

## FIND YOURSELF IN GOD'S MIRROR

### 1 Corinthians 2:14-15; 3:1-4

**Introduction:** Whenever we look in a mirror, we see what we want to see sometimes, not what others see when they look at us. Just how do we look in God's eyes? God gives us a mirror to see ourselves by in which we may see how God sees us.

#### I. THE LOWEST LEVEL IN GOD'S EYES IS CALLED THE "NATURAL" MAN

1. *1 Corinthians 2:14* - The attitude toward God of the "natural" person:

- He/she does not know God.
- He/she has no gratitude to God.
- He/she has no desire for God.
- He/she has no love for God.
- He/she has no faith in God.
- He/she has no fear of God.
- He/she does not worship God.
- He/she does not receive the things of God.
- He/she rejects God's truths.
- He/she disobeys God's Gospel.
- He/she is an enemy to God.

2. The "natural" person's relationship to God:

- He/she is far from God.
- He/she is guilty before God.
- He/she is condemned by God.
- He/she is under God's wrath.
- He/she is separated from God.
- He/she is without God here and will be without God in eternity.

#### II. THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN GOD'S EYES IS CALLED THE "SPIRITUAL" MAN

1. *1 Corinthians 2:15* - The relationship toward God of a "spiritual" person:

- He/she is rightly related.
- He/she is filled by/with the Holy Spirit.
- He/she has accepted Jesus Christ as his/her Savior.
- He/she has yielded to Jesus Christ as Lord.
- He/she has let Jesus be his/her life.

2. The "spiritual" person's condition with God:

- Jesus Christ is the center of his/her life.
- He/she is a willing servant to Jesus Christ.
- Jesus Christ is real to him/her.

### III. THE MIDDLE LEVEL IN GOD'S EYES IS CALLED THE "CARNAL" MAN

1. *1 Corinthians 3:1-4* - The relationship to God of a "carnal" person:
  - He/she is rightly related, being in Jesus Christ but does not use his/her privileges.
  - He/she has the Holy Spirit dwelling within but often quenches the Holy Spirit's guidance.
  - He/she has been born again in Jesus Christ, but is still a "babe" and is not maturing.
  - He/she has accepted Jesus Christ and has given Him a place in his/her life, but NOT THE place Jesus wants.
2. The "carnal" person's condition with God:
  - He/she lives partly for God and partly for him/herself.
  - Sometimes Jesus dominates his/her life, but sometimes "self" dominates.
  - He/she lives in two spheres: heavenly and earthly.
  - His/her life is miserable, torn between two desires.

#### CONCLUSION:

1. There is the person who has never known Jesus Christ as Savior and therefore has never known God.
2. There is the person who knows Jesus Christ, personally, has accepted Him as his/her savior, is saved, filled with the Holy Spirit and is living his/her life in Jesus Christ, totally devoted to Him.
3. There is the person who knows Jesus Christ as savior, is saved, is indwelt with the Holy Spirit but is still a "babe" in the Lord. He/she has never totally given the Holy Spirit complete control of his/her life and lives sometimes for the Lord and sometimes for him/herself.
4. So, which are YOU, looking in God's mirror? Lost, without Jesus? - Saved, living as God wants you to live? - Saved, but living sometimes for the Lord and sometimes for yourself, still an infant, immature and weak in the Lord and His service?
5. Which do you want to be? What are you going to do about it?