

“The Spiritual Man”

The Spirit Is God’s **Guarantee**

Ephesians 1:3-14 NLT

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. **Even before he made the world**, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

God’s purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. **The Spirit is God’s guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.**

Every Day **Recorded** Before A Single Day Had **Passed**

Psalm 139:13-16 NLT

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body
and knit me together in my mother's womb.

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!

Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.
You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

You saw me before I was born.

Every day of my life was recorded in your book.
Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.

Three truths about everyone before they are born:

God **created** Me.

God **saw** Me.

God **planned** my days.

The **Natural** Man, The **Spiritual** Man, The **Carnal** Man

1Corinthians 2:14-3:3 NIV

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ. ¹ 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. ² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³ 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?

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1 Corinthians 2:14

“The natural man (the man without the Holy Spirit) does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him. He cannot understand them because they are spiritually appraised.”

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.”

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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.

Spiritual Man

1 Corinthians 2:15

“But the spiritual man has insight into everything. And that bothers and baffles the man of the world who can’t understand him at all.”

The **New** Nature rules over the **Old** Nature!!

Verses 15-16 *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.*

- 1) Possesses the **Ability** to discern spiritual things. (V15)
- 2) Bothers and **baffles** the man of the world.
- 3) **Dependable, Joyful, Happy, Full of Purpose**

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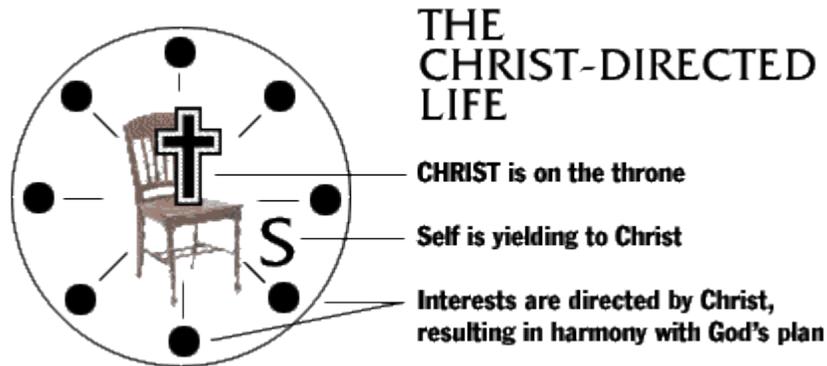
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Spiritual Man (One who is directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit)



Characteristics of Spiritual Man

Christ-centered

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Introduces other to Christ

Effective **prayer** life

Understands God's Word

Trusts God

Obeys God

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things.

Fruit of the Spirit

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-Control

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1 Peter 2:9 NLT

...you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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