

1st John # 26

“Spiritual or Carnal”

1st John 1:9; Ezekiel 28:14-17

A believer can either be spiritual (only believers can because it requires a human spirit) or carnal (unbelievers are exclusively carnal).

When we walk by means of our sin nature and not by the Holy Spirit, we are grieving or quenching the Holy Spirit and out of fellowship with God and it's then that the Holy Spirit reaches out to us.

The Holy Spirit stores biblical truth in our soul inventory and brings it to our memory, so when we need to apply the Word of truth, He reminds us of it and shows us how to use it.

The spiritual life is summed up in one concept; “walking by means of God the Holy Spirit.”

The believer in fellowship with God is spiritual in the sense that the Holy Spirit is influencing his soul as he lives inside God's power system and gains momentum from learning and applying biblical truth.

The relative concept of the Christian life is based on growth from learning and applying the Word or lack of growth from ignorance of the Word.

The believer who's out of fellowship is a carnal Christian whose life is influenced by his sin nature as he spends the majority of his time in Satan's cosmic system deceiving himself.

God put a seal on you because you are valuable because you belong to Him.

Confession of our sins as believers is necessary because it's how we apply our Lord's death on the cross for us as payment for our sins when we're walking according to the flesh or sin nature in darkness, not abiding in Jesus Christ's love.

Confession is designed by God as one of His problem-solving devices for us to express faith in Him and His Word.

God's grace provision for post-salvation sin is confession or acknowledging our failure before Him.

The issue isn't primarily that we've sinned; it's that we've chosen to walk our own way in our own power by means of our sin nature and not by means of God the Holy Spirit! Every day, in every situation we face requires a choice as to whether we're going to rely on our own resources which is the default position of our sin nature, with mental attitude sins of anger, lust or bitterness or sins of the tongue, like gossip, maligning or judging or will we choose to be filled with the Holy Spirit and walk in the Light of His love?

When we walk by means the Holy Spirit and apply biblical truth, we go forward in the plan of God and there will be all kinds of tests along the way.

When we trust in Jesus Christ as Savior; immediately we enter into the family of God as newborn babies and we have to grow, we have to be nourished, we have to build spiritual muscles and we must be disciplined so we have to be taught discipline and all of these things develop through the Word of God.

The Word of God is the primary agent under the ministry of God the Holy Spirit that God uses to mature us.

Contradictions cannot exist in the perfect plan of God, so anything that contradicts God's plan hinders us from using the grace of God to glorify Him in the execution of His plan.

Arrogant self-deception is a major contradiction to the plan of God and therefore, the primary reason for the believer's failure to execute the plan.

Arrogance is inordinate self-respect totally apart from reality.

Arrogance is vanity or empty pride regarding self or accomplishments or possessions along with an excessive desire to be noticed with a lust for attention, approval and praise from others.