

Spiritual

Spiritual is used to describe one who is filled by the Holy Spirit and therefore emanating the things of the Spirit, Ephesians 5:18. To understand spirituality, we need to comprehend the human nature.

The human nature is made of three parts, body, soul, and spirit, 1 Thessalonians 5:23. These three parts make up the essence and attributes of the human nature.

The Body

The body of a human is made from the dust of the ground, possessing two qualities of life, Genesis 2:7. It is the house for the soul and spirit and how the person interacts with the environments around him. The body is passed down from the parents, taking twenty-three chromosomes from each of them to produce a separate being. The physical body will therefore take on specific traits from the parent's genetic line, impacting every aspect of appearance. Due to Adam's sin, the physical body is subject to death, Romans 5:14-16. For one who is in the Christ, the body becomes the Holy of Holies of God, 1 Corinthians 6:19.

The Soul

The soul is the center of emotions, Luke 12:19-20; Acts 4:32; Acts 14:2. It is how the five senses of the physical body are interpreted, Psalm 10:3; Psalm 31:10; Psalm 35:9; Psalm 107:9. The soul deduces a person's environment through sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch. The soul animates the flesh, Genesis 9:4. Therefore, soul is used of the physical life of a person and the emotional center.

The Spirit

The human spirit is the center of rational, where the conscience resides, 1 Corinthians 2:11. All humans possess a spirit, which is the center of their logics. The spirit of an unsaved person is separated from God and, therefore, he is not able to discern spiritual things, 1 Corinthians 2:14. Within the spirit is where the new birth in salvation happens, John 3:6. The believer is joined in one quality of spirit with God, 1 Corinthians 6:17. True worship, giving God credit for who He is and what He has done, is only made with the spirit, John 4:24.

A Natural or Soulish Man

All unsaved humans are soulish, emanating the things of the soul. They do not have the inherent ability to understand the things of God, 1 Corinthians 2:14. They are Satan's children, 1 John 3:10, and under his control, 1 John 5:19. The unsaved possess a spirit, logical center; therefore, some will learn to function more from an intellectual aspect rather than allowing their emotions to overcome them by developing control over their five sense. These types of children of Satan are very useful to him and can be sown among the saints as tares, Matthew 13:24-30; 36-39. In verse thirty-eight they are called sons belonging to the malignantly evil one. Through Satan energizing them, they pose as messengers of light, 2 Corinthians 11:4, 13-15, and are energized to disobey God, Ephesians 2:2. When it comes to Spiritual things, they walk in the uselessness of their minds, because the thoughts are darkened and they are alienated from the life of God, Ephesians 4:17-19.

The Categories of Christians

Carnal

A carnal Christian is one who is emanating the things of the flesh, thereby characterizing his lifestyle. Therefore, his mind and conduct reflect a mind that is dominated by the sin nature. This is possible because in this stage of salvation the spirit is saved, but the soul and body are not. Therefore, Christians have two natures. The person determines whether to function from the old nature, which emanates the flesh because it is focused on the soul, 1 Peter 2:11, or from the new nature that pertains to the Spirit.

Due to their carnality, Paul was unable to speak to the Corinthians saints as Spiritual; rather, he had to feed them with the milk of the word, not meat, 1 Corinthians 3:1-2. Their carnal mindset is manifested through the strive among themselves concerning who is their leader, 1 Corinthians 3:4. All those who can only partake of milk are unskilled in the word of righteousness, Hebrews 5:13.

Therefore, a carnal Christian is one who is manifesting at least one of the works of the flesh, Galatians 5:19-21. This type of lifestyle manifests a fleshly (carnal) wisdom that is contrary to one who conducts himself in liberty and sincerity, 1 Corinthians 1:12.

Within this category are several types of Christians

Carnal (Soulish), 2 Corinthians 3:1-3; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 2:14 But the soulish man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for the are foolishness to him and he does not have the inherent ability to know, because they are Spiritually discerned.

A carnal Christian is one who is living by the desires of the flesh and function primarily from their soul, all about how it makes them feel and, therefore, produce the works of the flesh, Galatians 5:19-21.

Ensnared, 2 Timothy 2:26 and they may come to their senses out from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his desirous will

An ensnared Christian is a carnal Christian who is doing the will of Satan thinking it is the right thing to do. Their primary characteristic is independence from God.

Galatianite (Bewitched to not obey the gospel of the Christ), Galatians 3:1-3.

Galatianites are carnal Christians who is living by law. They reject living by faith and through grace, using the law to govern the actions in their lives. These laws are imposed on them by others.

A Lover of this Present Evil Age (loves debating), 2 Timothy 4:10 For Demas abandoned me, having a love for this age and traveled to Thessalonica. . .

A carnal Christian that loves to debate over truth, 1 Corinthians 1:20. Debating is not about the truth, but about who has the most persuasive argument.

A Conformer to the Legal Age (Masquerades as one who is under law), Romans 12:2 And stop being outwardly conformed to this age, but to be transformed by your renewed mind, for the purpose to test for approval what is the desirous will of God, the good and well pleasing and mature.

A carnal Christian who loves to masquerade like someone who is under the Mosaic Law.

A lover of the World System (Directs love at the world), 1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If someone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

A carnal Christian that is loving the world. They put the world above other Christians, through giving what belongs to the church to unbelievers. Often involved in community activities while ignoring the needs of those in their own assembly.

Spiritual

Spiritual means to pertain to or emanate the things of the Spirit. When a Christian is seeking out and fulfilling the desires for the Holy Spirit, he is in a Spiritual state. There is only one degree of Spirituality, although there are varying degrees of maturity. When a Christian is Spiritual, he is able to mature through the Holy Spirit comparing Spiritual concepts with Spiritual words, 1 Corinthians 2:13, and teaching him how to abide in Christ, 1 John 2:27. In this state of mind, the saints will be able to properly discern the things of God that relate to what He has prepared for those who love Him, 1 Corinthians 2:15. A person that is Spiritual is filled up where lacking by the Holy Spirit, Ephesians 5:18, giving them the ability to manifest His fruit, Galatians 5:22-23.

Spiritual, 1 Corinthians 2:15 But the one who is Spiritual discerns all things, and by no one is discerned.

A Spiritual Christian is emanating the things of the Spirit by paying attention to the desires from the Spirit, seeking to fulfill them, and governing the manner of life by the Spirit (being led by the Spirit), Galatians 5:18.

Maturing, Hebrews 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, the ones through the practice, while training the senses, have discernment toward proper and wrong; 1 Corinthians 2:6-7 And we speak wisdom to the mature, but not the wisdom of this age nor of the ruler of this age, the one passing away, but we speak a wisdom from God in a mystery, the one hidden, which the God determined before the ages unto a proper opinion of us.

A maturing Christian is Spiritual and through practice is training their senses to know God's will in any situation and therefore gaining experiential knowledge of their position in Christ and possessions in Salvation by living them out.