

1 CORINTHIANS | STILL NOT READY

1ST CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

Have you ever run into someone who professes Christ, claims to be a Christian, but you know there's something off? Your first thought is that maybe they are Christians in name only. You might think they profess Christ, but they do not possess Christ. Could there be a different issue? The Apostle Paul wrote the Corinthians about problems in their church, and he identified two types of people: the natural man and the spiritual man. We know the man described above is not the spiritual man. The spiritual man is a God-honoring person who has the mind of Christ. Could this person be the natural man? Maybe, but the natural man thinks the things of God are foolish. So, what could be the issue? Maybe they are the type of person Paul describes in the third chapter of 1 Corinthians. You may look in the mirror and say, what's wrong with me, I'm not like the spiritual man. At the same time, you've put your faith in Christ, and you know you are the natural man. What could be wrong with you and how can it be corrected?

1. Paul teaches us there are three kinds of people: the _____ man, the _____ man, and the _____ man.
2. The carnal man is _____ but has _____ of the world, acts like a spiritual _____, and lives like he is _____.
3. By contrast the spiritual man is a God-_____, _____, who is faithful to his _____, _____ with others in mission, and _____ by God.