

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 a study of the Old Sin Nature.
5. Now let's resume the study of 2Ti 3:10-13.

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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. I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material at point fifteen on page three.

The Old Sin Nature

Background

1. Every believer is a soldier in the battle for control of his very own soul.
- 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. Our chief asset is a new creature – the remodeled soul with the Holy Spirit and a Human Spirit.

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.

<p>Pisteuo Christ = Eternal Salvation</p> <p>Pisteuo Doctrine = Spiritual Maturity</p>
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6. The second step, the believer must understand the characteristics of his or her Old Sin Nature.

7. The question is will you use the grace assets God has provided? Or suffer defeat and become a casualty in the angelic conflict?

8. The new creature/creation is not “sin free.” We will sin but our hope is that 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.

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.

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

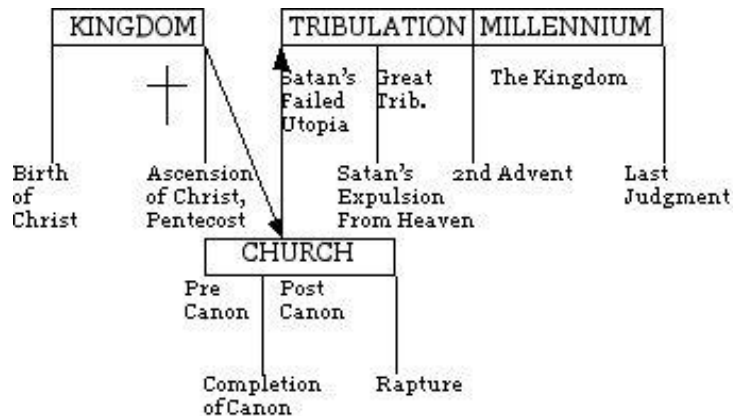
Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

11. Efforts at self-transformation are unacceptable to God and in fact it is the human good or the 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 ... the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

12. What is acceptable to God is the divine good—a product of the two power options. Rom 12:1-2

13. Let's look at a chart which pictures two judgments—the Bema 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 and divine good is rewarded. 1Co 3:14-15

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.

Scriptures Documenting This Follows

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.

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.**

16. Divine good cannot be done by human good, works, law keeping or using 1Jo 1:9. It can only be produced by Doctrine resident in a believer's soul. Col Thieme describes the product as "metabolized doctrine."

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.

17. Paul makes it clear that even if we could keep the law (which we can't) we would still be sentenced to hell.

18. James in Jam 2:14 and 19 makes clear that deliverance be it for eternity or time must have an efficacious object for the transitive verb **Pisteuo**.

Expanded Translation

Jam 2:14 "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!"

Expanded Translation

Jam 2:19 "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."

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19. James makes this clear by example when he uses two believers, Abraham and Rahab, as paradigms to illustrate deliverance is a product of faith.

19.1 James tells us about 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.

Jam 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

20. Think of it this way, at point of God consciousness the ball is in God's court. God is now obligated to get you the Gospel. It now takes an act on the part of the unbeliever—an act of faith in Christ. *Note how faith and works are acting together.*

Gen 12:1 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 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Gen 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

The Hiphil stem is causative and the perfect describes action in the past with emphasis on the finished result. The Qal perfect means Abraham produced in the past with the result his faith had earlier been counted for righteousness. This earlier act on the part of Abraham is described in Gen 12:1-3 and Gen 15:6.

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