

1 Corinthians 07 – 2:14-3:3

Natural and Spiritual Man

1. 2:14 – The Natural Man

- a. The natural man is who you are without Christ – Rom 1:20,21, 28+, 5:12
- b. The natural man is vain in his mind and pursuits – Eph 2:1-3, 4:17-19, Titus 3:3
- c. The natural man willingly rejects the things of God - Rom 6:6,11, 7:14-18, 8:5-7
- d. The rejected things: Christ crucified and you in Christ - 1 Cor 1:18, 21, 23, 25, 27
- e. The natural man can practice the Bible, but does not believe it: Rom 10:17
- f. Unsaved natural man cannot grasp life in Christ, being ignorant of it.

2. 2:15 - The Spiritual Man

- a. The first Adam is natural, the second Adam is spiritual - 1 Cor 15:44-46
- b. The spiritual man is in Christ, and understands the “deep things” – 2:10-12
- c. You can only be judges of spiritual things if you are spiritual – 2:15-16
- d. You have been renewed by knowledge of Christ - Col 3:10, Eph 4:20-24
- e. The transformation takes work, you have to understand! – Rom 12:2, Eph 5:17
- f. The spiritual man can judge, edify, restore, minister – Gal 6:1, Phil 1:9-10

3. 2:16 – The Mind of Christ

- a. No man can instruct God on what is wisdom, especially carnal, worldly man.
- b. We have the mind of Christ, revealed in the preaching of Christ: 1:10, 2 Cor 11:3
- c. The “mind of Christ” from the preaching of the cross – Phil 2:2-5, 20-21
- d. God’s wisdom is unsurpassed by that of the Corinthians – Isa 40:12-23

4. 3:1-3 – Babies in Christ

- a. The Corinthians were carnal in their minds; a babe is carnal – 1 Cor 14:20
- b. Babies are shameful when they do not grow - Gal 4:9-10, 19
- c. Babies are those unskillful in the word - Heb 5:11-14
- d. They operate ignorant of mystery truth meat: 3:16, 6:3, 6:9, 6:15, 10:1, 12:1, 14:38
- e. Milk doctrine: Bible belief, Christ crucified, salvation, liberty, one body
- f. Meat doctrine: Weaker brother, crucified in Christ, position in Christ, perfection
- g. Carnality is evidenced by their inability to chew meat doctrine: they are envious.