



And I (Paul), brethren (believers), could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal (1 Corinthians 3:1-3).

Naturally we are in the world as physical living beings. As a result, we have developed all possible characters of the physical creatures that are seen and living on the earth, sky and in water. In addition to these physical wrong doings, we also display spiritual nature (Jealous, enmity, envy, argument, anger, disappointment etc). The characters what we build naturally are not from the Spiritual God; because the fruits of Spirit are well defined in Galatians 5:22, 23.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Against such thing there is no law.



God has given us this life and it is Spirit. Spirit is expected to develop its characteristics. Words are the ingredients to develop characters. St. Paul writes: I sowed the seed, Apollos watered the plant, but it was God who made the plant (Soul) to grow (1 Corinthians 3:6). In fact the life grows with words that the spirit would receive from the external sources (God/angels/peoples/devil/demons). That's why Christ Jesus says: My words have life and spirit.

Word brings wisdom and knowledge into spirit. St. Paul writes in 1st Corinthians 3:19 as,

"For what this world considered to be wisdom is nonsense in God's sight". Also he further adds that God traps the wise in their cleverness. The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are worthless. Why does God call the cleverness of the world nonsense?

Let us understand first one basic point: How does our mind work?

Step 1: Through our input organs, namely eyes, ears, nose, skin and tongue, we receive information (Physical or Spiritual).

Step 2: Mind, takes these information and directs them to the spirit.

Step 3: Free will considers them and apply its decision.

Step 4: Now heart responds to the spirit for its thinking by varying its action (beat/blood flow pressure)



Step 5: Spirit develops the commands (primary source) and send it back to the mind and now it is recorded in the brain.

Step 6: Through nerves, these commands are communicated from primary source (Spirit) to the secondary source (brain). Now the brain controls

the physical parts to obey for these commands.

Step 7: When the brain commands, heart responds; remember step 5, spirit will also command the heart. In both cases, mind connects the two drivers. Nevertheless, brain cannot write anything into spirit. It is the spirit, who is the master. However, brain takes all the processed commands and works as a controller of physical parts.

- A command may result into action
- An action may be fruitful (spiritual) or sinful (physical)

The seven steps that have been described above lay down the foundation of a spiritual life. **Without spirit, there is no life in our flesh.**

St. Paul writes (Ch. 3:9): "*For we are partners working together for God, and you are God's field. You are also God's building.*"

Naturally a man or a woman is not working with God, therefore he or she does not get the word of God. So we try to build our life without God.

Where from the assistantship come?



Remember on the earth, we have both God and devil doing their ministries. God is building his kingdom and devil is also building the kingdom of darkness. Good spirits (angels) and bad spirits (demons) are interacting with humans as messengers. Knowingly or unknowingly every day we receive many words. Kindly understand that these words carry spiritual energy.

Word is the carrier of spiritual energy

The first man had received God's words in the Garden of Eden. The first woman however had interacted with the devil and received his words. After that angels and demons had brought both good and bad words, respectively. As a result humans had learnt to build a thinking life (Thought life).

Thinking produces speech through words

Our thinking reproduces words, what we have learnt. Since spirit makes us to do this job, thinking is basically a spiritual exercise. We always think but do not think that our thinking needs justification. God does not want us to think through observation. He expects from our life fruitfulness i.e. his characters. Therefore, he wants every one of us to take his words and think (meditate) on them. Why?

- ❖ Man or woman needs guidance for thinking because they have bad elements inside and outside
- ❖ Inside bad elements are the desires of the flesh; and outside bad elements are the desires of the devil and his demons
- ❖ God's guidance brings regulations in our thinking to proceed in righteous direction. It also cuts off or shuts the bad thinking. Sometimes we may feel sorry, why we get such bad thinking. Please understand that we have sources for such bad thinking both from inside and outside.
- ❖ Devil and demons need not visit us every day or every time; they are already multiplied in this world; their words are plenty available everywhere.
- ❖ One must be careful even listening to the fellow human beings; sources such as media, cinema/news papers etc are so much polluted. The world today has failed to provide clean words to our children.

What is the nature of word?

All the religions preach words. Every human learns words and address them to others. That means without words there is no world. That's why we have two kingdoms on the earth.

- Kingdom of God
- Kingdom of darkness

Both are spiritual worlds. As we do not see the spirit of life, we cannot see these two worlds. However they exist very much on this earth. How?



Since there are words on the earth; these kingdoms are also on the earth.

- ✓ The devil deceives the humans through lustful words, so that his punishment is stayed (delayed).

- ✓ God receives humans through his faithful words, so that his judgment on them gets fulfilled on this earth; God wants to forgive our all mistakes through Christ Jesus during our stay on this earth now.

Whose words we listen, accordingly the purpose of our life takes a direction. Paul writes further (Ch. 3:10-15): *Using the gift that God gave me, I did the work of an expert and laid the foundation, and someone else is building on it. But each one must be careful how he builds. For God has already placed Jesus Christ as the one and only foundation and no other foundation can be laid.*

Through fire of God, you are examined

- For on that Day:

Christ's second visit for the believers (Churches)

Grant Judgement day for others

Fire will reveal everyone's work; the fire will test it and show the real quality.

God has invited all of us not only to be part of his kingdom and also to work for his kingdom. Scriptures say that God's children are the rulers of his kingdom. Today we may not see God's kingdom through our naked eyes; but it is the truthful and everlasting one. Praise is unto our Father in heaven and Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus.

Spiritual life is the works of the God (Ch.3:16).

"Surely you know that you are God's temple and God's Spirit lives in you".

- God's working place on the earth is our heart (Altar); because there he has placed the spirit of our life
- Since the spirit lives in our flesh, God wants it to be his temple



- Purification and sanctification in our life will lead to holiness
- Without being Godly, no one can be holy

Then who can make it; may not be possible for us; but God alone can do it in us.

(Also read 1st Corinthians 6:17; 8:13; 12:6, 7, 11).

- There are different abilities required to perform services to God; but God gives us all that potentials to do various services according to its kinds
- The presence of God's Spirit is shown in same way in each person for the good of all
- But it is one and the same Spirit, who does all this; as he wishes, he gives a different gift to each person

Therefore, we the peoples of this world need to do the following steps to attain the state of Godly.

Step 1: Submission (water baptism)

Step 2: Confession (remission through repenting)

Step 3: Salvation (sanctification by Holy Spirit)

Without salvation there is no sanctification. All our disobediences must be washed off spiritually.

❖ Physical wash: Cleanses all the dirt from our body

❖ Spiritual wash: Removes all the bad words and thoughts from our spirit

Once the dirt (bad things) is removed, we feel healthy and good looking. Similarly, once bad words and thoughts are removed from our spirit, all our bad characters would vanish from our life.

Now we need to seed God's word. Let us see the various stages of salvation.

- Seeding
- Watering
- Growing



Seeding: Self or with the help of others; directly reading bible or hearing songs, messages from gospel meetings or watching church proceedings etc

Watering: Adding various ingredients; Holy Spirit anointing, fasting, prayer, worship and service etc

Growing: Obeying and practising God's commands

How can we be practical?

We must be practitioners rather than just being the preachers of God's word. Our characters must reflect God's likeness. As God cannot be seen in this world through naked eyes, he wants the world to see him in us (believers of his word). Therefore, we the believers of truth, who have the access to God should display, 'God's love'; so that the peoples of this world would see the goodness of God and receive the kindness of God.

God's love has been there since the creation of this world; but the sins of the world have separated us from that love. That's the reason why the Son of God was crucified as ransom sacrifice on the cross for our sins to be removed and the gap can be filled between the Holy God and the sinners through the grace of God. If we do not see our sins on the cross of Jesus, then we claim to be righteous in front of the Holy God and reject God's judgment. On the other hand, those who could see their sins on the cross, would confess truthfully to Jesus, and say sorry to the Saviour, because Christ was sinless.

It is our sins he had carried over on his cross. God forgives those, who submit their lives to Jesus and makes peace with such spiritual lives. As a result God's Spirit guides our thoughts and sanctifies the thought life to produce goodness. Thus a faithful relationship is built. This spiritual relation grows, when we spend more time with God's word. We must think that our time is God's time and our life is God's life. How much time you spend with God? After all who are we?

We have come from God.

Amen,

Praise the Lord.