

**THREE PEOPLE  
PRESENT  
TODAY**

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:14 - 3:4**

## **1 Corinthians 2:14-16**

**14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**

**15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.**

**16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.**

## **1 Corinthians 3:1-4**

**1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.**

**2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.**

**3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?**

**4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?**

# Introduction

**A. A sermon for everyone**

**B. Three kinds of people**

**C. Who do these people represent?**

# **I. The Natural Man (2:14)**

## **A. Paul's message and method**

### **1. His message was Christ and Him crucified**

**1 Corinthians 2:2**

**For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.**

# **I. The Natural Man (2:14)**

## **A. Paul's message and method - continued**

### **2. His method was preaching in the power of God**

**1 Corinthians 2:3-4**

**3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.**

**4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:**

# **I. The Natural Man (2:14)**

## **A. Paul's message and method - continued**

### **3. He wanted to reach the natural man**

#### **Romans 16:20**

**Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:**

## **I. The Natural Man (2:14)**

**B. The natural man has not been born again**

**1. He cannot understand spiritual things**

**2. They are foolishness to him**

**3. He lives in willful ignorance of God**

**Ephesians 4:18-19**

**18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:**

**19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.**



# **I. The Natural Man (2:14)**

**B. The natural man has not been born again - continued**

**4. The Bible is a dark book to the natural man**

**Jeremiah 4:22**

**For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.**

**5. The destiny of the natural man is destruction**

**Philippians 3:19**

**Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)**

# **I. The Natural Man (2:14)**

**C. The need of the natural man is salvation**

**1. All people are naturally lost**

**Romans 3:23**

**For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**

**Romans 5:12**

**Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**

# **I. The Natural Man (2:14)**

**C. The need of the natural man is salvation - continued**

**2. All lost people can be saved**

**John 6:37**

**All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.**

**Romans 10:9**

**That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

**Romans 10:13**

**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

## **II. The Spiritual Man (2:15)**

**A. The spiritual man was once a natural man**

**1 Corinthians 6:11**

**And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.**

**B. Salvation through faith in Christ transformed him**

**Colossians 3:10**

**And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:**

## **II. The Spiritual Man (2:15)**

**C. The Holy Spirit teaches the spiritual man**

**1 Corinthians 2:11-13**

**11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.**

**12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.**

**13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

## **II. The Spiritual Man (2:15)**

**D. The spiritual man discerns all things**

**1. Sees God at work in the world**

**Matthew 24:23**

**So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:6**

**Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.**

## **II. The Spiritual Man (2:15)**

**D. The spiritual man discerns all things - continued**

**2. Sees God at work in his or her life**

**Philippians 1:6**

**Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:**

## **II. The Spiritual Man (2:15)**

**E. The spiritual man is not understood by others**

**1. The warning of Jesus**

**John 15:18-20**

**18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.**

**19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.**

**20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.**



## **II. The Spiritual Man (2:15)**

**E. The spiritual man is not understood by others – cont'd**

### **2. Peter's explanation**

**1 Peter 4:12-14**

**12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:**

**13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.**

**14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.**

## **II. The Spiritual Man (2:15)**

**The spiritual man has the mind of Christ**

### **III. The Carnal Man (3:1-4)**

#### **A. The carnal man is confused**

**James 1:8**

**A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.**

#### **B. Contradictions of the carnal man**

**1 John 2:15**

**Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

#### **C. The carnal man needs full commitment to Christ**

**Matthew 6:22**

**The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.**

**WHICH PERSON  
ARE YOU?**