

The Spiritual Man

(Part 2)

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Galatians 6:1, “Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, ye who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”

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1 Corinthians 2:14-15, “Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, and he himself is judged of no man.”

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1 Corinthians 3:1, “And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, not with meat; for ye were not yet able (to bear it): nay, not even now are ye able; for ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, are ye not carnal, and do ye not walk after the manner of men?”

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Mind of the flesh (ASV)

Romans 8:6-7, “For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”
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To be spiritually minded is truly a matter of life and death!

Temptation of Eve

- Genesis 3:1-6
- 1 John 2:15ff

“And when the woman saw ... — “the lust of the flesh and

that the tree was good for food — the lust of the eyes, and — the vain glory of life”

that it was a delight to the eyes, and — the vain glory of life”

that the tree was to be desired to make one wise”

Who ruled? Spirit or Flesh?

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Two Men

<p>Inner Man Spirit Spiritual Man</p> <p>To Rule (Romans 6:1-14)</p>	<p>Outer Man</p> <p>Eve (Genesis 3:1-6, cf. 1 John 2:15ff)</p>
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Temptation of Cain

- **Genesis 4:5-8**
“And Cain was very wrath, and his countenance fell.”
- **Genesis 4:7**
“If thou doest well, shall it not be lifted up? and if well, sin coucheth at the door: and unto thee shall be its desire, but do thou rule over it.”

Who ruled? Spirit or flesh?

- “... Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.”
- “... I know not ...”

Two Men

<p>Inner Man Spirit Spiritual Man</p> <p>To Rule (Romans 6:1-14)</p>	<p>Outer Man Flesh Natural Man Carnal</p> <p>Cain (Genesis 4:1-8)</p>
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<p><u>What is the carnal man?</u> (Flesh)</p> <p>Thought system that puts SELF first Ephesians 2:3 Titus 1:12; 3:3 cf. 1 Peter 4:1-6</p>	<p><u>What is true spirituality?</u> (Spirit)</p> <p>Thought system that puts GOD first. Matthew 22:37-40 Matthew 6:33</p>
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These cannot exist together.
Galatians 5:16-17

Spirituality Is A Choice!

The spiritual person is a product of free will.

Romans 6:16-18, 22

Romans 6:12-14, “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, ... For sin shall not have dominion over you ...”

Struggle Goes On

- **Man is spirit**
– Made in the image of God.
- **Man is flesh**
– Made from the dust of the ground.

- **Struggle to please God.** Romans 7:22-24; cf. 1 Corinthians 1-3; 2 Peter 1-2
- Cannot rule passions of the flesh UNLESS we will it to be so! Romans 6:16-19; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

Am I A Carnal Man?

- Wisdom of the world.
 - Foolish (1 Corinthians 3:19)
 - Seductive (1 John 2:15-17)
 - Prodigal son. (Luke 15)
 - Worldly pleasure an illusion.

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Am I A Carnal Man?

- **Carnal man deluded!**
 - Seared conscience. 1 Timothy 4:2
 - Mind and conscience defiled. Titus 1:15
 - Past feeling. Ephesians 4:17-19
 - Dead in trespasses. Ephesians 2:1
 - Heart darkened. Romans 1:21
 - Body dishonored. Romans 1:24; 1 Corinthians 6:13,18

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Am I A Spiritual Man?

- Wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1:24 (Salvation)
 - No longer in turmoil. cf. Romans 7:24-25
 - Prodigal Son. cf. Luke 15 “came to himself”

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Am I A Spiritual Man?

- **Spiritual man is wise!**
 - Transformed. Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:24ff
 - Persuaded by evidence. John 20:30-31; 6:44-45
 - Applies absolute standard to every thought, word and deed. 1 Peter 1:13-16
 - Be sober / Of sound mind. 1 Thessalonians 5:6,8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Titus 2:1-8,12; 1 Peter 4:7; 5:8

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Am I A Spiritual Man?

- **Spiritual man is wise!**
 - Becomes instrument of righteousness. Romans 6:12-13
 - Goal to magnify Christ. Philippians 1:20
 - Reflects the image of Christ. Colossians 3:1-10
 - Willing to suffer in order to glorify. 2 Corinthians 4:11,13; 1 Peter 4:16

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Inner Man

Spirit
Spiritual Man

To Rule (Romans 6:1-14)

Outer Man

Flesh
Natural Man
Carnal
Worldly

Worldly (1 John 2:15)

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Rewards

The hardships of the natural man are a **waste**.

The sufferings of the spiritual man are a **glory**.

Hope and Peace

2 Corinthians 4:7ff, 16-5:1; 2

Timothy 4:6-8

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