

# Simple Church Series Part 11

Natural, Supernatural, Unnatural? Which are you? I Corinthians 2:14-16, 3:1-4

<sup>14</sup> But the [1] 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. <sup>15</sup> But he [2] who is spiritual judges all things, yet He Himself is rightly judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ..... I Corinthians 2:14-16

<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as [3] to carnal, as to babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup> 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; <sup>3</sup> for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not carnal? I Corinthians 3:1-4

<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” Genesis 3:9

## >NATURAL MAN Natural <sup>14</sup> But the natural man

1. **Born into the Natural World** <sup>12</sup> When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. Romans 5:12

From birth we are sinners Psalm 58:3 Psalm 51:5

2. **Blind to the Spiritual World** [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.

I Corinthians 2:14

to the lost the preaching of the cross is foolishness

I Corinthians 1:18

nor can he know them

Don’t think you can get Bible on your own

3. **Bound to the Material World** They follow their natural instincts because they do not have God’s Spirit in them. Jude 1:19

## >SPIRITUAL MAN Supernatural <sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual

1. **Lives by the Spirit** <sup>11</sup> No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. <sup>12</sup> And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

I Corinthians 2:11-12

Christian ≠ natural man that decide to do better turn over new leaf Romans 8:10-16

2. **Learns by the Spirit** The Lord’s light penetrates the human spirit.. Proverbs 20:27, the Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

John 14:26

3. **Liberated Through the Spirit** *But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet He Himself is rightly judged by no one.* I Corinthians 2:15

*<sup>4</sup> Of course, your former friends are surprised when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So they slander you. <sup>5</sup> But remember that they will have to face God, who stands ready to judge everyone, both the living and the dead.*

I Peter 4:4-5

>**Carnal Man** **Unnatural** but as to carnal

*And I, **brethren**, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.... for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?* I Corinthians 3:1,3

*The CARNAL man is a Christian [brethren, babes in Christ ] but is.....*

1. **DEFEATED** as to babes in Christ

*In churches today most Christians are so subnormal that when a person becomes NORMAL to rest they seem Abnormal. --- Dr. Vance Havner*

2. **DEPENDENT** *<sup>2</sup> 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; <sup>3</sup> for you are still carnal.* I Corinthians 3:2-3

*<sup>11</sup> There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. <sup>12</sup> You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. <sup>13</sup> For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. <sup>14</sup> Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.* Hebrews 5:11-14

3. **DIVISIVE** *For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?* I Corinthians 3:3-4