

RE-VIEW

Weekly Devotionals

"GROWING INTO THE MIND OF CHRIST"

1 Corinthians 2:10-3:4

Situation

What kind of person are you spiritually?

This is not a question meant to make us compare ourselves with others or label someone else's faith. It is a mirror. In 1 Corinthians 2:10 - 3:4, Paul invites each of us to ask, **"Lord, where am I? What are You showing me? Where do I need to grow?"**

The church in Corinth lived in a culture shaped by pride, immorality, false religion, and a hunger for status. Sadly, those same attitudes had begun to influence the church. Believers were dividing over leaders, arguing, living with jealousy, and allowing worldly thinking to shape their behavior.

Paul describes three spiritual conditions.

1. **There is the unspiritual person (Non-Believer)**—someone who does not have the Spirit of God. This person may be kind, successful, generous, educated, or religious, but apart from Christ, they cannot receive the truth of the gospel as God intends. The gospel may sound foolish or unnecessary because the Holy Spirit has not yet opened their heart.
2. **There is the spiritual person (Christ Follower)**—a follower of Jesus who has received the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit reveals the truth of Christ, teaches us through God's Word, and gives us a new perspective on life. As we grow, we increasingly learn to think like Jesus, love like Jesus, serve like Jesus, and live for God's glory.

3. Paul describes the worldly or fleshly Christian (Worldly Christian)—someone who belongs to Jesus but is still living in spiritual immaturity. New believers need time to learn the basics of faith, and that is normal. But believers are not meant to remain spiritual infants. Over time, growth should become visible through humility, obedience, love, unity, and a growing desire to please Christ.

The Corinthians had been believers long enough that Paul expected to see progress. Instead, jealousy, quarrels, pride, and division were still controlling too much of their lives. They belonged to Christ, but they were acting as though the world still had the final word.

This passage calls us to examine our own hearts. Are we allowing the Holy Spirit and God's Word to shape our thoughts, relationships, and choices? Or are old patterns of pride, selfishness, bitterness, and worldly thinking still directing us? God does not expose spiritual immaturity to shame us. He exposes it to grow us. Jesus lovingly calls us to move beyond spiritual infancy and become people who bear fruit for His glory.

Scripture

ReVisit - **1 Corinthians 2:10 - 3:4 (NLT):**

But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. **11** No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. **12** And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

13 When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. **14** But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit

means. **15** Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. **16** For, "Who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

3:1 Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ. **2** I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, **3** for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world? **4** When one of you says, "I am a follower of Paul," and another says, "I follow Apollos," aren't you acting just like people of the world?

Additional Scriptures to Look Up This Week:

- **Ephesians 2:1–10** — We were spiritually dead in sin.
- **Romans 12:1–2** — God transforms believers.
- **Galatians 5:16–25** — The Fruit of the Spirit
- **2 Timothy 3:16–17** — God's Word gives what we need.
- **John 15:1–8** — Producing lasting spiritual fruit.

Truth

The Holy Spirit does more than give us information about God—He gives us new life, helps us understand spiritual truth, and grows us to think and live like Jesus.

Paul explains that the unspiritual person cannot truly receive the things of God because they do not yet have the Spirit. They may hear the gospel and understand its facts, but they cannot see its beauty or receive it as good news until the Holy Spirit opens their heart. That is why **we should share Jesus clearly, love people patiently, and pray faithfully for God to draw them to Himself.**

For those who belong to Christ, the Holy Spirit lives within us. He reveals God's truth through His Word and gives us a new perspective on life. As we grow, we begin to value what Jesus values. We see sin differently, forgive more freely, serve more humbly, and use our lives for God's glory rather than our own.

Yet Paul also warns that Christians can remain spiritually immature. The Corinthians belonged to Jesus, but jealousy, pride, conflict, and division were still controlling too much of their behavior. Spiritual maturity is not measured by how long we have attended church or how much Bible knowledge we have. It is seen in a life increasingly marked by humility, love, unity, obedience, and the fruit of the Spirit.

God does not call us to stay spiritual infants. **The same Spirit who saves us also grows us.** As we remain teachable, stay in God's Word, and obey what He shows us, He will continue shaping us into the likeness of Christ.

Application

This passage is a call to examine our own hearts, not to assign spiritual labels to everyone around us. Ask the Lord, "Where am I growing, and where am I still acting like a spiritual infant?"

If you have never trusted Jesus, do not settle for religion, good intentions, or trying harder. You need the Holy Spirit to give you new life. Come to Christ, confess your sin, and place your faith in Him. Ask Him to forgive you, save you, and make you new.

If you are a believer, make room for the Holy Spirit to shape your life. Spend regular time in God's Word, because the Spirit uses Scripture to renew your mind and teach you what is true. Do not let the loud voices of culture shape your values more than the voice of God.

Pay attention to the signs of spiritual immaturity. Is jealousy controlling your heart? Are you easily offended, quick to argue, unwilling to forgive, resistant to correction, or focused on getting your own way? Bring those things honestly to Jesus. Do not excuse them. Repent, ask for help, and take one practical step of obedience.

Choose to pursue spiritual growth this week:

- Read a passage of Scripture each day and ask, "Holy Spirit, what are You teaching me?"
- Pray for one person who does not know Christ, asking God to open their eyes to the gospel.
- Forgive someone, apologize where needed, or take a step toward restoring peace.
- Find one way to serve another person without expecting recognition.
- Get involved in the life of the church—not simply by attending, but by encouraging, serving, praying, and helping others grow.

Jesus does not call us merely to sit in church; He calls us to remain connected to Him and bear fruit. As we walk with Him, the Holy Spirit works in us and through us so that our lives increasingly reflect the mind of Christ.

Prayer

Father, thank You for giving me Your Holy Spirit. Open my heart to Your truth and help me grow in the likeness of Jesus.

Show me where pride, jealousy, bitterness, selfishness, or worldly thinking is keeping me spiritually immature. Give me a humble and teachable heart. Help me stay in Your Word, obey what You show me, and bear fruit that brings You glory.

Use my life to point others to Jesus.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.