

# The Natural Man

John 3:1-4 NIV

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Genesis 1:1 NIV

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

God **creates** and everything is good.

Genesis 1:26-27 NIV

Then God said, “**Let us** make mankind **in our image, in our likeness**, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; **male** and **female** he created them.

Genesis 2:20-22, 25 NIV

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. <sup>25</sup> The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 2:17 NIV

but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”

Man **Sins**- everything falls apart

Genesis 3:1 NIV

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

**Questions** God’s Word

**Denies** God’s Word

**Reverses** God’s Word

Genesis 3:6 (NIV 1984)

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.

Verse 6b

She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Verse 7

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Genesis 3:15 NIV

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:21 NIV

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Hebrews 9:22 NIV

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

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1 Corinthians 2:14-3:3 NIV

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ. Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly (carnal)—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 (carnal). For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly (carnal)? Are you not acting like mere humans?

1 Corinthians 10:32 NIV

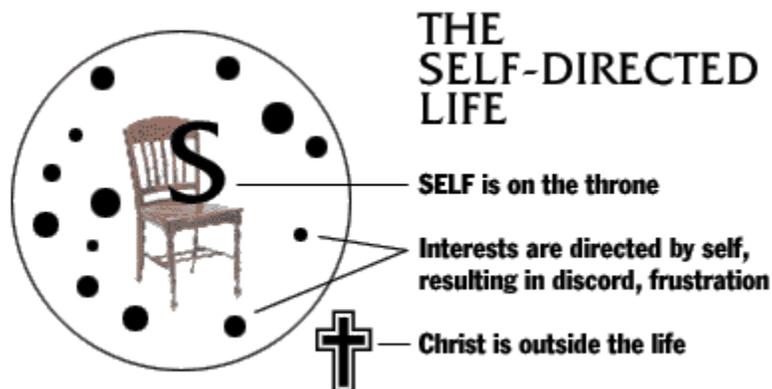
Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—

1 Corinthians 1:18 NIV

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are **perishing**, but to us who are being **saved** it is the power of God.

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(one who has not received Christ)



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- 1) Man without the **Holy Spirit**. (V14)
- 2) No **appreciation** for the things of God.
- 3) Often good **moral** people but have no **spiritual** life.
- 4) Uncomfortable about **spiritual** things.
- 5) In a church they will **drop** out, **move** out or **lash** out.
- 6) Physically alive but **spiritually** dead.
- 7) Has not been **born** again.

Man is made up of **three** distinct parts.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 NIV

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your **whole spirit, soul and body** be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:4-5 NIV

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

John 3:13-21 NIV

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.—And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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