

Rivers of Living Water

grown, strong, meat-eating grown-ups: instead, they were immature weak, milk-drinking infants. They did not measure up either in stature or strength to what they should have.

Nothing on earth could be more perfect to loving parents than a baby in babyhood, but oh! the indescribable heartache endured by the parents if that precious child remains a baby in body or in mind. Nothing on earth sets the joy bells of heaven ringing as the birth of one into the family of God, but oh! what pain it must cause the heavenly Father to see that spiritual babe remain in a state of protracted infancy.

Which are you, my friend, a spiritual babe or an adult? To answer this question you may have to answer another. What are the marks of a baby? A baby is helplessly dependent upon others. A baby absorbs attention and expects to be the center of his little world. A baby lives in the realm of his feelings. If all goes well, he is pleased and smiling, but he is exceedingly touchy and, if his desire is crossed at any point, he quickly lets it be known in lusty remonstrance. The carnal Christian bears these selfsame marks.

Hebrews 5:12-14 shows us that the carnal Christian is still dependent upon others. He ought to be far enough advanced to be teaching others: instead, he is still having to be taught, and has not even come to the place where he