

**THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, Part 14**

John 6:63; 15:26; 16:8

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life...But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me ...And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

**4. THE SAINTS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**(7) THE SUFFERINGS OF THE SPIRIT**

**(8) MARKS OF SPIRITUALITY.**

**1. The Natural Man.**

There are 2 Greek words for natural. Taken together they provide a good picture of what the natural man is:

(1) 1 Cor.2:14: “But the *natural* man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

-The Greek word here for natural means *sensual*.

-Dictionary definition: Relating to any of the senses or a sense organ; sensory. Physical rather than spiritual or intellectual.

-So sensual means to judge or discern by the physical senses.

(2) Rom.1:26: “For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the *natural* use for what is against nature.”

-The Greek word for natural here is *instinctive*.

-Dictionary: Prompted by a natural tendency or impulse. Arising from impulse; spontaneous and unthinking.

-Natural means what is inbred by reason and nature.

**2. The Carnal Man.**

There are two Greek words for *carnal*, and for our purposes, they mean the same.

Rom.8:7: “Because the *carnal* mind *is* enmity against God...”

-The meaning of *carnal* has various shades: The flesh, temporal, animal, unregenerate, human frailty, and the body as opposed to the spirit.

-A carnal person can either be an unregenerate person or a saved person acting in a fleshly, sensual way.

-Description of an unsaved carnal person:

Rom.8:5-7: “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.”

-Description of a saved but carnal person:

1 Cor.3:1-4: “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until

now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? 4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?"

The carnal person is described as:

- (1) Carnally Minded (Rom 8:5-7).
- (2) Carnally Limited (1 Cor.3:1).
- (3) Carnally Weak and Immature (1 Cor.3:2).
- (4) Carnally Bound, Enslaved (Rom.7:14).
- (5) Carnally Opposed (Rom.8:7).
- (6) Carnally Doomed (Gal.6:8).
- (7) Carnally Hostility (1 Cor.3:3-4).

### **3. The Spiritual Man.**

-The word "*spiritual*" comes from the Greek word *pneuma*. The primary meaning is *breath*. Our English word pneumonia comes from this word.

-Its meaning is "*Spirit Minded*".

Rom.8:6: "For to be carnally minded is death, but to be *spiritually* minded is life and peace.

1 Cor.3:1: "And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to *spiritual* people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ."

The Spiritual Person is Described as:

- (1) Spiritually Born (John 3:6).
- (2) Spiritually Led (1 Cor.2:11-12).
- (3) Spiritually Minded (Rom.8:5-6).
- (4) Spiritually Renewed (Eph.4:2,3).
- (5) Spiritually Sealed (Eph.1:13).
- (6) Spiritually Filled (Eph.5:18).
- (7) Spiritually Freed (Rom.8:2).

### **APPLICATION:**

1. Which person are you: natural, carnal, or spiritual?
2. Will you ask the Lord to help you grow as a spiritual man?

Eph.4:13: "till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

2 Cor.3:18: "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

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