

The Transformed Life

(Review of Part 1)

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The Transition: Full Consecration To God Romans 12:1-2

We are to be "*changed*" into the image of the Lord. (2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:16)

- This radical change can be accomplished only "*by the renewal of the mind.*" (cf. 2 Corinthians 10:5; Ephesians 4:23-24; cf. 2 Corinthians 4:16 "*day by day*")
 - a. This demands study of the Scriptures (cf. Titus 2:11-12).

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The Spiritual Man

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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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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- 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." KJV

Mind of the flesh
(ASV)

To be spiritually minded is truly a matter of life and death!

Dual Nature Of Man

- **Man is flesh**
 - Genesis 2:7
- **Man is spirit**
 - Ecclesiastes 12:7
 - James 2:26

- Declared “very good.” Genesis 1:31
- Struggle to please God. Romans 7:22-24; cf. 1 Corinthians 1-3
- Cannot rule passions of the flesh UNLESS we will it to be so! Romans 6:16-19; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

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Two Men Struggle

Inner Man
“Spirit”
“Spiritual Man”

**To Rule
(Romans 6:1-14)**

Outer Man
“Flesh”
“Natural Man”
“Carnal”

**Temptation
(James 1:12-15)**

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It Is The Spirit Of Man That Is Open To Fellowship With God.

- *Colossians 3:9-10 “... lie not one to another; seeing that ye have put off the old man with his doings, and have put on the new man, that is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of him that created him” (cf. 2 Peter 1:2-4)*

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Natural Man VS. Spiritual Man 1 Corinthians 2:14-15

- **Natural man** – One who has confidence in the flesh (human wisdom). 1 Corinthians 1:12-13, 18ff; 2:3-5; 3:3-4
 - Glorifies self; jealousy, strife, contention (cf. James 3:14-16)
- **Spiritual man** – One who has confidence in God.
 - Glorifies God; humility (Philippians 2:5-8);
 - No confidence in the flesh (Philippians 3:1-15; Galatians 2:20)

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Spirit
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**To Rule
(Romans 6: 1-14)**

Outer Man
Flesh
Natural Man
Carnal
Worldly

**Worldly
(1 John 2:15)**

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Two Men – Galatians 5

Spirit Galatians 5:22ff

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control ...”

Flesh Galatians 5:19ff

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are (these): fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like ...”

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Two Men – James 3

Wisdom from above. James 3:17

“Wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without variance, without hypocrisy.”

Wisdom NOT from above. James 3:14-16

“Bitter jealousy and faction in your heart, glory not and lie not against the truth ...

... but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where jealousy and faction are, there is confusion and every vile deed.”

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Two Men – 1 John 2

Love not the world. 1 John 2:15

“... love of the Father”
1 John 2:3-5 “And hereby we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoso keepeth his word, in him verily hath the love of God been perfected.”

Love of the world. 1 John 2:15

“If any man love the world...”

1 John 2:16

- “the lust of the flesh and
- the lust of the eyes and
- the vain glory of life,

... is not of the Father, but is of the world.”

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Two Examples

Temptation of Eve
Genesis 3:1-6

“And when the woman saw...

- that the tree was good for food, and
- that it was a delight to the eyes, and
- that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,

■ Temptation Of Cain
Genesis 4:1-8

“If thou doest well, shall it not be lifted up?

- and if thou doest not well, sin coucheth at the door: and unto thee shall be its desire, but do thou rule over it.”

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What is the carnal man? (Flesh)

Thought system that puts SELF first.
Ephesians 2:3
Titus 2:12
cf. 1 Peter 4:1-6

What is true spirituality? (Spirit)

Thought system that puts GOD first.
Matthew 22:37-40
Matthew 6:33

**These cannot exist together.
Galatians 5:16-17**

Spirituality Is A Choice!

The spiritual person is a product of free will. He humbly obeys!

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 ...”

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(Part 2)

Romans 12:1-2

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Am I A Carnal Man?

- Wisdom of the world.
 - Foolish (1 Corinthians 3:19)
 - Seductive (1 John 2:15-17)
 - Illusion. Prodigal son. (Luke 15:11-17)

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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 & deed. 1 Peter 1:13-16
 - Be Sober / Of sound mind. 1 Thess. 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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Rewards

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

The sufferings of the “*spiritual man*” are a **glory. Not In Vain ... 1 Corinthians 15:58**

Hope & Peace

2 Corinthians 4:7ff, 16-5:1; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 18

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