

## RISE UP!

### Isaiah 60:1-2

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

What we should be taking away from Isaiah's words in these two verses is that it is time for us to take our rightful places as adult sons and daughters of God, and to exert a positive influence on our world...or at least our part of the world.

There is passage of Scripture that is descriptive of the impact that we as God's people should be making in our own spheres of influence:

Acts 17:4-7

### 1 Three types of people

A. The natural person

Natural: **psuchikos** – the unsaved man whose highest form of life is dominated by his reason and emotional nature.

1 Corinthians 2:14

B. The carnal person

Carnal: **sarkinos** – the saved man who has not found deliverance from the power and control of sin in the fulness of the Spirit but is more or less under the control of the old nature.

Romans 7:14

Romans 8:7

Hebrews 5:9-14

C The Spiritual person

Spiritual: ***pneumatikos*** – The believer who is living his/her life in the fulness of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:14-16

1 Corinthians 3:1

## **2. This is what a saint should look like**

God has called us to be victorious and to do more than struggle with life in Christ. Consider what the Apostle John said of us in his first epistle.

1 John 5:4-5

Romans 8:35-37

## **3. This is often how saints look**

They suffer from an identity crisis.

Romans 7:14-24

## **4. The problem may stem from ignorance**

A. Some yield to generational predilections.

2 Corinthians 5:17

B. Some yield to old desires.

Romans 6:16

C. Some do not realize that they are free!

Romans 6:3-7

## **5. What we need to know**

Romans 7:1-4

## **6. What it remains for us to do**

Romans 12:2

## **7. A look ahead!**

Over the next few weeks we are going to examine issues that will help us to understand three things:

- 1 Who we are.
- 2 Whose we are.
- 3 What we should be doing.

The goals of this series are:

1. That we rise up and take our rightful place among the victorious and the overcomers.
2. That we make the impact that God has called us to make.