

# Long Lining Cod

1 Corinthians 2:10-3-4

The local church is where the people God has transformed can grow spiritually and struggle together to overcome temptation to sin.

God calls the local church to:

1. understand the natural condition of man. 2:14
2. understand the transformed man. 2:10-13, 15-16
3. understand the natural tendencies of the transformed man. 3:1-4

Galatians 5:16-17

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.  
For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh,  
for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

*The essence of sin is man substituting himself for God,  
while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man.  
Man asserts himself against God, and puts himself where only God deserves to be;  
God sacrifices Himself for man and puts himself where only man deserves to be.*

~John Stott~

1921 – 2011, British Evangelical Anglican pastor, author, and theologian.

His book and workbook *Basic Christianity* is a great discipleship resource, available at HIC upon request.