

Natural, Spiritual, Worldly 1 Corinthians 2:14 – 3:3 5-23-10

I. The Natural Man.

- A. The natural man is a non-Christian; Paul calls the natural man “the man without the Spirit” (v.14).**
- B. Since the natural man doesn’t have the Holy Spirit he can’t understand things that are spiritually discerned (v.14).**

II. The Christian Man.

- A. When the natural man accepts Christ and becomes a Christian he receives the Holy Spirit.**
- B. A worldly Christian is a Christian who is walking not in the Spirit, but in the flesh, allowing his sinful nature to dominate his life.**
- C. Christians have a sinful nature (all humans are born with a tendency to sin) and a divine nature (the Holy Spirit).**
- D. Day by day, moment by moment, Christians must choose which nature to follow.**
- E. Christians who commonly give in to the sinful nature and sin are considered worldly by God.**
- F. Most worldly Christians are miserable because they know about the joy of the Lord, but they don’t experience it.**
- G. To become a spiritual Christian a worldly Christian needs to practice spiritual breathing.**

III. Spiritual Breathing.

- A. When we sin we are instructed to confess our sin to God (1 John 1:9); when we confess our sin we exhale spiritually.**
- B. True confession involves: admission of guilt, repentance of sin, and confidence of forgiveness.**
- C. We inhale spiritually by asking God (through prayer) to fill us with the Holy Spirit.**
- D. To be filled with the Holy Spirit means that you are controlled by the Holy Spirit; if you are controlled by the Holy Spirit you will not sin.**
- E. Sin doesn’t destroy our relationship with God, but it does disrupt our relationship with God.**
- F. To get back to where God wants us to be (living a Spirit-filled life) we must confess our sin (exhale spiritually) and ask God to fill us with the Holy Spirit (inhale spiritually).**
- G. Spiritual Christians are commonly filled with the Holy Spirit and bear the fruit of the Spirit (see Gal. 5:22,23).**
- H. Spiritual Christians experience a full life (John 10:10).**