

1. This morning we will continue the study of Second Timothy where Paul from prison writes to Timothy in Ephesus.
2. For a written and/or audio presentation of this lesson go to *westbankbiblechurch.com* and *click-on streaming audio of services*.
3. Before we continue, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
4. It is now time to continue the study of 1Ti 6-13 by way of a categorical study of the Old Sin Nature.

Introduction to Second Timothy

1. This letter was written by Paul to Timothy in c. A.D. 68 after Timothy's bout with reversionism.
2. Paul wrote the letter during Nero's reign while imprisoned in his last imprisonment. Paul will be decapitated after spending approximately a year in what is called "his second imprisonment."
3. Paul was a very well-traveled man having visited in places like Spain, Germany, Greece, Turkey, Israel, etc.
4. Let me summarize Paul's travels and imprisonments:
 - 4.1 Paul's first imprisonment was in circa A.D. 62. For documentation see Acts 28:16, Phil 1:14.
 - 4.2 During the first imprisonment Paul wrote Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. This imprisonment was a direct result of Paul's "reversionism." Paul could not practice what he preached i.e. leaving the practices of Judaism for Christianity.
 - 4.3 Paul is released from his first imprisonment for lack of evidence, his accusers did not show up. He travels to such places as Philippi, Colossae, Laodicea, Ephesus, etc.
 - 4.4 In circa A.D. 74 he travels west to Spain. About this time Nero burns Rome and blames the fire on the Christians.

4.5 Paul then goes to Ephesus eventually leaving Timothy in charge of a complex of some key churches.

4.6 Timothy fails a leadership test at Ephesus, but later recovers from his reversionism.

4.7 In A.D. 66 Paul wrote 1st Timothy as a strong admonition and in circa A.D. 67 he wrote Titus from Macedonia.

4.8 Paul then goes to Dalmatia (Yugoslavia) and then to northern Greece where he is arrested and sent to Rome to die in prison.

5. Now let's resume the study of 1Ti 3:6-13.

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2Ti 3:6 They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed **women**, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires,

2Ti 3:7 always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.

2Ti 3:8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth -- men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected.

2Ti 3:9 But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

2Ti 3:10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,

2Ti 3:11 persecutions, sufferings -- what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

2Ti 3:12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

2Ti 3:13 while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

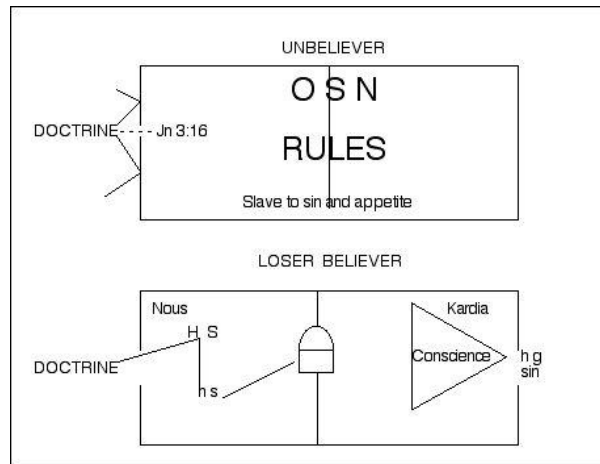
6. We must not think "women" as used in verse six represents all women.

7. Women here refer to certain women who are prone to swallowing certain lies.

8. Perhaps it is better to think of the women mentioned in verse six as simply “reversionist” who like men are often led astray.

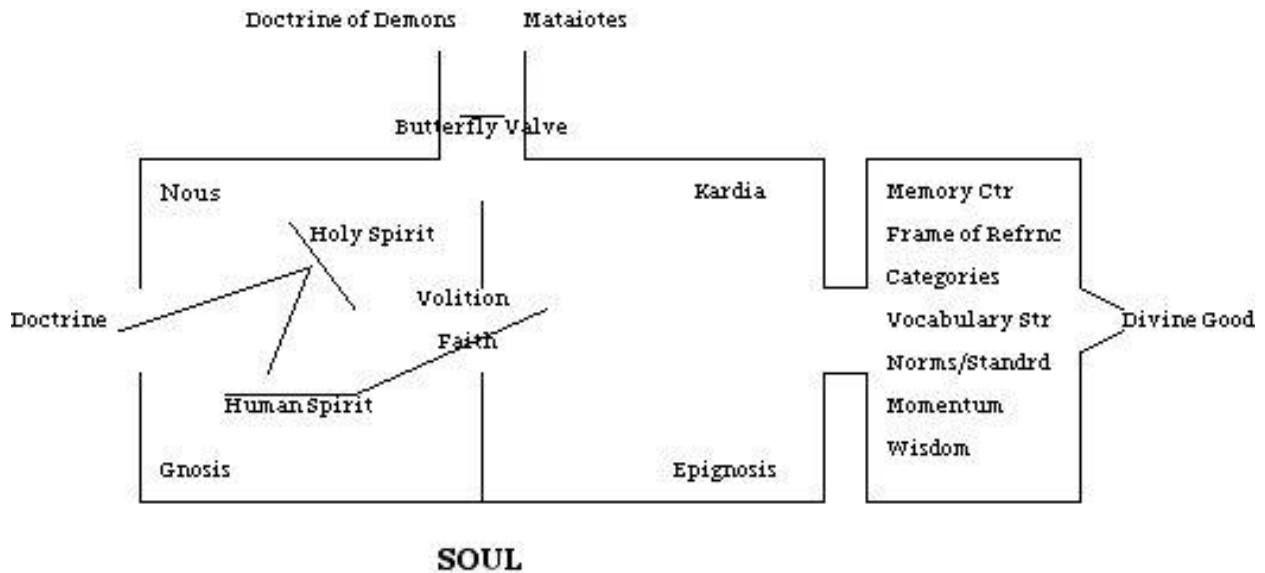
9. Saved women depart from the truth just like saved men.

10. A comparative chart will help illustrate the difference between an unbeliever and a loser believer.



11. Finding your right pastor teacher after salvation is most important. The believer is now, as a new creation, to grow spiritually. The new creature refers to our remodeled soul—it is new.

11.1 Let’s take a look at a schematic of the new soul.



12. Now let's resume the analysis of the *Doctrine of the Old Sin Nature*.

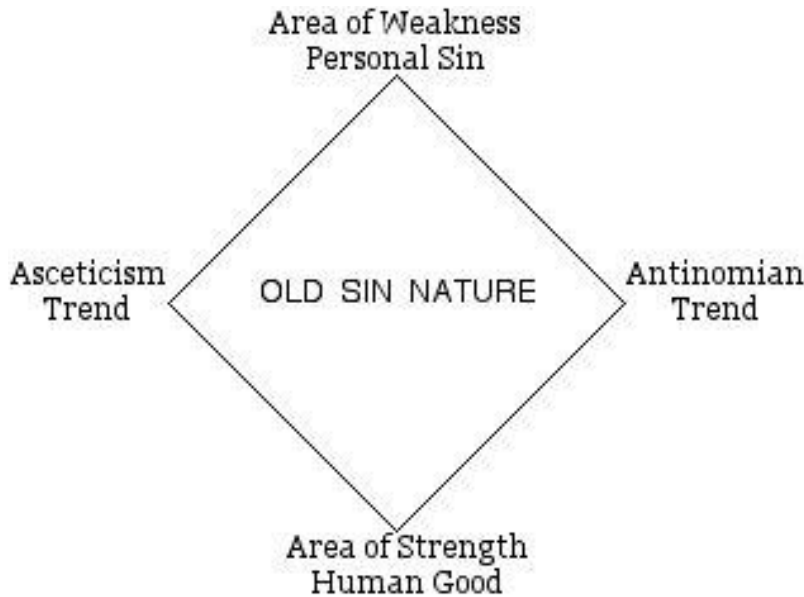
The Old Sin Nature

Background

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

Rom 7:22-27

2. The problem: What will control: doctrine or 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 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?

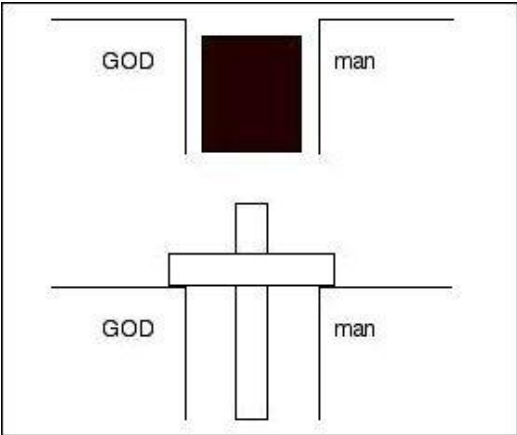
4. The chief asset is a new creature:

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.

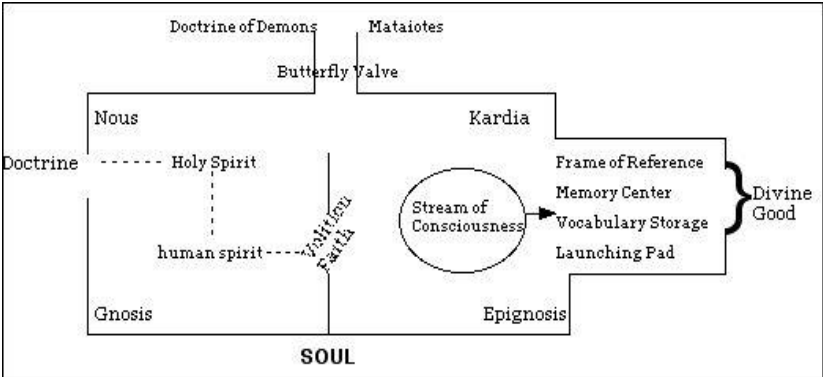
5. The solution: The first step is to find an object of your faith which has inherent power to save your soul.

Pisteuo Christ = Eternal Salvation
Pisteuo Doctrine = Spiritual Maturity

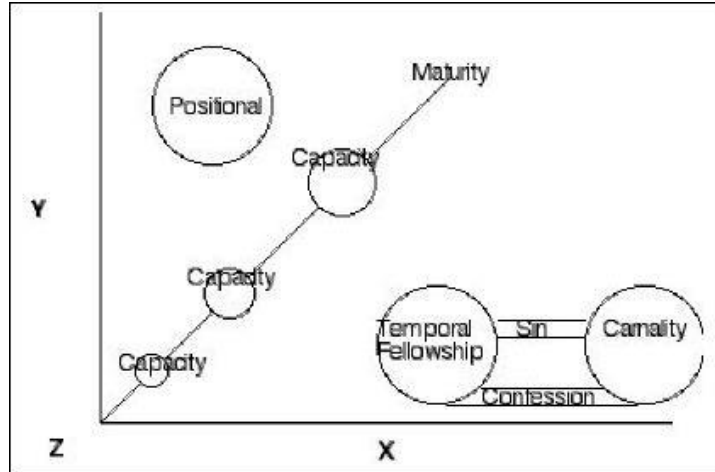
Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.



- 6. Hurrah I am saved!
 - 7. Being led by the Spirit requires the believer to understand the characteristics of his or her Old Sin Nature.
 - 8. The decision is ours; will we use the grace assets God has provided? Or suffer defeat and become a casualty in the angelic conflict?
 - 9. Let me show you a little different version of the remodeled soul.
- 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.



10. The new creature/creation is not “sin free.” We will sin but our hope is we will in time be moving toward some level of spiritual maturity. On the way to some level of maturity there will be days when we sin and days when we are negative to the Word.

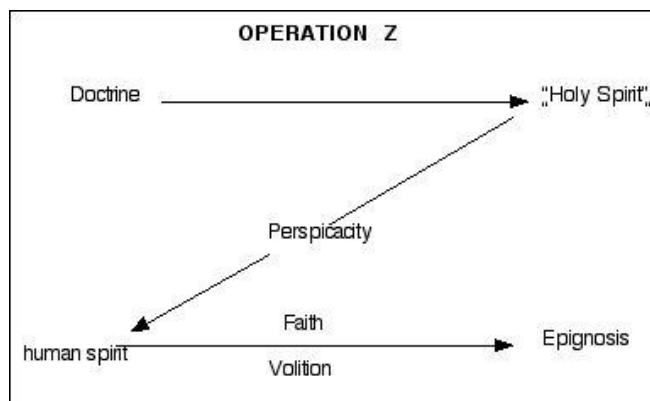


Psa 32:3 When I (*David*) kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

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.

11. 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.



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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.

11.1 Let me provide an expanded translation of 1Pe 4:1 in order to better understand the power options.

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.

12. Our very thinking processes were evil from birth, a product from the old sin natures inherited from our original father--Adam.

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

13. 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.

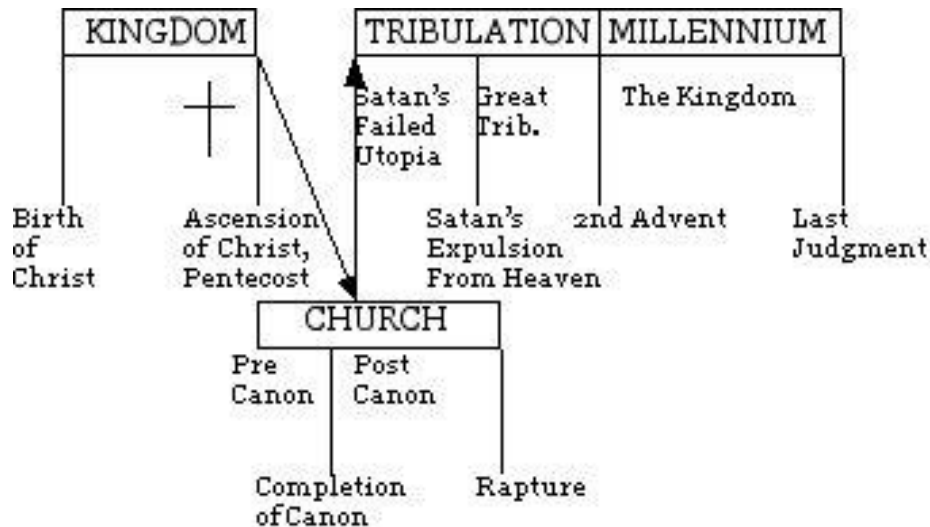
13.1 What is acceptable to God is the divine good—a product of the two power options:

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Rom 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your spiritual act of worship.

Rom 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

13.2 Let's look at a chart which pictures two judgments—the Bema “right” after the Rapture and the GWT at the Last judgment.



14. 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 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.

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

Jam 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Jam 1:20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Jam 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Jam 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jam 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

Jam 1:24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Jam 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

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