

1. Last week I taught Gal 5:17 and when the clock tolled 11:45 I had just begun an exegesis of Gal 5:18.
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 5:15-17.

Expanded Translation

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.

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 necessarily, to do whatever you want.

4. Gal 5:18 has been translated in the KJV:

KJV-New Sentence

Gal 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

5. I want to review some of that learned last week and then resume new material at point 4.2 on page 3.

BUT IF YE BE LED Δε εσιν αγω

1. **De Ean Ago** is better translated “But since you are being led ...”
2. **De** is a conjunction used as an adversative followed by the 1st class conditional particle **Ean** and the verb **Ago** parsed as a 2nd person plural present passive indicative.

3. **Ago** appears more than 70 times in the New Testament where it is variously translated “brought, bringing, to bring, leadeth, were led, be led” and “led away.” Examples:

Acts 23:31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and **brought** him by night to Antipatris (a city 40 miles from Jerusalem; 400 foot-soldiers returned to Jerusalem and 70 horse soldiers accompanied Paul to the castle in Caesarea Syria).



Rom 2:4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness **leads** you toward repentance?

Rom 2:5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

Rom 8:14 For as many as **are led** by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

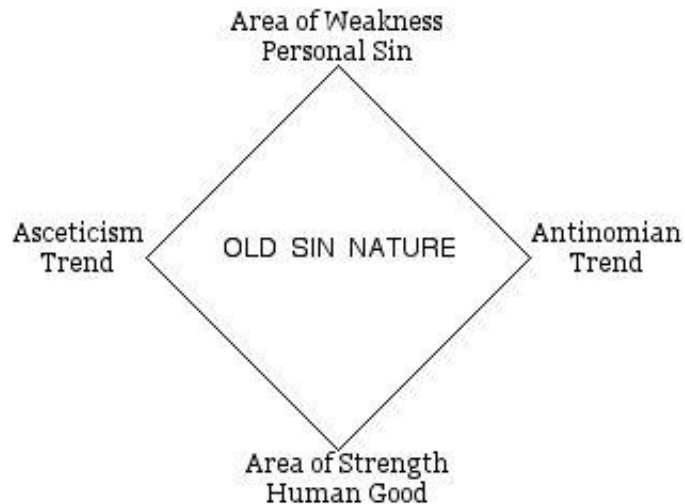
4. Being led by the Spirit requires the believer to understand the characteristics of the Old Sin Nature.

4.1 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.

4.2 The enemy is not outside the wire; the enemy resides within -- The Old Sin Nature?

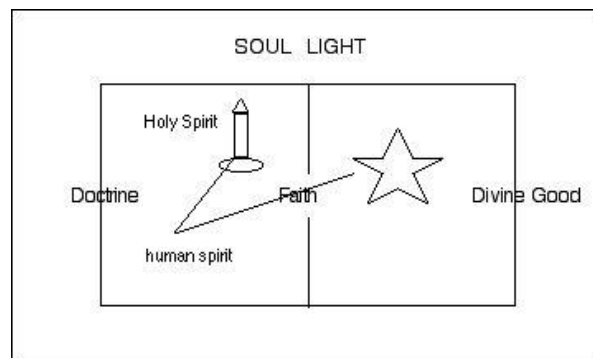


4.3 The decision is ours; will we use the grace assets God has provided? Or suffer defeat and become a casualty in the angelic conflict?

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

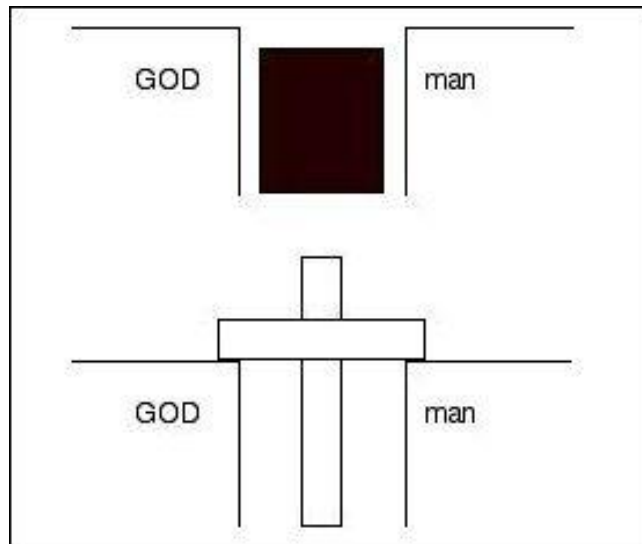
4.4 The chief asset is a new creation; a new creature in Christ.

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.



4.5 Hurrah I am saved!

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.



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

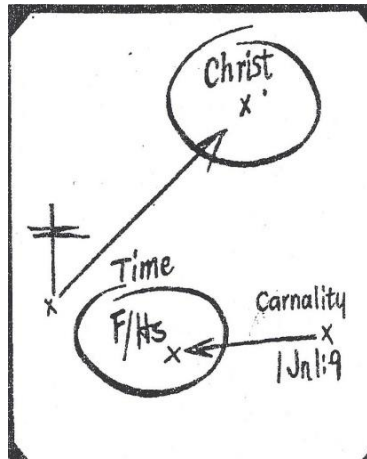
1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

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.

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

4.8 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. We must name sin to God as God the Holy Spirit reveals such to you.

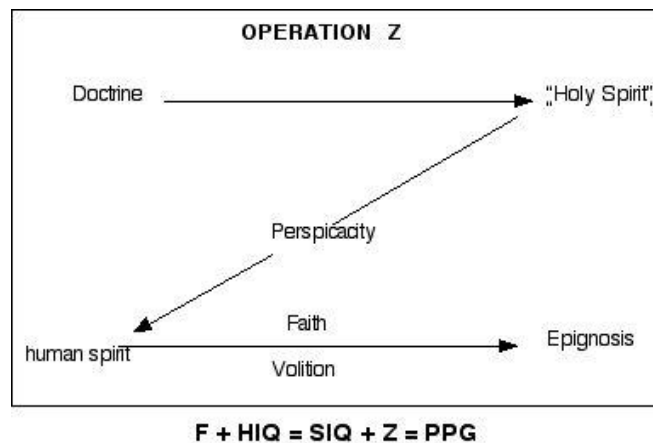


Psa 32:3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

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.

4.9 Paul recognized that the Old Sin Nature is in control unless we transform the mind using our two power options, i.e., the filling of the Spirit and operation Z.



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.

Expanded Translation

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

4.10 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?

4.11 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 Lake of Fire.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

4.12 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 builds 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 abides 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.

4.13 The only thing acceptable to God is divine good which is only produced by metabolized doctrine resident in a believer's soul.

Col 1:3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Col 1:4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,

Col 1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

Col 1:6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; **and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it,** and knew the grace of God in truth:

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

Isa 55:11 **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please,** and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God **may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

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.**

4.14 Divine good cannot be done by works, law keeping or simply using 1Jo 1:9. It can only be produced by doctrine resident in a believer's soul.

Jam 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

Gal 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith.

4.15 Paul in Rom 5:12 makes it clear that even if we could keep the law (which we can't) we would still be sentenced to hell because at birth we receive an imputation of spiritual death. The object of this imputation is the Old Sin Nature genetically acquired at birth.

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