

The Spiritual Christian, part 3

- I.** The spiritual Christian emanates things from the Spirit.
 - 1. Through the human spirit—rational (1 Cor. 2:11; Rom. 8:16).
 - 2. By thoughts in the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).
 - 3. To evaluate the true value of the spiritual riches received at the new birth—“the things” (1 Cor. 2:9-15).
 - 4. However, is discerned by no one (1 Cor. 2:15).
- II.** The soulish one discerns nothing spiritually, uses the wisdom of man (1 Cor. 2:15, 13).
 - 1. Cannot compare spiritual truth with spiritual matters (1 Cor. 2:13).
 - 2. With assistant from a different kind of spirit, can counterfeit the true Spirit (2 Cor. 11:4, 13-15).
 - 1) Another of the same sort of Jesus—earthly ministry (cf. Lu. 18:31-34).
 - 2) Another of a different kind of spirit.
 - 3) Another of a different kind of gospel—usually involving works.
 - 4) Appearing/sounding as true, but counterfeit doctrine.
 - 3. Misapply Old Testament to the Christian life (1 Tim. 4:1-3).
 - 1) “The faith” body of doctrine to defeat spiritual enemies (Col. 1:23; Tit. 1:11-13).
 - 2) Have supernatural empowerment.
 - 3) Hender marriage—social pressure, norms (40% +).
 - 4) They are owned—branded.
 - 5) Place religious dietary restrictions—work for righteousness.
 - 4. Deny Christ’s physical, flesh resurrection (1 Jn. 4:1-3; 2 Jn. 7).
- III.** The quest for maturing as a Christian.
 - 1. Maturing is an unending process (Phil. 3:15, 12).
 - 2. There are degrees of maturity, no degrees of spirituality.
 - 3. The spiritual Christian places Scripture over men (1 Cor. 3:3-8).
 - 4. The spiritual Christian places Scripture over tradition (Tit. 3:9).