

## THE INFANT CHRISTIAN

I Cor. 3:1,2a

1. Two different Greek words translated CARNAL.

*Weak*  
(1) In Vs. 1, SARKINOS, "made of something or other; of flesh. It's what a man cannot help being, but a state to be submitted to the higher law of the Spirit. The MATERIAL of life. **THIS WAS NOT A REBUKE, Because a man is made of flesh, BUT HE MUST NOT STAY THAT WAY!**

*men in faith*  
(2) Vs. 3 SARKIKOS, "dominated by the flesh, manifesting the characteristics of the flesh, unspiritual."

DIFFERENCE between FLESHY and FLESHLY

1. The material of life and the manner of life
2. One is physical the other ethical, moral.
3. I can't help it because hasn't been enough time or experience to acquire knowledge and truth -- **I Can help it but won't, a deliberate refusal to come under Spirit's control.**

4. A 5 yr. old acting like a 5 yr. old.

A 50 yr. old acting like a 5 yr. old.

*weak in faith*  
2. ~~BABES~~ BABES IN CHRIST, Infancy, immature. There is no rebuke here. This is normal

GROWTH IS BASCI PRINCIPLE OF LIFE, SPIRITUAL LIFE.

Mark 4:28; I Jogn 2-- The life as a whole, not separate units. There are overlappings but we're looking at the dominant theme of a life.

3. **OUR PURPOSE:** To POSITIONIZE OURSELF,

4. THE MARKS OF A BABE IN CHRIST

- 1- Legalistic - overly - scrupulous
- 2- no moral standard & no actants
- 3- not free from past - 1 Cor 8:7
- 4- Easily offended
- 5- vulnerable to Deception
- Ex 4

Canal + 1- <sup>Failure</sup> to ~~know~~ 2- to get along w/ others  
3- to Grasp Truth

Spiritual -

- 1- a mature man
- 2- Discernment
- 3- Enigma to others



1. He tends to be legalistic. Overly scrupulous. Rom. 14:1. Doesn't understand the liberty in Christ. Places himself under yoke. Sees sin~~x~~ as acts rather than attitude. Rules, etc. necessary.

May assume spiritual because reads Bible every-day at same time, witnesses a set number of times. Overt acts become standard of spiritual.

2. Not completely free from the past.  
I Cor. 8:7

3. Lacks knowledge. I Cor. 8:7

4. EASILY OFFENDED. I Cor. 8:7...The shocking thing to some is the identity of the weak brother. He is not the one wavering in devotion, etc. Ill of woman offended by make-up. Man who would walk out of room when someone ~~xx~~ smoked -- outraged virtue. THESE THINK THEY ARE SPIRITUAL, STRONG. They are weak! YOUR HAIR OR MUSTACHE OFFENDS ME. weak.

I HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE IN THE CHURCH.

They become a deacon, committee, discover not everyone saints, get easily offended.

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5. VULNERABLE TO DECEPTION -- lack discernment. Eph. 4

6 - milk = dealing w/ surrender, first principle = stay w/ basic of surrender, etc. Till he's got it

Our Responsibility

- 1 - Receive Them
- 2 - Not Criticize Their Convictions
- 3 - Bear Their burden, to build them up.