

**Our Purpose**  
**May 21, 2017**  
**Ephesians 4:11-15**

**Spiritually Dead**

*Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.* **2 Corinthians 5:20**

**Spiritual Infant**

*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; <sup>3</sup>for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?* **1 Corinthians 3:2-3**

*For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. <sup>13</sup>For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.*

**Hebrews 5:12-13**

A spiritual infant could be a new Believer or could be a believer for years, virtually very little growth in Christ, only connection to God may be church attendance and sporadic prayers.

**Spiritual Child**

Spiritual growth is happening, be it haphazard and back and forth, it is a learning process. This person most likely at times has some time with God but the depth is not so much there. Again a child indicates that they have tested the waters. This person may be well acquainted with God's Word as well, but the follow thru act of obedience is not there.

We are educated way beyond our level of obedience.

~ **Joyce Meyer**

**Spiritual Adult**

One who is walking with God daily, spending time in His Word, fervent prayer and obedience.

*But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.* **Hebrews 5:14**

**Spiritual Parent**

What is true of this person is that of the adult, but they are making disciples. They are intentionally investing in others' lives.

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.* **Matthew 28:19-20**

## **Ephesians 4:11-15**

11 – God gifted His Children.

**12 – For the doing of the ministry.**

12 – In order to build up the Body of Christ.

13 - So that Believers will be united in faith and knowledge.

14-15 – That Believers may have the fullness of Christ.

We exist to disciple Believers until they too become spiritual parents. Pray that we will all be spiritual parents!

**Our mission: To love Jesus and to lead others to love Him too.**

**Purposes:**

**Worship**

**Discipleship**

**Fellowship**

**Ministry**

**Mission**

This morning we need to first determine where we are spiritually, where we want to be and what it will take to get there. As a part of that ask yourself, "Where do I land on the five purposes?" ; the purposes help us fulfill the mission.

**Prayer Focus:**

Are you spiritually dead? Would you ask God to make you alive today?

Are you a child or adult? Would you ask God to take you to the next step and be willing to follow and obey in what it would take?

Would you be serious in making disciples, those who are ready?