

## THE IMPORTANT DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN THE NATURAL, SPIRITUAL 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 HOLY SPIRIT You Cannot Understand Spiritual Things (2:9)

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 HOLY SPIRIT You Can Understand Spiritual Things (2:10-13)

1. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ (v 10) - He has access to the "*mind of God.*"
2. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ (v 11) – but we don't!
3. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ (v 12) – this is true of all believers.
4. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ (v 13) – so it is important to be rightly related to Him!

### II. GOD CONTROLS THOSE WHO ARE RIGHTLY RELATED TO HIM (1 Corinthians 2:14-3:4)

#### A. The NATURAL Man (2:14)

1. The *meaning*: (Greek – *psuchikos*) soulish, of the senses, dominated by the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. His *identification*: The natural man is \_\_\_\_\_ saved and he does \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit. (Jude 19; Rom. 8:9)
3. His *spiritual assets*: He has \_\_\_\_\_.
4. His *spiritual abilities*: He doesn't receive the things of God, for they are \_\_\_\_\_ to him and he can't \_\_\_\_\_ them.
5. His *spiritual need*: He is blinded to one message in particular – the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 1:18, 23; 2 Cor. 4:3-4)

\* Should these truths affect the way you witness?

## **B. The SPIRITUAL Man (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. (Eph. 1:13-14)
3. His *spiritual assets*: The spiritual man is not only indwelt by but also \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit. (Eph. 5:18)
4. His *spiritual abilities*: He has the unhindered \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the things of God. (John 14:26; 16:13)
5. His *spiritual need*: To continuously \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ by faith. (2 Cor. 5:7; Col. 2:6)

\* Is a believer always spiritual? (Gal. 5:16-17)

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

1. The *meaning*: (Greek- *sarkikos*) fleshly, of the flesh, dominated by the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The *identification*: The carnal man is \_\_\_\_\_ and is therefore \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit. (Eph. 1:13-14)
3. His *spiritual assets*: The carnal man is indwelt by the Spirit, but \_\_\_\_\_ like an \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 4)
4. His *spiritual abilities*: He can only be fed \_\_\_\_\_, the ABCs of the Word of God. (Heb. 5:12-14)
5. His *spiritual need*: To \_\_\_\_\_ his sins and walk by faith in \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 1:9; 2 Cor. 5:7)

\* How can you personally apply this truth?