

The Spiritual Christian

- I.** The sin nature—the enemy within even after salvation.
 1. All Christians are vulnerable to the sin nature (Rom. 3:23).
 2. The Holy Spirit is the One who offers alternative desires against the sin nature (Gal. 5:17; Eph. 5:18).
 3. The Holy Spirit’s ministry of grieving (Eph. 5:18).
 4. A Christian can quench the Holy Spirit (1 Thes. 5:19).

- II.** The meaning of “spiritual”.
 1. ‘ikos’ ending—emanating from, pertaining to a spirit.
 2. Emanating/coming from—action resulting from desires from the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:17).
 3. Coming through the human spirit (1 Cor. 2:11; 6:17).

- III.** The one who is spiritual examines, investigates all the previously mentioned things (1 Cor. 2:15).
 1. ...that God has prepared for those loving Him (v. 9).
 - 1) We love the Father by loving the brethren (1 Jn. 4:20-21).
 - 2) Loving Him to know Him (1 Jn. 4:7 cf. 1 Cor. 13:3).
 - 3) Loving so things work together for good (Rom. 8:28).
 2. ... the deep things regarding God (v. 10).
 - 1) Going beyond beginning doctrine (Heb. 6:1).
 - 2) Knowing the riches of Christ’s indwelling (Col. 1:27).
 - i. Eternal life (1 Jn. 5:13).
 - ii. Mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).
 3. ...experientially knowing the things regarding God (v. 11).
 - 1) Learning to practice grace (2 Pet. 3:18).
 - 2) Gaining a full experiential knowledge of God (Col. 1:10).
 4. ...knowing the things given by grace (v. 12).
 5. ...learning from the Holy Spirit’s teaching to compare/match spiritual truths with spiritual matters, not using human wisdom (v. 13).
 6. ... completely disregarding any “spiritual truth” from unsaved or carnal people, even if ‘sincere’ (v. 14).