

Romans 12:1-2

The Transition: Full Consecration To God

- 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).

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 <u>he that is spiritual</u> judgeth all things, and he himself is judged of no man."

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

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

The Spiritual Man

Mind of the flesh (ASV)

Romans 8:6-7 "For to be carrially minded is death; but to be <u>spiritually minded</u> 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

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

Dual Nature Of Man • Man is flesh • Man is spirit • Genesis 2:7 • James 2:26 • Declared "very good." Genesis 1:31 • Struggle to please God. Romans 7:22-25; cf. 1 Corinthians 1-3; Ephesians 2:1-3 • Cannot rule passions of the flesh UNLESS we will it to be so! Romans 6:16-19; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5



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

- Proverbs 20:27 "The <u>spirit of man</u> is the lamp of Jehovah, Searching all his innermost parts."
- 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 <u>after the image</u> <u>of him</u> that created him" (cf. 2 Peter 1:2-4)
- Ephesians 3:19 "and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that <u>ye may be filled</u> unto all the fulness of God."

Natural Man VS. Spiritual Man 1 Corinthians 2:12-15

- Natural man- One who has confidence in the flesh (human wisdom). 1 Corinthians 1:12-13, 18-29; 2:3-5; 3:3-4
 - Glorifies self; jealousy, strife, contention (cf. James 3:13-18)
- **Spiritual man-** One who has confidence in God. Titus 3:5
 - Glorifies God; humility (Philippians 2:5-8)
 - No confidence in the flesh (Philippians 3:1-15; 2 Corinthians 4:5; Ephesians 4:1-2; Galatians 2:20)



Two Men – Galatians 5

Spirit Galatians 5:22ff	Flesh Galatians 5:19ff
"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control "	"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"

Two Men – James 3		
Wisdom from above. James 3:17	Wisdom NOT from above. James 3:14-16	
"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."	 "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." 	

Two Men – 1 John 2		
Love not the world, 1 John 2:15	Love of the world. 1 John 2:15	
" love of the Father" I John 2:3-5 "And hereby we	"If any man love the world 	
know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his	 1 John 2:16 "the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and 	
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."	 the vain glory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." 	







