

Spirit and Spiritual Texts in Paul

Pneuma (As Person of Holy Spirit) in Paul's Letters			"Spiritual" in Paul's Letters		
Book	# Occurrences	Notes	Book	# Occurrences	Other Possibilities?
Romans	29	This includes Rom. 1:4 and Rom. 8:10)	Romans	4	
1 Corinthians	23	This includes 1 Cor. 15:45: "became a life-giving spirit"	1 Corinthians	15	
2 Corinthians	11	Does not include 2 Cor. 4:13: "having the same spirit of faith"			
Galatians	15		Galatians	1	
Ephesians	11		Ephesians	3	
Philippians	3				
Colossians	1		Colossians	2	
1 Thessalonians	4				
2 Thessalonians	1				
1 Timothy	2		1 Timothy	1	
2 Timothy	1				
Titus	1				

“Spirit” and “Spiritual” in Paul’s Letters

Following Gaffin in *Resurrection*, 87, and Geerhardus Vos in *The Pauline Eschatology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1979), 184, I have capitalized *Spirit* in 1 Corinthians 15:45. I’ve highlighted this this capitalization shift by marking the word “Spirit” in red font below.

Also, when Paul says we are *spiritual*, he doesn’t mean we are religious or pray easily; he means we are *in step with the Spirit* or *led by the Spirit*, that the third person of the Trinity brings us the incarnate Son of God. Vos writes about the word *spiritual* in 1 Corinthians 15:42–46, “In order to keep far such misunderstandings the capitalizing of the word ought to be carefully guarded both in translation and otherwise: πνευματικά [“spiritual”] almost certainly leads on the wrong track, whereas Πνευματικά [“Spiritual”], not only sounds a note of warning, but in addition points in the right direction positively.” *The Pauline Eschatology*, 167. Thus, the word “Spiritual” is capitalized below. I have put the word in red font.

1Cor. 15:45: “Thus it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living being’; the last Adam became a life-giving **Spirit**.”

Rom. 1:11: “For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some **Spiritual** gift to strengthen you...

Rom. 7:14: “For we know that the law is **Spiritual**, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.”

Rom. 12:1: “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your **Spiritual** worship.”

Rom. 15:27: “For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their **Spiritual** blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.”

1 Cor. 2:13: “And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting **Spiritual** truths to those who are **Spiritual**.”

1 Cor. 2:15: “The **Spiritual** person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.”

1 Cor. 3:1: “But I, brothers, could not address you as **Spiritual** people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ.”

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1 Cor. 9:11: “If we have sown **Spiritual** things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?”

1 Cor. 10:3-4: “...and all ate the same **Spiritual** food, and all drank the same **Spiritual** drink. For they drank from the **Spiritual** Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.”

1 Cor. 12:1: “Now concerning **Spiritual** gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.”

1 Cor. 14:1: “Pursue love, and earnestly desire the **Spiritual** gifts, especially that you may...”

1 Cor. 14:37: “If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or **Spiritual**, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord.”

1 Cor. 15:44: “It is sown a natural body; it is raised a **Spiritual** body. If there is a natural body, there is also a **Spiritual** body.”

1 Cor. 15:46: “But it is not the **Spiritual** that is first but the natural, and then the **Spiritual**.”

Gal. 6:1: “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are **Spiritual** should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.”

Eph. 1:3: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every **Spiritual** blessing in the heavenly places...”

Eph. 5:19: “...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and **Spiritual** songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart...”

Eph. 6:12: “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the **Spiritual** forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

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Col. 1:9: “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all **Spiritual** wisdom and understanding...”

Col. 3:16: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and **Spiritual** songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

1 Tim. 4:14: “Do not neglect the [**Spiritual**] gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.”