

WHO ARE WE?

“We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught to us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man’s judgment: ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?’ But we have the mind of Christ.” – 1 Corinthians 2:12-16 (NIV)

“But when he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. We speak these things through the spirit of God, which man’s wisdom cannot speak.” – John 16:13 (NIV)

“Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly – mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?” – 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NIV)

Three Sections of the Church:

1. The _____.

“He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.’” – Matthew 13:31-32 (NIV)

“Fowl” and “leaven” biblically – a sign of evil.

“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.” – Matthew 13:47-48

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.” – Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)

2. The _____.

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Carnality: man’s best thinking apart from God.

Pattern of Carnality: thinking without God’s input.

Two Types of Knowledge:

- **Revelation Knowledge – Truth that God reveals to you.**
- **Sense Knowledge – Based on senses (sight, smell, feeling, hearing, and touch).**

3. The _____.

“Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!” – 1 Corinthians 6:3 (NIV)

“After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide: ‘Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them – to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.’” – Joshua 1:1-3 (NIV)
