

## Sin Nature or Flesh, You Decide/Sunday, June 3, 2018

Our session this morning presents a case involving two points of view. The first states that after salvation, even though the power of the sin nature to control believers has been broken, every believer still possesses a sin nature. This is the reason why believers still sin after salvation. The second view states that the sin nature was completely eradicated at the moment a sinner makes the choice to believe in Jesus Christ for salvation. The reason believers still sin after salvation has to do with the harmful effects of sin on the flesh. Hopefully the information presented here helps Christians to decide what they believe and why they believe it. But in the case of every Christian, the power to overcome sin in their lives comes from living the life The Lord designed for them to live.

**Romans 3:21** But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Romans 1:16-17** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith.

**Galatians 2:19** For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. 20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

*It's the verb Katargeo. Argeo is the verb form of the noun, argos. Argos means ineffective, idle, or inactive. The prefix, kata, intensifies the meaning. In light of that, Katargeo means to reduce to inactivity.*

*Knowing that our old self was crucified with CHRIST in order that our body of sin might be done away with, caused to be idle or useless, rendered entirely idle, inoperative, or ineffective.*

**Hebrews 2:14** Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

Hamatia originally conveyed the idea of missing the mark.

**Galatians 5:16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

**Romans 7:5** For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death.

**Romans 7:25** Thanks be to God — through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

**Ephesians 2:4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

**Ephesians 4:22-24** that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

**Romans 6:6-7** knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

**Romans 6:12** Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, 13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

**Romans 7:23-24** but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

**Romans 7:20** But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

**Romans 7:24-25** Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Since Christ loved us enough to give His life for us, He loves us enough to give His life to us so that we might express His life through us.

**Hebrews 4:16** Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.