

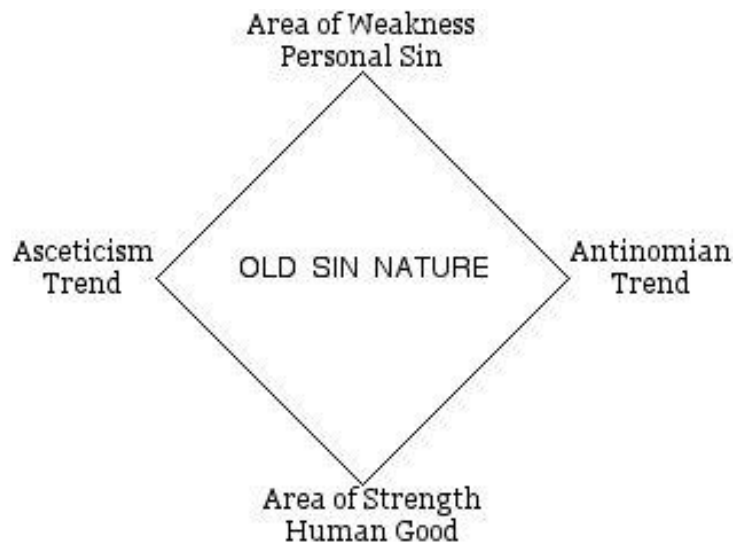
## The Old Sin Nature

1. Being led by the Spirit requires the believer to understand the **Characteristics of the Sin Nature**.
2. 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.

3. The enemy is not outside the wire; the enemy resides within -- The Old Sin Nature!

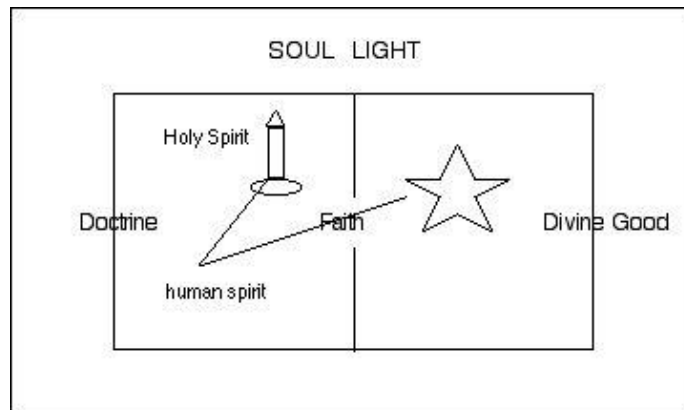


4. The decision is ours; will we use the grace assets God has provided? Or suffer defeat and become a casualty in the angelic conflict?

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

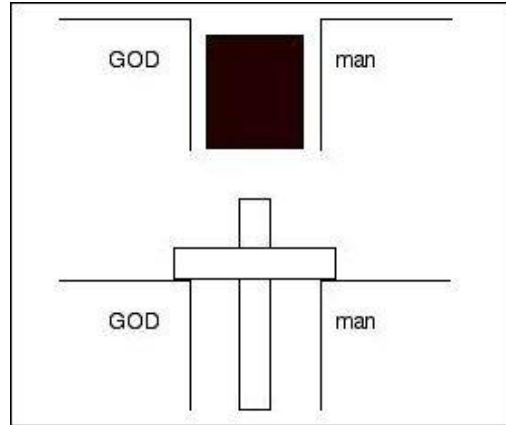
5. The chief asset is a new creation; a new creature in Christ.

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.



6. 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.



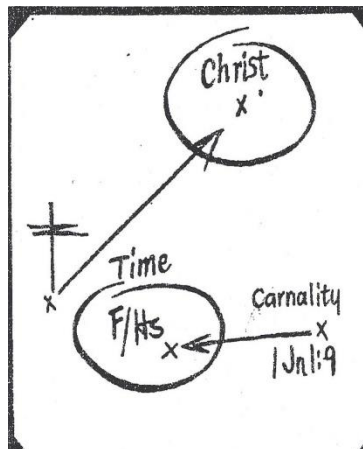
7. But I still have a problem for time. We keep our Old Sin Natures which repeatedly and often successfully temps us to sin.

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 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.

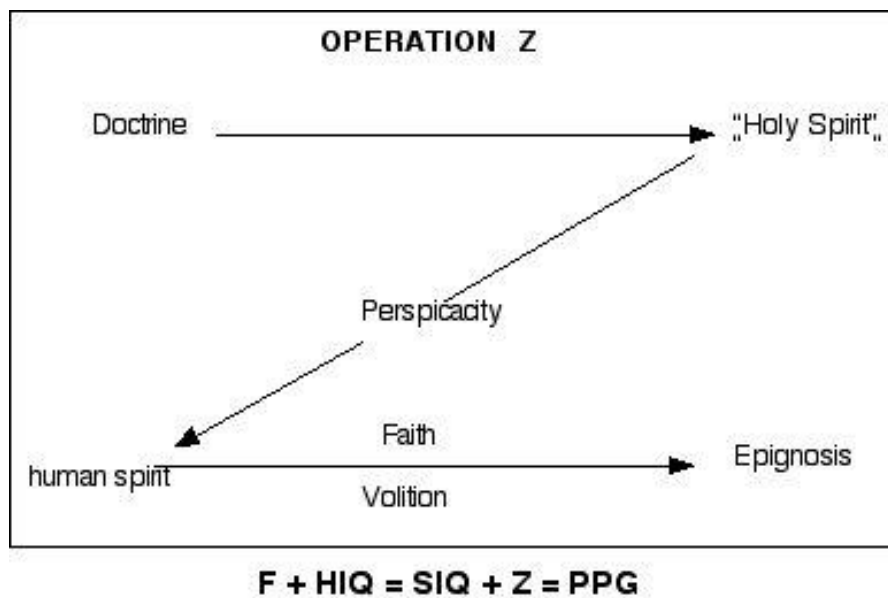
8. God in His grace plan has provided not only positional sanctification but He also provided a technique for maintaining fellowship.



9. 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. 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.

10. 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 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.

11. 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?

12. 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. 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.

14. 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.

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.**

15. 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.

16. 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.

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one-man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so, death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

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.

17. 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**.

**Pisteuo Christ = Eternal Salvation**

**Pisteuo Doctrine = Spiritual Maturity**

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."

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

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.

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 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.

Rahab:

Jos 2:9 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 2:10 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 2:11 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.

19. We should take heart from Paul's commentary on the war raging in his soul. At the same time that Paul was delighting in the Law of Liberty he saw a different law in his members. 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.

20. He thought things and did things that he immediately knew were wrong. Don't you just hate it when that happens in your own life? 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.

21. With the Indwelling of God, the Holy Spirit came hope, not only for the Apostle but for each of us as believers. Who will control is the issue and only the volition of the believer can answer the dilemma. 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 Romans chapter six verse fourteen.

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

22. But he did not stop there. He asserts that sin in the members is a powerful force (and no one should try to deny that fact). It is a fact the Old Sin Nature indwells every cell of the body.

#### Expanded Translation

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.

1Co 15:21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23. The thought that sin could make him captive causes him to cry out: Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free? The body is the scene of this contest. Sin living in every cell of the body brings spiritual death to the body, and Paul becomes aware that he needs outside help. So, he cries out for deliverance: "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

24. Filled with emotion, the apostle does not write out a full reply to his question but simply says "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

25. Not unlike Paul we too have need of recognizing the enemy but more importantly we also need to be reminded that the Good Shepherd walks with us – rod and staff in hand. Know your enemy.

### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SIN NATURE

