwelt by the Spirit, but _____ like an unbeliever. (v. 4)
4. His SPIRITUAL ABILITIES: He can only be fed _____, the ABCs of the Word of God. (Hebrews 5:12)
5. His SPIRITUAL NEED: To _____ his sins and _____ by faith. (1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:7)

* Can a believer be both carnal and spiritual at the same time?
(Matthew 12:30-35; James 3:10-12; 4:4; Romans 8:4; Galatians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 2:15-3:1; 2 Corinthians 5:7; 1 John 1:6,7)

How Does This Apply To You?

- Every person you meet is either _____ or _____.
- Every person in the world fits into one of these three categories: _____, _____, _____.