

THE SPIRITUAL MAN

Last Sunday we studied the **natural man** as 1 of 13 judicial charges resulting from Adam's original sin (AOS) (Gen.2:16-17; 1 Cor.2:14). By man we are referring to anthropos as mankind.

We learned that the **natural man** was made in the image according to the likeness of the Godhead (Elohim) (Gen.1:26-27; 1 Cor.11:7; James 3:9).

We also learned that the Greek word for **natural** was psuchikos (belonging to the soul or soulish). It was used to show that the unsaved are without the eight works performed by The Holy Spirit at the moment of grace salvation (Titus 3:5-7; Rom.8:9-11; Jude 19).

The moment a person, living in the dispensation of the Church Age, believes the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; John 7:39); these 13 judicial charges of Adam's original sin (AOS) are removed forever and the 37 additional grace gifts are given to Church Age Believer (CAB) that can never be loss in time or eternity (Eph.2:8-9).

The answer to the **natural man** is the spiritual man.

This lesson will study FIVE aspects of the SPIRITUAL MAN of the Church Age dispensation.

1. Every member of the human race is physically born under AOS (1 Cor.15:22, 45).

When an individual believes the gospel of Jesus Christ, he/she receives eight (8) works of the Holy Spirit that changes his/her life **status** forever (John 7:39; Gal.3:2-3; Titus 3:5-7).

One of those eight, which can never be lost in time or eternity, is the transition from a **natural man** status to a **spiritual man** status. (1 Cor.2:14-3:3; John 14:16).

The spiritual is the Greek word pneumatikos (belonging to the Spirit) (1 Cor.3:1).

If the **natural man** chooses to not believe the gospel and dies, his soul goes to the place of torment to await the Great White Throne Judgment (Luke 16:22-24; Rev.20:10-15).

2. While the CAB will never be the natural man after regeneration, he can be carnal as well as spiritual.

The Greek word for carnal is sarkikos (belonging to the flesh or old sin-nature / OSN) (1 Cor.3:1-3).

This means that every CAB has dual natures (1 Cor.3:1-3) Each comes with a special birth

- [pneumatikos] Belonging to the Spirit
- [sarkikos] Belonging to the flesh. .

Every Church Age Believer (CAB) has an Old Sin Nature (OSN) [flesh / sarx] because of physical birth under the curse of Adam's Original Sin (AOS). He/She also has a spiritual nature (8 works of Holy Spirit) because of their spiritual birth (pneumatikos) (John 3:1-1-21).

The OSN is called flesh (sarx) because you get it at physical birth and you have it until physical death (Gen.2:16-17; Gal.5:16-17). It is part of the DNA of AOS passed through the male (Rom.5:12).

3. The Old Sin Nature (OSN) energizes lust for the pleasures of sin.

(Heb.11:25) [Moses] “Choosing rather to endure the ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.”

(2 Tim.3:2-5) “lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God”.

(2 Pet.2:13-15) “They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you” (1 Thess.4:3-11) [avoid what and why?]

(1 Pet.4:2-6) “So as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.” [living a life of debauchery] (Rom.13:13-14).

Walking by means of the flesh (OSN) is **carnality** (sarkikos) (1 Cor.3:1-3). Carnality hinders walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16-17).

(Rom.8:8-14). “And those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”

4. Carnality results in personal sin and breaks spiritual fellowship with the Lord (1 John 1:6-9).

James illustrates how carnality produces personal sin in CWL:

(James 1:14-15) “But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when the lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accompanied, it brings forth death.” (Heb.12:4-11; 1 John 5:16)

Walking in the flesh (OSN) and walking by means of the Indwelling Holy Spirit are **mutually exclusive**

(Gal.5:16-17) But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Carnality grieves the Indwelling Holy Spirit and quenches His ministry in the Believer’s life. (1 Thess.5:19; Eph.4:30).

Spirituality strengthens the inner man so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.” (Eph.3:16-17; Gal.5:16-25; Rom.13:13-14)

(Rom.6:12) “Therefore do not let sin (OSN) reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts.”

(1 Pet.2:11) “Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul”

5. Confession of personal sin is the mechanics of restoring the CAB to spiritual fellowship with the Lord (1 John 1:6-9).

(1 John 1:7b-9) “And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from ALL SIN. If we say (lie/6) that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins**, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and **to cleanse us** from all unrighteousness.”

Anything more than confession (homologeō) [To name or cite] of personal sin is unnecessary and amounts to human merit for spirituality (feel sorry or promise never to do it again, etc.).

(1 Cor.6:20) “For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit makes the CAB’s body the temple of God (NAOS) on earth (1 Cor.6:19)

(1 Thess.4:5) “That each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion like the gentiles who do not know God.”
(Rom. 8:4-14)