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Spiritual Life Dynamics (04) **(The Sarkinos Man)**

In our series entitled, Spiritual Life Dynamics, we have been studying three different Greek words describing three different types of persons the church must learn to minister to during the church age.

- In (1 Cor.2:14) We studied the Psuchikos (unsaved) Man.
- In (1 Cor.2:15) We studied the Pneumatikos (saved) Man.
- In (1 Cor.3:1-3) We will study the Sarkinos man and the Sarkikos Man.

Today we will study <u>three aspects of the Sarkinos Man</u> from (1 Cor.3:1-3)

In (1 Cor.2:14-15)	Paul contrasted Psuchikos (unsaved) Man to the Pneumatikos (saved) Man.
In (1 Cor.3:1-3)	Then he contrasted Pneumatikos to the Sarkin <u>os</u> and the Sarkik <u>os</u> Man.

1. Two different Greek words are used to describe two negative sides of the Sarkikos Man.

In (1 Cor. 3:1), the first Greek word used is **sarkinos**. It is translated carnal in the English (KJ), men of flesh (NAS), worldly (NIV). The Greek suffix (inos) means the material, source, or origin is sarx (flesh or Old Sin-Nature (OSN) or fleshy, unspiritual).

In (1 Cor.3:3), the second Greek is **sarkikos**. It is translated carnal in (KJ), fleshy in (NAS), and worldly in (NIV). The Greek suffix (ikos) means belonging to the **sarx** - Old Sin-Nature (OSN) or the characteristics produced from the OSN (fleshy, anti-spiritual).

- **Point:** The Greek root word is **sarx** or flesh or OSN. Sarx is used to teach that the OSN is given at physical birth and remains until physical death (flesh).
- **Point:** **Sarx** is used to describe the theology of origin of the OSN as a result of Adam's original sin (AOS). We refer to it as Inherent sin (OSN) (1 John 1:7-10).
- **Point:** the Greek suffices attached to **sarx** show the source of personal sin and carnality in the Christian way of life (CWL).

2. Paul used the comparative particle (hos) [as] three times to illustrate the problem of sarkinos man.

(1 Cor.3:1) "And I, brethren, could not (dunamai / a.p.ind. 1ps) speak (laleo / a.a.infin) to you as (hos) to spiritual men (pneumatikos), but as (alla hos) to men of flesh (sarkinos), as (hos) to infants (nepios) in Christ."

- Could not speak to you (hindrance to spiritual growth) – (as) **pneumatikos** (spiritual).
- **(But as)** – **sarkinos** (carnal, men of flesh, worldly).
- **(As to)** – **Nepios** (infants in Christ, spiritual immature in word of God).

Point: Pneumatikos believers who chose to gratify the lust of their OSN with personal sin become sarkinos (fleshy, men of flesh, or carnal). It is a sign of the stage of spiritual immaturity (nepios in Christ).

3. Sarkinos emphasizes that the source of lust gratification to personal sin in Christian Way of Life (CWL) is the believer's Old Sin Nature (OSN).

As an unbeliever, Psuchikos Man, is a slave to his OSN because he does not have the Indwelling Holy Spirit (Jude 19: Rom.8:8-9; John 8:31-36).

As Psuchikos Man, we have the OSN from physical birth to death but no Holy Spirit. For the Church Age Believer (CAB), the issue is to stop being a slave to the OSN. Paul gave three warnings to the CAB about the OSN (Rom.6:6-7; 6:12-14; 6:16-23).

As a Pneumatikos Man, we have been freed from slavery to our OSN. Now we are commanded to walk by means of the Indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:1, 13, 16, 25; 1 Cor.6:19-20; Gal.5:16-17).

(Gal.5:16-17) “But I say walk (peripateo (p.a.impv.2pl) by the Spirit (pneuma / inst.sn), and you will not carry out (me teleo / a.a.subj.2pl) the desires (epithumia / asf) of the flesh (sarx / gsf). For the flesh sets its desire (epithumeo / p.a.ind.3ps) against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition (antikeimai / p.m.ind.3ps) to one another, so that you may not do the things you please.”

- The Protocol: Walk by Holy Spirit
- The Promise: Will not carry out the lusts of the OSN
- The Problem: Warfare internally between OSN and Indwelling Holy Spirit

Next week we will study the theological difference between Sarkinos and Sarkikos Man.