

## **The Spiritual Christian, part 2**

The spiritual Christian emanates the desires of the Holy Spirit through his human spirit: “*ιχός*” ending.

1. Can know he is spiritual (Gal. 6:1).
2. Can self-assess his spiritual condition.
  - 1) Carnal—fulfilling the lusts from the flesh, doing any of the prohibited acts in the New Testament (Rom. 6:16; Gal. 5:17).
  - 2) Quenching the Spirit—not doing what should be done (cf. Jam. 4:17).
  - 3) Spiritual—obedient to the Holy Spirit’s desires.

**I.** 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).

**III.** “...but he, himself, is discerned by no one” (1 Cor. 2:15).

1. Blatantly carnal Christians can be discerned (1 Cor. 3:1-3).
2. The spiritual Christian discerns himself (Eph. 5:19-20).
3. Has an inner sense of wellbeing, the result of Spirit filling.

4. The reflective pronoun—the subject and the object are the same, “to yourselves”, not “to one another” distributive plural.
5. The inner effervescent, joyful, tranquil of the soul ruled by the human’s spirit which is being filled by the Holy Spirit.
  - 1) Psalms—praise, telling the Father how His attributes provide for you.
  - 2) Hymns—telling God who He is.
  - 3) Spiritual songs—consistent with Scripture.
  - 4) Psalming in your heart to the Lord: servant Master relationship.
  - 5) Giving thanks for all things.
  - 6) Recognizing the Father is the ultimate source of all spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3).