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AN OVERVIEW OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Part 2

GOD'S STORY ABOUT TRANSFORMATION

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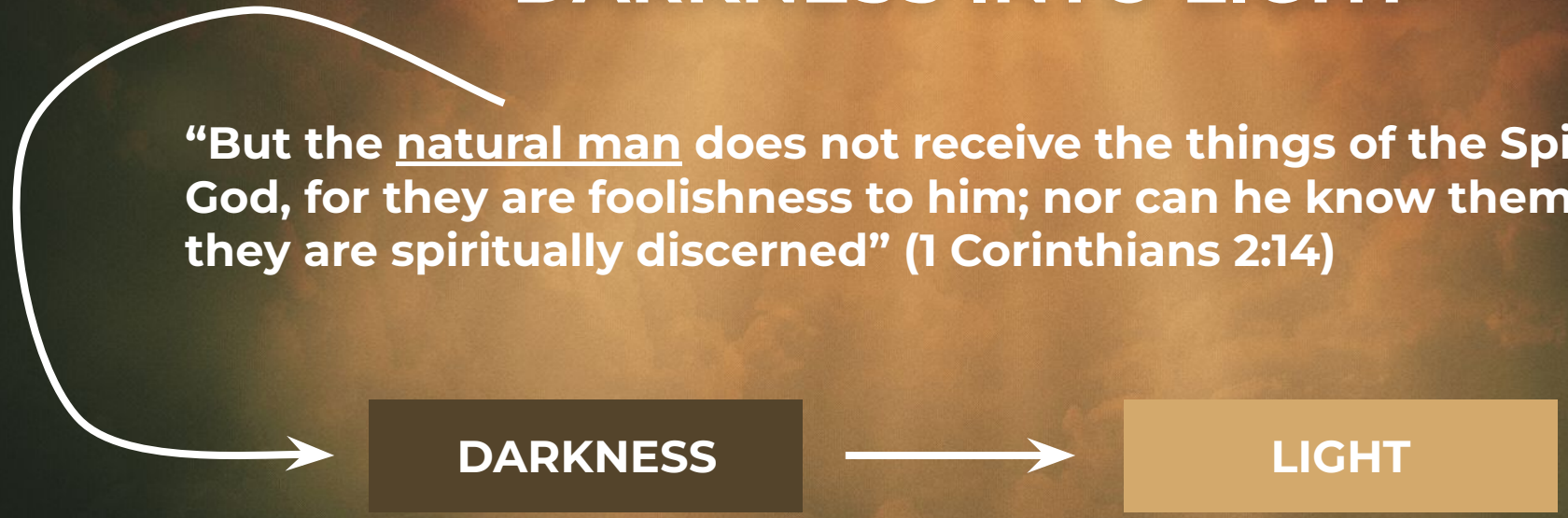
GOD HAS BROUGHT US OUT OF DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

"But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14)



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FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy" (1 Peter 2:9-10).

DARKNESS → LIGHT

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GOD CONTINUES TO "TRANSFORM" US BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT

- **"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal" (1 Corinthians 3:1-3).**

CARNALITY — **SPIRITUALITY** — **MATURITY**

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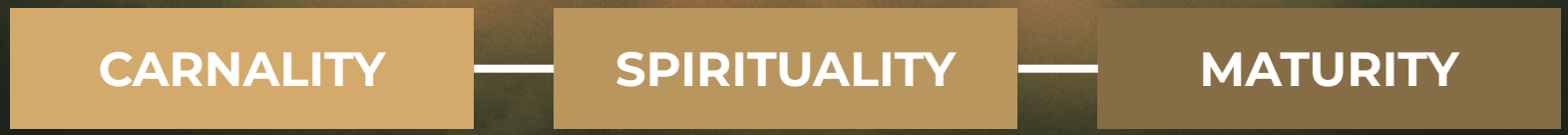
- "But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one" (1 Corinthians 2:15).



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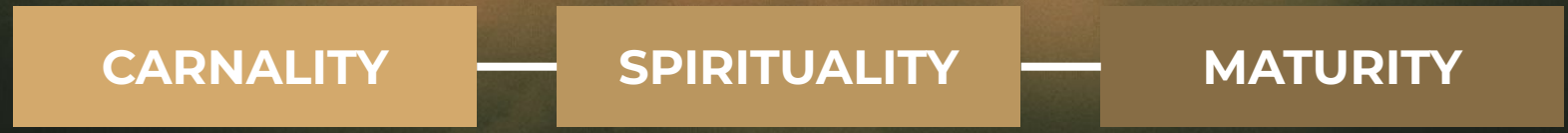
GOD CONTINUES TO “TRANSFORM” US BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT

- **”For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, 13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. 14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil” (Hebrews 5:12-14)**



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ACTIVE TRANSFORMATION (MY RESPONSIBILITY)

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- ”Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2)

- ”But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” (Ephesians 4:20-25)

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PASSIVE TRANSFORMATION (GOD'S RESPONSIBILITY)

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- And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are <u>being transformed</u> into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit
(2 Corinthians 3:18)

- ”Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is <u>being renewed</u> day by day”
(2 Corinthians 4:16)

GOD'S STORY ABOUT THE FUTURE

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- JESUS EXALTED (1,4,5)
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