

# The Born-Again Nature

When you begin reading the Bible, you soon discover that when Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden and ate the forbidden fruit, sin entered into the world and death by sin.

**Genesis 2:17** *but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

**Romans 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:*

Always remember, we are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners. It's our nature; we are born with it. Babies, children, boys, and girls, moms and dads, grandparents, and so on have this sinful nature until we die. We are by nature the children of wrath.

**Ephesians 2:3** *among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

It is a fact today that because of sin, death is passed onto all humanity.

**Ezekiel 18:4** Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

**Hebrews 9:27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Disobedience brought death; it is obedience that brings life.

**Romans 5:19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus told the Apostles to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

**Mark 16:15** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

**The Gospel is the good news of:**

- the death,
- burial, and
- resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We are not to just believe the Gospel but believe and obey the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

**Mark 16:16** *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

We obey the Gospel through repentance and Water Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ and being filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in an unknown tongue.

**Acts 2:1-4, 1** *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

**Acts 2:36-39, 36** *Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

Jesus said that you MUST be born again. **See: John 3:3,5,7**

**3** *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

**5** *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

**7** *Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

The old nature is not born of God; it is born of fallen man. When Adam sinned, his seed became corrupt. When we are born again, we are born of incorruptible seed by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever. (I Peter 1:23-25)

**1 Peter 1:23-25, 23** being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. **24** *For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: **25** but the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.*

The new birth is incorruptible!

**2 Corinthians 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.*

When we are born again, we have been given a divine nature, the nature of God.

**2 Peter 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.

This divine nature of God is the Holy Ghost. If you do not have the Holy Ghost, you do not have the divine nature of God. This new divine nature does NOT commit sin. It cannot sin because it is the nature of God.

**1 John 3:19** And hereby we know that we are of the truth and shall assure our hearts before him.

Even after we receive the Holy Spirit, which is the divine nature of God, we still have the old carnal nature living inside our physical bodies. This old carnal nature will sin any time you let it sin.

**James 1:13-15, 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: **14 but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.** **15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

As a child of God, you must keep the old nature under control.

**1 Corinthians 9:27** but I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Do not yield to the desires of your flesh or the old carnal nature will keep you under its control.

**Romans 6:13** Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

**Romans 7:18** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

The power to live a righteous life cannot be found in an old nature. It can only be found in the new divine nature.

**Galatians 2:20** *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

When you are born again, you have two natures: the old nature and the new nature. You are walking according to one or the other. Now, we must always examine our Christian Walk in the Light of the Word of God.

**Romans 8:5-8, 5** For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. **6** For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **8** So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

**Romans 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Now, we must surround ourselves with the people and influences that can help us grow spiritually instead of feeding our carnal nature. Even the Apostle Paul realized this reality. While in the flesh, we will always have this battle.

**Romans 7:18-23, 18** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. **19** For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. **20** Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. **21** I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. **22** For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: **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.

**Romans 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.*

## Conclusion

It is the knowledge of God's Word that gives us divine strength and grace that pertains to life and Godliness.

**2 Peter 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:*

**2 Peter 3:18** *But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.*

**1 John 2:29** *If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that everyone that doeth righteousness is born of him.*

**1 John 5:18** *We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.*

The more we learn to yield to this new divine nature, the weaker our carnal nature will become. Always remember, as a born-again Christian, if you fail, if you commit sin, it is not the divine nature that's in you that has failed. It is the fleshly carnal nature that has led you astray.



When you get weak, you do weak things. In this born-again life, there is the prefix “**re**”. The prefix “**re**” means “**to do again**”.

As we journey through this physical life, the carnal nature may prevail at times, but God has graciously given us the opportunity to repent, to recommit, and to recover ourselves.

If we do these “**re**” things, God will respond with His “**re**” things: He will **re**new us, **re**generate us, **re**fill us, and **re**vive us because He has **re**deemed us!

**1 John 1:9-10, 9** **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** **10** *If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

In God’s eyes, He is more interested in how many times we **re**cover from sin than in how many times we fail. The Lord is right there every time to make us as white as snow again.

**Isaiah 1:18** *Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, **they shall be as white as snow;** though they be red like crimson, **they shall be as wool.***

**Lamentations 3:22-23, 22** **It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.** **23** *They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*

Remember, in the eyes of God, the sin that has been forgiven is the sin that has been forgotten.

**Isaiah 43:25** *I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake and will not remember thy sins.*

**Philippians 3:13-14, 13** *Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

As long as we are in these physical bodies, we will always have something that we will have to continue to overcome.

**Revelation 3:21** *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*

**1 Corinthians 15:31** *I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.*

Once the blood of Jesus has been applied to our lives through the waters of baptism in the Name of Jesus, we can continue to go to that fount for cleansing for forgiveness, for renewal, and for regeneration. Now, we are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ.

**Romans 8:37** *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

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