

Gen 6:5 - the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Jer 17:9 - The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick...

Eph 2:1-3 - And you were dead in your trespasses and sins...and were by nature children of wrath...

John 3:3 - Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

A TALE OF TWO MEN

1 Corinthians 2:14-16

Two biblical categories of human beings...

Category #1 – THE NATURAL MAN

14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him...

Jude 1:19 - These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.

1 Cor 1:18 - For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing...21 For...God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe...23...we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness

*Acts 17:18, 32 – an idle babbler...sneered
Acts 26:24 – out of your mind...mad*

Two biblical categories of human beings...

Category #1 – THE NATURAL MAN

14...and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

11 - For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

See Acts 17:1 – the Bereans

See Rom 1:18 – they suppress the truth

Two biblical categories of human beings...

Category #2 – THE SPIRITUAL MAN

15 But he who is SPIRITUAL appraises all things...

Rom 8:9 - if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

Psa 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Two biblical categories of human beings...

Category #2 – THE SPIRITUAL MAN

15...he himself is appraised by no man.

16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM?

Two biblical categories of human beings...

Category #2 – THE SPIRITUAL MAN

16...But we have the mind of Christ.

Luke 24:45 – Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures...

Rom 8:9 - you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

**# 1 – IT IMPACTS OUR MANNER OF
EVANGELISM**

**#2 – IT LEADS TO PROPER EVALUATION OF
MINISTRIES**

**#3 – IT PRODUCES A HEART OF GRATITUDE
AND WORSHIP**

*Col 1:13 - ...He delivered us from the domain of
darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His
beloved Son.*

Come, ye dead, Christless, unconverted sinners, come and see the place where they laid the body of the deceased Lazarus; behold him laid out, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes, locked up and stinking in a dark cave, with a great stone placed on the top of it. Ah! how he stinketh...So art thou bound hand and foot with thy corruptions...(and) so is there a stone of unbelief upon thy stupid heart. Perhaps thou hast lain in this state, not only for days, but many years, stinking in God's nostrils. And, what is still more effecting, thou are as unable to raise thyself out of this loathsome, dead state, to a life of righteousness and true holiness, as ever Lazarus was to raise himself from the cave in which he lay so long. Thou mayest try the power of thy own boasted free-will...but all thy efforts...will prove fruitless and abortive, till that same Jesus, who said, 'Take away the stone,' and cried 'Lazarus, come forth,' also quicken you.

***Psa 119:18** - ...Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law.*