

THE OLD MAN VS. THE NEW MAN

The Scriptures are very clear that the child of God has two natures: the old man and the new man. It is important for the Christian to know this truth. A lot of false doctrine surrounds the misunderstanding of this truth. We have a standing and state with God. Our state varies but our standing varies not. Our standing before God is justified by faith through God's grace which is in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:1-2). Our state (our fellowship) with the Lord can vary. The Scripture says in 1 John 1:6-10 that if we walk in darkness we do not have fellowship with God. If we do walk in the light, we have fellowship with God and the blood of Christ cleanseth us from all sin. It says that if we confess our sins, he will forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

So does a man have to continually confess all his sins to be saved? No. The Scripture says that a man is saved when he believes on the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31, John 3:16-18). Your works, faithfulness, etc has nothing to do with your salvation in this dispensation. Once you are saved the Scripture says that God has predestinated you to be conformed to the image of his Son (Romans 8:28-30). Again God will finish the good work he started in you until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:6). Again, we are sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise until the day of redemption (Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30). But to maintain fellowship with the Father and Son we do have to confess our sins that Christ can cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

So what is the Old Man anyway? The old man is your flesh, your physical body which has a carnal mind. Your old man has lusts and desires. Did you know your body can produce thoughts and imaginations? The Scripture says the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings and such like (Galatians 5:19-21).

So what is the New Man? The new man is your *inward man* and is a new creature. It is created in righteousness and true holiness. It is renewed in knowledge after the image Jesus Christ. It is the new man created when you are born again of God's Spirit. The new man is not physical. It is a spiritual mind that minds the things of God. The new man cannot sin and is separated from the body of the sins of the flesh.

When a man is born again, he is spiritually circumcised and the body of the sins of the flesh is separated from the soul and spirit of man (Colossians 2:11-13, Hebrews 4:12).

The Old Man

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| Romans 6:6 | Old man crucified with Christ that the body of sin might be destroyed |
| Ephesians 4:22 | Old man is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts |
| Colossians 3:8-9 | Ye have <i>put off</i> the Old man with his deeds |

The New Man

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| 2 Corinthians 5:17 | New creature, all things are become new |
| Ephesians 2:15 | The church is referred to as a new man taken from Jews and Greeks |
| Ephesians 4:24 | The New man is created in righteousness and true holiness |
| Colossians 3:10 | Renewed in knowledge after the image of him (Jesus Christ) that created him (the New man) |
| Titus 3:5 | Washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost |

Spiritual Circumcision

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| Romans 2:28-29 | Circumcision of the heart, in the spirit (heart and spirit are interchangeable?) |
| Philippians 3:3 | We are the circumcision worshiping him in spirit, no confidence in the flesh |
| Colossians 2:11-13 | <i>Putting off</i> the body of the sins of the flesh; buried in baptism and risen with him |
| Hebrews 4:12 | pierces to the dividing of soul and spirit AND of the joints and marrow |

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| 1 Corinthians 5:7 | Ye are a new lump and unleavened |
| Galatians 6:14-15 | Crucified to the world and the world to him, a new creature |
| Romans 8:19-23 | The creature shall be delivered into the glorious liberty of the children of God |
| Galatians 2:17-20 | Build again which you destroyed (past tense) you make yourself a transgressor |
| Galatians 5:17 | The Flesh (the old man) and the Spirit have lusts |
| Galatians 5:24 | They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh (the old man) with the affections and lusts |
| Romans 6:14 | Sin shall not have dominion over you |
| Romans 7:5-6 | When we were in the flesh (past tense) the motions of sin worked in our members BUT NOW, we are delivered from the law, serve in <i>newness of spirit</i> |
| Romans 7:16-20 | It is no more you (the inward man) that does it, BUT SIN that dwelleth in me (in your flesh!) |
| Romans 7:22-25 | I delight in the law of God after the inward man, we serve the Lord in our mind |
| Romans 8:1-5 | No fear of condemnation, we are free from the law of sin and death |
| Romans 8:6-9 | Carnal mind vs. Spiritual mind |
| Romans 8:10-11 | Your body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness, and one day he shall quicken your mortal bodies! |
| Romans 8:13 | Mortify the deeds of the body |
| 1 Peter 1:14 | Former lusts in your ignorance |
| 2 Peter 1:4 | having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust |
| 1 John 2:15-17 | Lust of the flesh and eyes, and pride of life –NOT of GOD! |

Tough passages of Scripture in 1 John

1 John 3:6-10

1 John 5:18

The Old man (your flesh) was put off at your spiritual circumcision by the Lord using the word of God. It is dead as far as God is concerned and it is dead in the sense of its power and authority over you. The reason why you still sin is your flesh/body/old man and because you allow your body to fulfill the lusts it has. Your body is corrupt (Genesis 5:3) and was corrupted when Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden tree (Genesis 3:6 and compare with 1 John 2:15-17). Your inward man CANNOT sin which was renewed in knowledge after the image of Jesus Christ by Jesus Christ. With our inward man, we serve the law of God and keep it, yet we still dwell in the flesh (in which dwells no good thing). BUT one day, our bodies will be redeemed just as our soul and spirit were. And from thenceforth, we will NEVER sin again!

Your standing – Without sin, holy unblameable in his sight

Your state – depends on if you walk after the flesh or Spirit: the choice is yours. Sin no longer has dominion over you.

This is who you are in Christ, therefore walk like it now because this is your ultimate end when the sons of God are manifested in a glorious body liken unto his glorious body. Until then we still dwell in a body that is corruptible so we need to mortify the deeds and lusts thereof.