## I. 2 Cor 4:16-18

- A. <u>Being Renewed</u> *anakainoo* <u>Present Passive</u> 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. <u>Carnal</u> 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. <u>2 Peter 1:3-4</u> 3 as His divine power has given to us <u>all things that pertain to life and godliness</u>, <u>through the knowledge of Him</u> who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly <u>great and precious promises</u>, that <u>through these</u> you may be <u>partakers of the divine</u> <u>nature</u>, having escaped (flee, run away from) the <u>corruption</u> that is in the world through lust.
  - a) **Partaker** *koinonos* Sharer; associates, joins and participates with
  - b) <u>Corruption</u> *phthora* Decay, ruin
    - (1) <u>Gal 6:8</u> 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. <u>Babes in Christ</u> *nepios* Not speaking, an infant; immature Christian
  - 1. <u>Luke 6:45</u> 45...For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

## E. <u>V2</u> - <u>Milk vs. Solid food</u>

- 1. <u>Luke 4:4</u> 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"
- 2. <u>1 Peter 2:2</u> 2 as newborn babes, <u>desire</u> the <u>pure</u> milk of the word, that you may grow thereby
  - a) <u>Desire</u> to long for something, with the implication of recognizing a lack (You get hungry enough) to deeply desire, intensely crave possession.

b)	<u>Pure</u> - unadulterated, <u>adulterated</u> - to corrupt, debase, or make impure by the addition of a
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## 3. Not Able to receive it

- a) 1 Cor 2:13-14 Natural man cannot receive the things of GOD!
  - (1) <u>Natural Man</u> *psuchikos* Pertaining to behavior that is typical of human nature in contrast with that which is under the control of God's Spirit.

(	(2) <u>Receive</u> - dechomai - To readily receive information and regard it as true