

I. **2 Cor 4:16-18**

A. **Being Renewed** – *anakainoo* - **Present Passive** - To cause to grow up; new or to make new; New strength and vigor is given to me, superior in value

1. **Rom 12:2** 2 And do not be **conformed to this world**, but be **transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**,
2. **Rom 8:29** - Predestined to be **conformed to the image of His Son**,

II. **1 Cor 3:1-3 - Carnal and Spiritual Stages**

A. **Spiritual** - *pneumatikos* - Pattern of life controlled or directed by God's spirit; Divine nature.

B. **Carnal** - *sarkinos* - Flesh; Behavior typical of natural human nature

1. **Carnal** - 1 Cor 3:1 AMP [men of the **flesh, in whom the carnal nature predominates**]
2. **Eph 2:3** 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, **fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**, and were by nature children of **wrath**, just as the others.

a) **Wrath** - Desire and passions

C. **2 Peter 1:3-4** 3 as His divine power has given to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly **great and precious promises**, that **through these** you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped (flee, run away from) the **corruption** that is in the world through lust.

a) **Partaker** - *koinonos* - Sharer; associates, joins and participates with

b) **Corruption** - *phthora* - Decay, ruin

- (1) **Gal 6:8** 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

D. **Babes in Christ** - *nepios* - Not speaking, an infant; immature Christian

1. **Luke 6:45** 45...For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

E. **V2 - Milk vs. Solid food**

1. **Luke 4:4** 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

