

1. Last week I completed a study of Gal 5:22 and 23 and when the clock tolled 10:45 A.M. I had just begun a study of the *Doctrine of the Old Sin Nature*.

2. Before continuing, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.

3. Let's begin with an expanded translation of Gal 5:22-23.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Gal 5:23 In this context forget the Mosaic Law, it has nothing to do with the production of the fruits of the Spirit.

4. I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material on page four.

5. Now let's see what we can learn from Gal 5:24.

KJV-New Sentence

Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

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Gal 5:24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

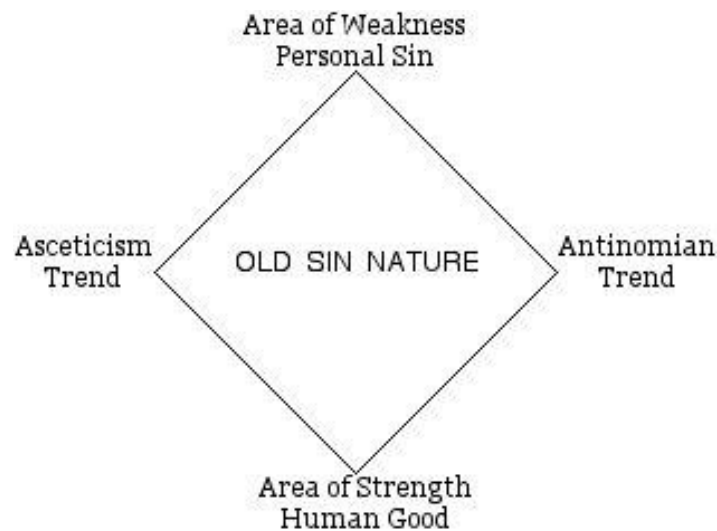
6. I think the best way to analyze verse 24 is to review the *Doctrine of the Old Sin Nature*.

Background

1. Every positive believer is a soldier in the battle for control of his very own soul. Rom 7:22-23

2. The problem is: "How do you break the control of your Old Sin Nature?"

2.1 Let's take a look at a description of the Old Sin Nature.



3. It is solely a decision for the believer; will the believer use the grace assets God has provided or will the believer follow the dictates of his or her Old Sin Nature 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?

3.1 The chief asset is a new creature:

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.

3.2 The solution: The first step is to find an object of your faith which has inherent power to save your soul.

Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Rom 8:1 There is now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus.

3.2.1 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.

3.3 But I still have a problem for time.

3.3.1 All believers sin.

1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (Also see 1Joh 1:10)

3.3.2 So God provides a way to regain 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.

3.3.3 We never lose our salvation but when we sin in time we lose our privileges as a believer.

3.3.4 Paul recognizes that like us 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 the consistent intake of the Word of God.

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.

3.3.5 Rom 12:1 and 2 describe what we call the two power options.

3.3.6 The use of the two power options will result in spiritual growth.

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.

4. Our very thinking process is evil from birth.

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

4.1 Our efforts at self-transformation are unacceptable to God and in fact it is the human good or self-transformation that is judged at the Great White Throne where unbelievers receive their final Evaluation Report.

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.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

4.2 In fact at the **BEMA** (or reward seat of Christ) just after the rapture of the Church 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.

4.3 The only thing acceptable to God is The Living Word and the Written Word i.e. Jesus Christ and His Mind. We therefore have his mind in the form of Scripture and we are urged to get His Word in our right lobes.

1Co 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Phi 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

4.4 It cannot be done by good works or law keeping.

Jam 4:10 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.

4.5 Paul in Rom 5:14 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 Old Sin Nature from our earthly fathers.

Rom 5:13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

4.6 James in Jam 4:14 and 19 makes clear that deliverance be it for eternity or time must have an efficacious object for the transitive verb **Pisteuo**.

Jam 4:14 " Now let me ask you this my fellow Jews, where is the benefit if any of you say: I have faith and yet this faith lacks inherent power to produce? Can faith without inherent power save you? The answer is a resounding no!"

Jam 4:19 " Come now, many of you are self-righteous Deist who believe sincerely in One God; Oh you do well, so you think and yet I tell you even the demons know there is one God and they tremble and shake in absolute terror."

End Lesson

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