

1. Last week I taught in part Gal 5:24. When the clock tolled 10:45 I was in the process of reviewing 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. Now let's continue the study of Gal 5:24 by way of a categorical analysis of the Old Sin Nature.

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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.

5. 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?"
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?

3.1 The believer's chief asset is a new creature. 2Co 5:17

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; 8:1

3.2.1 Hurrah I am saved!

3.3 But I still have a problem for time.

3.3.1 All believers sin. 1Jo 1:8 and 10

3.3.2 So God provides a way to regain fellowship. 1Jo 1:9

3.3.3 We never lose our salvation but when we sin, we lose our privileges as believers.

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.  
1Pe 4:1

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 20:13 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.

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; Gal 3:11

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."

4.7 James makes it clear by example when he uses two believers, Abraham and Rahab, as paradigms to illustrate deliverance in time by means of faith in the Word of God.

4.7.1 Abraham:

Jam 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

Jam 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

Jam 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

(Footnote: See Pastor Merritt's study book entitled: *Doctrine of the Doer* for further information).

Gen 14:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Gen 15:4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

Gen 15:5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Gen 15:6 And he believed (Hiphil Perfect of the Hebrew **Aman**) in the LORD; and he counted (Kal Perfect of **Chashav**) it to him for righteousness.

2Ch 20:7 Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend forever?

Gen 44:5 And Abraham said unto his young men, abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

4.7 2 Rahab:

Jam 4:45 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

Jos 4:9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

Jos 4:10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

Jos 4:11 And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

5. Concept and Commentary:

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

5.2. 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.

5.2.1 He thought things and did things and immediately he knew they were wrong. Don't you just hate it when that happens?

5.3 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.

5.4 With the Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit came a conflict for control of the Apostle.

5.5 Who will control is the issue and only the volition of the believer can answer the dilemma.

5.5.1 The great Apostle moved from incarceration of the Old Sin Nature eventually to a shared incarceration to the Lord because of Doctrine in his soul.

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

5.6 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.

5.7 But he did not stop here. He asserts that sin in the members is a powerful force (and no one should try to deny that fact). In 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.

5.8 The thought that sin could make him captive causes him to cry out: "Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free?"

5.9 The body is the scene of this contest. Sin living in every cell of the body brings spiritual death, and Paul becomes aware that he needs outside help.

5.10 Paul cries out not for deliverance from the body as such, but for deliverance from the body characterized by spiritual death-the doing of that which is evil in opposition to his desire to do that which is good.

5.11 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

5.12 Filled with emotion, the apostle does not write out a full reply to his question but rather he uses ellipsis to express his emotion.

5.13 He stresses the One to whom thanks should be rendered, emphasizing who the Deliverer is. The full statement would have been: "Thanks be to God; deliverance comes through Jesus Christ our Lord."

5.14 With his intellect or mind he wants to serve the law of God. But with his body he serves the principle of sin. This of course is true for all of us and that is why the Rebound drill must be just that, "a constant drill!"

6. The predicament and the answer are found in the use of two power options with its Spiritual Intelligent Quotients. 1Co 4:9-16

End Lesson

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