

What's the difference?

Romans 8:5-11

Introduction:

Is there a third category of Carnal Christians?

1 Cor. 3:1 *And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ. 3 for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?*

1 Cor. 6:9 *Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.*

Gal. 5:19 *Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Heb. 12:6 *For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives. 8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.*

Matt. 7:21 *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles? 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness'*

Are there 2 levels of commitment? Christian and Disciple?

Luke 14:26 *"If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.*

Acts 11:26 *the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.*

How can we tell the real from the fake?

2 Cor. 13:5 *Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you--unless indeed you fail the test?*

#1 - The _____: life in the _____

1st - A fleshly _____

5 *For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,*

Proverbs 23:7 *For as a man think within himself, so he is*

Phil. 3:4 *If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.*

2nd - A _____ existence

6 *For the mind set on the flesh is death,*

Test #1 _____

Psalm 19:1 *The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.*

Test #2 The _____

1 Cor 2:14 *But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he can't understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.*

Test #3 Existence versus _____

6 *the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,*

3rd - A Godward _____

7 *because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God*

4th - A _____ **lifestyle**

7 *for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so;*

James 1:22 *But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.*

5th - An inability to _____ **God**

8 *and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

Col. 1:10 *so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;*

Heb. 11:6 *And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

#2 - The _____ **: life in the** _____

1st - A Spiritual _____

5 *but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit*

It doesn't mean...

1- a person is _____

2-a person holds right _____

James 2:19 *You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.*

3-a person lives _____

James 4:5 *the Spirit that dwelleth in us yearneth for us even unto jealous envy.*

2nd - A _____ **existence**

6 but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

1 Cor. 15:22 *For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.*

Col. 2:13 *...you were dead in your transgressions ...He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions*

1 Pet. 3:18 *Christ ...died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;*

Test: True or False

- Do you sense His passions in your heart?
- Is there a tension in your heart when you disobey?
- Does He talk to you through His Word
- Are you worshipping God or the wall?

3rd - A spirit _____ life

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

John 3:6 *That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

Do you know and love the Holy Spirit?

John 14:16 *And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you. 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.*

1 Cor. 12:13 *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

Eph. 5:18 *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.*

1. Is the Holy Spirit active in your daily life?
2. Is the Bible given a higher priority than your relationship to Jesus?
3. Do you depend on truth alone and not the Spirit of truth?
4. Do you listen to the Holy Spirit?
5. Are you willing to depend upon the Holy Spirit?

4th - _____ alert

10 *And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.*

1-we are alert to the _____

2-we are also alert to the Holy Spirit in other _____

1 John 2:19 *They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they*

went out, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us.

5th - Hope in the _____

*11 But if the **Spirit of Him** who raised **Jesus** from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.*

Conclusion:

1st-Are you absolutely ____ you are a _____?

2nd-Are you living in your own _____ or in the _____ of the Holy Spirit?

3rd-Is your life focused upon _____?