

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.'"
 2. **1 Peter 2:2** 2 as newborn babes, desire the **pure** milk of the word, that you may grow thereby
 - a) **Desire** - to long for something, with the implication of recognizing a lack (You get hungry enough) - to deeply desire, intensely crave possession.

