

# **Spiritual vs. Carnal**

## ***Lesson 3***

### ***I Corinthians 3:1 - 23***

#### ***Introduction***

Paul develops the idea expressed in chapters one and two regarding the foolishness of depending on human wisdom by applying it to the Corinthians. He accuses them of being carnal, walking after the manner of men in dividing up in parties. After explaining the true role of a minister, he again concludes by declaring the wisdom of God to be above any reasonings of men.

#### ***Worldly Divisions - 3:1-8***

1. Read Hebrews 5:12-14 and explain why the Corinthians needed milk.
2. What are jealousy and strife (vs. 3) according to Galatians 5:20-21?
3. What was the proof of their carnality (worldliness) according to vs. 4? Why?
4. What were the roles of Paul, Apollos and God? Who was the greater, the planter or the waterer?

#### ***The Work of Ministers - 3:9-15***

1. These verses are frequently misunderstood to teach that a person once converted can never be lost. It is true that the man discussed here will be saved regardless of what happens to his works (vs. 14, 15). The key is to determine who the man is and what the works are.
2. Who is the foundation (vs. 11)? What is typically built on a foundation? Who were the building (vs. 9)?
3. Who was working in vs. 5,6? If these were the workers of vs. 13, and the "works" were the building of vs. 9, what is the meaning of vs. 13-15?
4. Read Galatians 6:1-5.

***Foolishness of the World - 3:16-23***

1. Who is the temple of God?
2. In what way should you be a fool in order to be wise?
3. Read Job 5:13. How does the Lord take the wise in their craftiness?
4. How do Christians possess Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death?
5. To whom do we belong?