

1. Last week I exegeted Gal 5:17 by way of the *Doctrine of the Old Sin Nature*. When time expired we were studying the war raging in the mind of the Apostle Paul.
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. Let's return to the exegesis of verse seventeen.

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.

5. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material on page three.

Doctrine of the Old Sin Nature

1. Every positive believer is a soldier engaged in a battle for control of his very own soul.
2. The enemy is not outside the wire, the enemy resides within -- the enemy is our old 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?
4. Our chief asset is a new creation; a new creature in Christ.
5. Paul in Romans chapter seven repeatedly said, "although I am saved, I still have a problem in time."

5.1 We too, keep our Old Sin Natures which repeatedly and often successfully tempt us to sin.

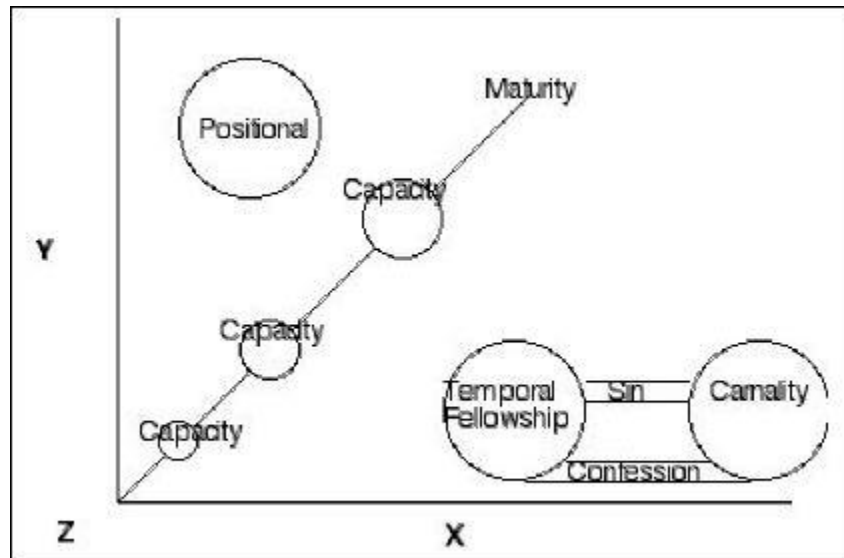
1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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 regaining temporal sanctification.

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.

6.1 Unfortunately there are members of the family of God who do not recognize the two types of sanctification. A chart will illustrate:



7. 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.

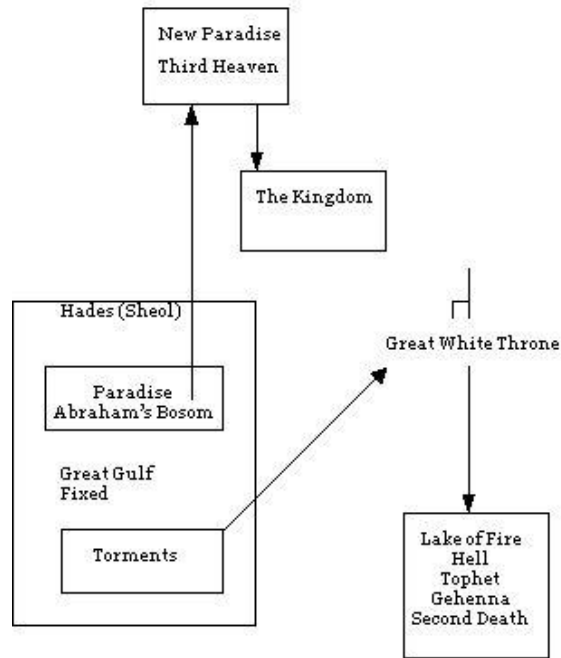
Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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

9. 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.

10. The souls of unbelievers are held temporarily in the torment side of **Sheol** where their souls are placed in special bodies (special in the sense it can suffer and suffer and suffer). They are held there until the end of the Millennium.

The Compartments of Hades



11. In fact at the **Bema** (or reward seat of Christ for believers of the Church Age) human good is burned so as to keep the sorry stuff out of heaven.

1Co 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1Co 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

1Co 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

1Co 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

1Co 3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

12. The only thing acceptable to God is divine good which is only produced by metabolized doctrine. Doctrine is the mind of Christ.¹³ We should take heart from Paul's commentary on the war raging in his soul.

14. At the same time that Paul was delighting in the Law of Liberty he saw a different law in his members.

15. His true self, the born-again man, agreed with the law of God. But another law (the law of sin) brought him into captivity, making him a prisoner.

16. He thought things and did things he immediately knew were wrong. Don't you just hate it when that happens in your own life?

17. But in the process of making Paul a prisoner to the law of sin he saw this as a battle for the control of his mind and body.

18. With the Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit came hope, not only for the Apostle but for each of us as believers. Who will control is the issue and only the volition of the believer can answer the dilemma.

19. Paul says that he was being brought into captivity to the law of sin. If Paul had stopped here, he would have been at variance with his statement in Rom 6:14.

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

20. But he did not stop there. He asserts that sin in the members is a powerful force (and no one should try to deny that fact). It is a fact the Old Sin Nature indwells every cell of the body.

Jam 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

Jam 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away out from the source of the very own lust patterns and trends found in his Old Sin Nature, and then enticed.

Jam 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth operational death.

1Co 15:21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

21. The thought that sin could make him captive causes him to cry out: Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free? The body is the scene of this contest. Sin living in every cell of the body brings spiritual death to the body, and Paul becomes aware that he needs outside help. So, he cries out for deliverance: "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

22. Filled with emotion, the apostle exclaims, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus.”

23. I want to close by reading Paul’s account of the battle that raged within his soul.

Rom 7:14 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.

Rom 7:15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

Rom 7:16 And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.

Rom 7:17 As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.

Rom 7:18 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

Rom 7:19 For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do -- this I keep on doing.

Rom 7:20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

Rom 7:21 So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

Rom 7:22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law;

Rom 7:23 but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.

Rom 7:24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

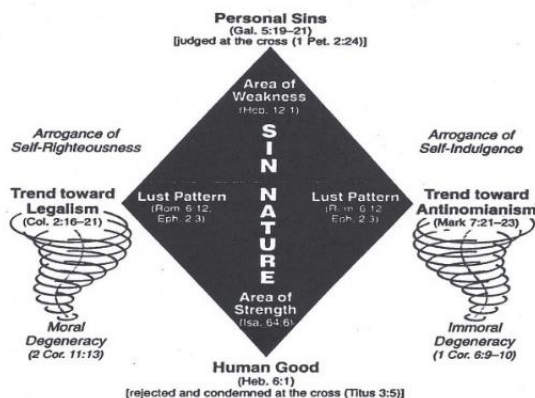
Rom 7:25 Thanks be to God -- through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Rom 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

Rom 8:2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

24. Not unlike Paul we too have need of recognizing the enemy but more importantly we also need to be reminded that the Good Shepherd walks with us – rod and staff in hand.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SIN NATURE



25. Before we study Gal 5:18, I want to give you an expanded translation of verses sixteen and seventeen:

Expanded Translation

Gal 5:16 If you are guided by the Spirit, you will not obey your selfish desires.

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

26. Now for an analysis of Gal 5:18.

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1. I believe the best way to begin a study of verse eighteen is to review the *Doctrine of the Holy Spirit*.

Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is responsible for convicting of sin, righteousness and judgment.

Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will **reprove (Elegcho)** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Joh 16:9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

Joh 16:10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

Joh 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

1.1 **Elegcho** means "to prove, to test, to convict, to convince, to detect, to lay bare" and here in John 16:8 it might better be "expose."

1.2 Vines in his lexicon has the following to say about this verb: "... **Elegcho** ... the real meaning ... to CONVICT, to CONVINCED, and/or to REBUKE."

2. The Holy Spirit is declared to be an agent of regeneration.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

3. The Holy Spirit is responsible for not only regeneration but also a renewing, a renovation.

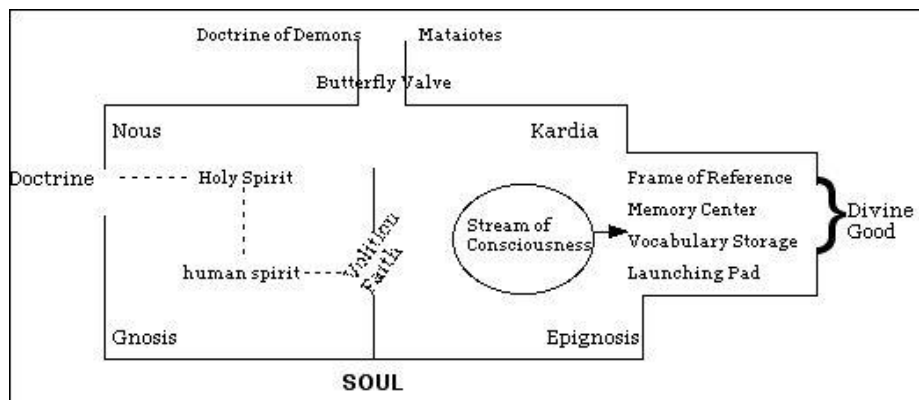
2Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of *regeneration*, and *renewing* of the Holy Spirit;

3.1 The Greek word translated renewing is **Anakainosis** meaning to renovate.

3.2 Believers get a remodeled soul, it is something new and different.

3.3 Yes, we are a new creation in Christ Jesus.



3.3.1 Before our regeneration our souls had no indwelling Holy Spirit or Human Spirit ergo, we were incapable of cycling metabolized doctrine from the left lobe to the right lobe.

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