INTRO: As we look out upon the world we would say that there are many different types of individuals from different nations, different cultures, different races and different religions. But as God looks out upon the world, He sees the entire human race in only three separate categories based on their spiritual relationship with Him. In the text we have before us we see those three separate categories mentioned...THE NATURAL, THE SPIRITUAL and THE CARNAL. Everyone under the sound of my voice right now is ONE OF THOSE THREE CATEGORIES. WHAT ABOUT YOU? INTO WHAT CATEGORY DO YOU FALL? WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY?

I. THE NATURAL PERSON – 2:14

THE NATURAL PERSON IS THE UNSAVED INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS NO SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AT ALL.

A. The Condition of the Natural Person
   1. The Natural Person is Spiritually Dead – Ephesians 2:1
   2. The Natural Person is Spiritually Blind – 2 Corinthians 4:4
   3. The Natural Person is Spiritually Empty – Romans 8:9

B. The Characteristics of the Natural Person
   1. The Natural Person Does Not Receive God’s Things – Vs. 14a
   2. The Natural Person Does Not Value God’s Things – Vs. 14b
   3. The Natural Person Does Not Know God’s Things – Vs. 14c

C. The Course of the Natural Person – Condemnation/Wrath –John 3:18, 36

II. THE CARNAL PERSON – 3:1-4

THE CARNAL PERSON IS THE SAVED INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SPIRITUALLY IMMATURE.

A. The Condition of the Carnal Person
   1. The Carnal Person is Born Again (“Brethren”) – Vs. 1a
   2. The Carnal Person is “Fleshly.” (“Carnal”) – Vs. 1b
   3. The Carnal Person is a Babe in Christ. – Vs. 1c

B. The Characteristics of the Carnal Person
   1. The Carnal Person is a user of Spiritual Milk – Vs. 2
      -Cannot bear to partake of spiritual meat.
   2. The Carnal Person is a Mirror of the Unsaved – Vs. 3
      -“Walks as men.”
      a. Filled with Envy – Discontent over other’s gains.
      b. Filled with Strife – Maintains a quarrelsome spirit
      c. Filled with Division – Creator of disunity

C. The Course of the Carnal Person – Loss of Reward – 1 Corinthians 3:12

III. THE SPIRITUAL PERSON – 2:15,16

THE SPIRITUAL PERSON IS THE SAVED INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CONSISTENTLY GROWING TO MATURITY IN CHRIST.

A. The Condition of the Spiritual Person
   -Has the “Mind of Christ.”
   1. The Spiritual Person has the Mind of Obedience – John 4:34
   2. The Spiritual Person has the Mind of Humility – Philippians 4:5-8

B. The Characteristics of the Spiritual Person
   1. The Spiritual Person Judges All Things – Vs. 15a
   2. The Spiritual Person Is Judged of No Man – Vs. 15b

C. The Course of the Spiritual Person – The Gain of Reward
   -1 Corinthians 3:12