

# Growing in the Lord's teachings

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our faith (2 Pet. 1:5-10).

2. Why did the Corinthians still need milk and not meat (v. 2)?

Babies need milk, not meat. As new converts, Paul fed the Corinthians the "milk," not the "meat," of the Word (1 Cor. 3:2). It was proper in the early stages of their spiritual development to teach them foundational truths. Now, however, the time had come for them to have a certain level of spiritual maturity in their faith walk. Paul should have been able to feed them "meat," or deeper doctrines (the deep things God-the meat of the

Word), but they were content to remain as infants. When there will always be different levels of spiritual maturity in a church, there comes a time when believers should be capable of teaching others (Heb. 5:12).

3. What does it mean to be carnal? Does that mean that the Corinthians were not truly converted (v. 3)?

While the word "carnal" may bring to mind various immoral practices, the usage of this word is quite broad. When he spoke of the "works of the flesh" (Gal. 5:19), Paul included such sins as adultery and fornication but also

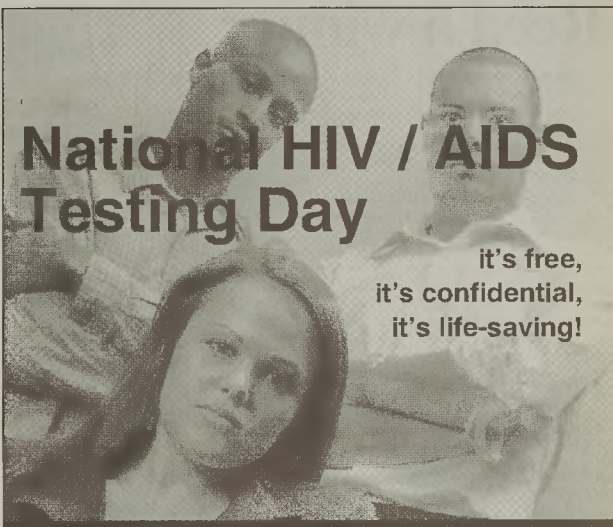
idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, and heresies. Carnality has to do with a worldly outlook that is manifested in many ways.

In this case, Paul realized that the Corinthians were being carnal in the envy, strife, and division existing among them. "Envy" (1 Cor. 3:3) is the Greek zelos, which can be rendered zeal but here means jealousy. The word "strife" is the Greek eris and means contention, rivalry, and wrangling. According to Greek mythology, Eris was the goddess of strife and discord.

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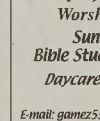
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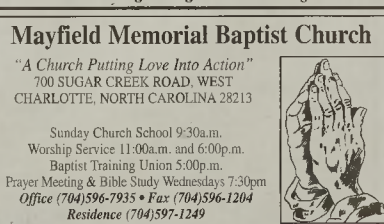
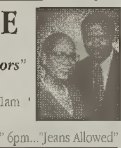
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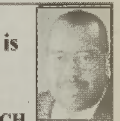
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