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Bible Study

“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”
(2 Tim. 3:15)

The Fingerprints of The World

{1 Corinthians 3:1-7}

v.1) *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.*

v.2) *I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.*

v.3) *For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*

v.4) *For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?*

v.5) *Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?*

v.6) *I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.*

v.7) *So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.*

v.1,2)

- Paul is expressing the limitations that he has with the Corinthians because they are not spiritually mature. Instead of giving them “*meat*” which is strong serious doctrine he must give them “*milk*” which are the basics or fundamentals of Christianity.
- In scripture we are commanded to grow [Eph. 4:14,15] because to remain a babe is a tragedy and a shame.

v.3,4)

- Now Paul directly points to the reason for their spiritual immaturity; they are “*carnal*.” To be carnal means to be worldly. In other words they were living according to the sinful desires of the flesh. [Gal. 5:16]
- In the text Paul even gives a list of their worldly actions and how it has divided the church into opposing groups.
- God desires for unity to prevail among His people. [1 Cor. 14:33; Rom. 12:17a]

