

1. Last week I exegeted Gal 5:16 by way of the *Doctrine of Walking*. When time expired we had just finished a study of four Greek words used for walking: **Peripateo**, **Emperipateo**, **Stoicheo** and **Orthopodeo**.
2. Before continuing, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Here is an expanded translation of Gal 5:13-16.

Expanded Translation

Gal 5:13 But you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, you were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge your sinful natures; but in contrast you must by means of Bible Doctrine resident in your souls serve one another.

Gal 5:14 For the entire Mosaic Law can be summed up in a single command "You must love your neighbor as yourself."

Gal 5:15 Now my brothers and sisters in Christ if you reject the command to love one another but instead, you keep on hating and speaking ill against one another, such conduct will no doubt end up destroying the entire church.

Gal 5:16 Clearly, if you rebound when necessary and consistently take in the Word of God, you will not carry out the desires of the flesh.

4. I want to give you several summary points and then we will begin an analysis of verse seventeen.

5. Summary Points

- Adam and Eve walked in the Garden with God: "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden." (Gen 3:8)
- Walking is often used symbolically or figuratively of a believer's conduct or spiritual state. It was said of Enoch, the first prophet.
- We are admonished to walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.
- Eph 5:2 And walk (**Peripateo**) in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.
- 2Jo 6 And this is love, that we walk (**Peripateo**) after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk (**Peripateo**) in it.
- Walking in truth is held up as an example in Psa 26:3.

Psa 26:3 for your love is ever before me, and I “**walk**” continually in your truth.
Psa 26:4 I do not sit with deceitful men, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

- By walking in the Spirit, we avoid control of our Old Sin Natures.

Footnote: See 2Pe 1:3-4 for a practical “how to escape the corruption that is in the world.”

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

KJV-New Sentence

Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

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Gal 5:17 For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

6. The best way to begin our study is to review the *Doctrine of the Old Sin Nature*.

Doctrine of the Old Sin Nature

1. Every positive believer is a soldier engaged in a battle for control of his very own soul.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

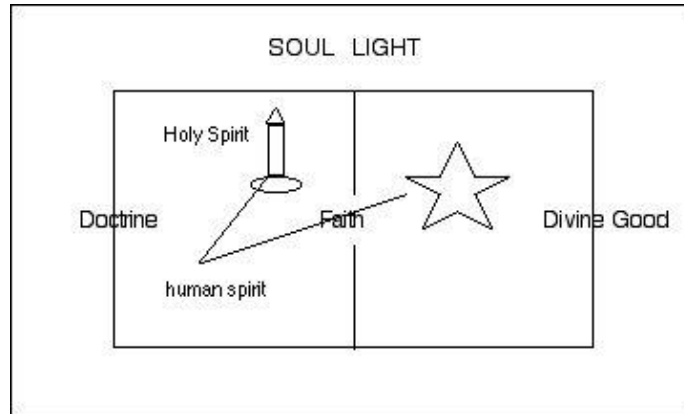
2. The enemy is not outside the wire the enemy resides within -- The Old Sin Nature.

3. The decision is ours; will we use the grace assets God has provided? Or suffer defeat and become a casualty in the angelic conflict?

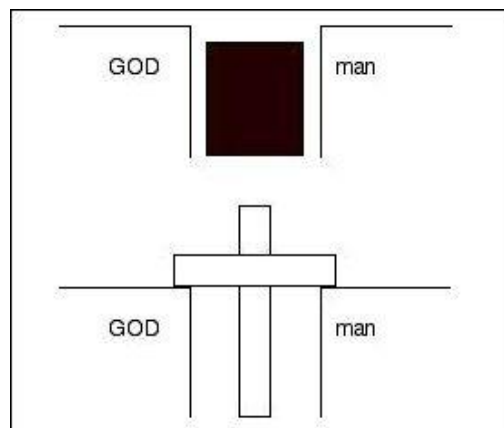
Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

4. The chief asset is a new creation; a new creature in Christ.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.



Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

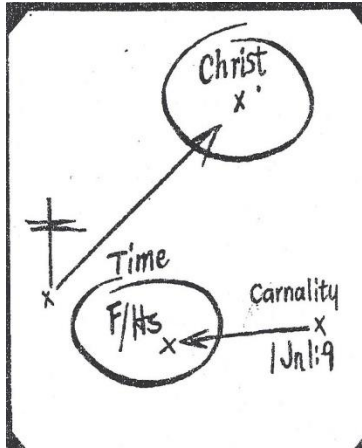


5. But I still have a problem for time. We keep our Old Sin Natures which repeatedly and often successfully temps us to sin.

1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jo 1:10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

6. God in His grace plan has provided not only positional sanctification but He also provided a technique for maintaining fellowship.



1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

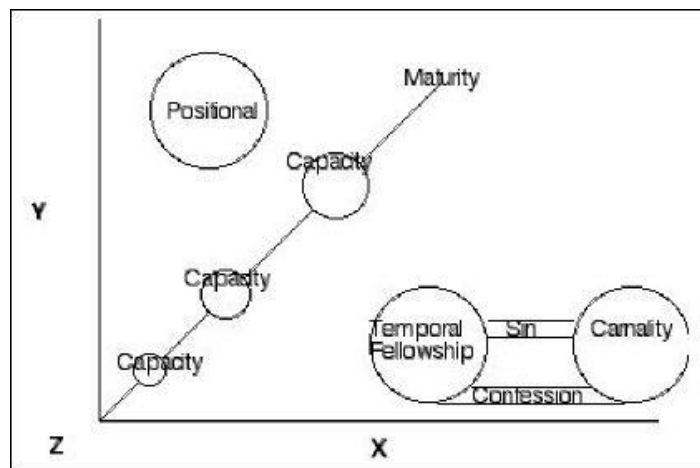
7. We never lose our salvation but when we sin in time we lose certain privileges. One such privilege is happiness. There is a protocol for recovery. David was miserable until he followed God's protocol of confessing his sin. We are all little David's and must follow God's simple rules. Name sin to God as God the Holy Spirit reveals such to you.

Psa 32:3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

Psa 32:4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Selah

Psa 32:5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" -- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

8. Paul recognized that the Old Sin Nature is in control unless we transform the mind using our two power options.



Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

8.1 The believer must “arm himself with the mind of Christ” and thus use the many promises in the Scripture.

Expanded Translation

1Pe 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh has put an end to the control and domination of the Old Sin Nature.

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

Eph 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

9. Our very thinking process was evil from birth.

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

10. Human good, another phrase used of works are a real problem because the idea of working for Jesus is such an attraction to our Old Sin Natures. In fact, it works for our canine friends: you reward them with a dog biscuit when they perform acceptably; so why not for us? Satan has a bag full of treats which provide short-lived satisfaction.

11. Efforts at self-transformation are unacceptable to God and in fact it is the human good or self-transformation product that is judged at the Great White Throne where unbelievers are judged and cast into the permanent Lake of Fire.

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