

Still Carnal?

1 Corinthians 3:1-4

Outline of 1 Corinthians:

I. Introduction (1:1-9)

II. Problems Reported (1:10-6:20)

a. Divisions (1:10-4:21)

i. The Problem of Division Denounced (1:10-17)

ii. Clarifying the Nature of the Message (1:18-3:4)

Recap from chapter 2

- **2:1-5** – It makes no sense to teach the depths of God’s wisdom to unbelievers; instead, the simple message of the Gospel must be emphasized first of all.
- **2:6-13** – It does make sense to teach the depths of God’s wisdom to mature believers; this is why the Spirit of God has given us the word of God.
- **2:14** – Unbelievers neither want to nor are able to receive God’s wisdom in God’s word.
- **2:15** – Believers taught by the Holy Spirit understand and embrace God’s wisdom in God’s word.
- **2:16** – To judge the mind of Christ by the mind of men is foolish when we have access to the mind of Christ in the Scriptures.

A. How can Paul call these believers carnal?

v1 – Paul realized that the Corinthian church was not a favorable audience to the wisdom of _____.

v2 – The Corinthian believers failed to make _____.

v3a– The Reason the Corinthian believers failed to make progress is because they remained carnal over _____.

v3b– The _____ of their prolonged carnality is their widespread reputation for divisiveness.

v4 – The specific nature of their failure was seen when believers formed parties around their _____ preacher.

B. What should we know about these key terms?

1. Natural

2. Spiritual

3. Carnal

4. Mature

5. Babes in Christ