

Series: 1 Corinthians

## “The Tell Tale Signs of Spiritual Immaturity”

(Sunday Morning March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026)

### Passage: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

a. Justification Occurs I \_\_\_\_\_

*Rom 8:1 “Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”*

b. Glorification Occurs U \_\_\_\_\_

*1 John 3:2 “...We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.”*

c. Sanctification Occurs P \_\_\_\_\_

*Gal 5:16 “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”*

### I. The Presence of an Unhealthy A \_\_\_\_\_

1) Their I \_\_\_\_\_ Birth

*1 Thes 2:7 “But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children.”*

Paul begins by saying that babies are fine and babies are cute, and we can accept the fact that babies sometimes do d \_\_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Their I \_\_\_\_\_ Growth

In *verse 1*, Paul said that they were “*sarkikois*” which means that they were c \_\_\_\_\_ by having a fleshly nature.

In *verse 3*, Paul changes this to “*sarkikos*” which means that they were being c \_\_\_\_\_ by their fleshly nature.

*Rom 6:4 “Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”*

2) Their I \_\_\_\_\_ Diet

*1 Pet 2:2 “(The Apostle Peter Said) like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation”*

*Heb 6:1-2 “I Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.”*

a. The Problem of Unspiritual D \_\_\_\_\_

*Heb 5:11 “Concerning him (Melchizedek) we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing...”*

b. The Problem of Unspiritual D \_\_\_\_\_

c. The Problem of Unspiritual D \_\_\_\_\_ -

*Eph 4:14 "As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming"*

## II. The Presence of an Unacceptable A\_\_\_\_\_

### 1) Their Carnal R\_\_\_\_\_

*Gal 5:19-20 "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"*

### 2) Their Carnal R\_\_\_\_\_

*3 John 1:9-10 "I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say. 10 For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, he himself does not receive the brethren, either, and he forbids those who desire to do so and puts them out of the church."*

What it boils down to is s\_\_\_\_\_ and if someone is s\_\_\_\_\_, there is nothing in the world we're going to be able to do to keep them happy.

## III. The Presence of Unintended A\_\_\_\_\_

### 1) They Created F\_\_\_\_\_

*Titus 3:10 "Reject a factious man after a first and second warning"*

*Eph 4:3 "(be) diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."*

You can correct me if I am wrong, but it think that more often than not disunity has more to do with the p\_\_\_\_\_ involved than it does the issue.

### 2) They Could Not F\_\_\_\_\_

I think Paul gives us the cure for this entire problem with one word, and that is the word w\_\_\_\_\_.

*2 Cor 4:7 "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves"*

*1 Thes 5:12-13 "12 But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, 13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work..."*

*Heb 9:27; John 3:7; Rev 20:14 (References)*