

The Three Natures of Man

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1. The Divine Nature - (2 Pet. 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. (2 Pet. 1:4)

2. The Human Nature - (Gen. 1:26,27)

And God said, Let us **make man in our image, after our likeness**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So **God created man in his own image**, in the **image of God** created he him; **male and female** created he them. (Gen. 1:26,27)

3. The Sin Nature - (1 John 1:8)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
(1 John 1:8)

*Every human being is born with a “**sin nature**” because we are born in the likeness of Adam, who fell because of transgression. His fall contaminated the whole human race. Whenever a believing sinner is **born-again**, the Sin Nature becomes dormant (**not removed**). When a believer in Christ is **Born Again** on earth, he receives the Divine Nature; that person has three natures within him (Human nature, the Divine nature, and the Sin nature). When that believer gets to heaven (Glorification) he will only have two natures within him (the Divine Nature and the Human Nature). The sin nature will be destroyed by God along with the world, the flesh, and the devil. Jesus had a Divine Nature and a Human Nature, due to the fact that He was not born according to normal procreation, meaning that Joseph was not actually his father; rather His conception was by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18). You know medical law; the Blood line of a child comes thru the father (only). In the beginning before the fall, Adam had two natures within him (Human nature and the Divine nature).*

Our Big Problem (SIN)

*At the moment of conversion, the Sin Nature is made completely ineffective. The King James Text uses the word “**destroyed**” (Rom. 6:6). The word “destroyed” in the Greek is “**Katargeo**” which means “**to make of no effect.**” But yet, it is still there. The Believer is to be dead to the Sin Nature; but, the Sin Nature itself is not dead (while on earth). Our natural will-power (self will) is no match against the powers of the world, the flesh, and the devil. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome these three powerful enemies.*

SIN Has Tremendous Power

For **I do not understand my own actions**. For **I do not do what I want**, but **I do the very thing I hate**. Now if I do what I do not want, **I agree with the law**, that **it is good**. So now **it is no longer I who do it**, but **sin that dwells within me**. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, **in my flesh**. For **I have the desire to do what is right**, but **not the ability to carry it out**. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but **sin that dwells within me**. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, **evil lies close at hand**. For **I delight in the law of God, in my inner being**, but **I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members**. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!** So then, **I myself serve the law of God with my mind**, but **with my flesh I serve the law of sin**. (Rom. 7:15-25) ESVS

But First; Lets Learn a Little More About Sin

Be not deceived, Sin will destroy you. The payment for Sin will always be very costly. It will destroy your ministry, your family, and your life. Don't ever think you can Sin and get away with it. The Bible says, Sin will always find you out and you will suffer its consequences. Sin will come to light sooner or later. Sin not only Destroyed man, but the Angels of God too. Sin is the most powerful evil force in the universe. yes, more powerful than satan himself because it deceived even the devil. Sin cannot exist in the presence of God. There is no sin in Heaven. We tend to focus on the sins we see. (adultery, drunkenness, murder, etc...) But we forget the worst sins according to God are pride, self will, rebellion, and the such...

The soul that **sinneth, it shall die**. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the **righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him**, and the **wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him**. (Ezek. 18:20)

Do not be deceived: **God cannot be mocked**. A man **reaps what he sows**. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, **from that nature will reap destruction**; the one who sows to please the Spirit, **from the Spirit will reap eternal life**. (Gal. 6:7,8)

The Difference Between Position and Condition

Our Position in Christ does not change (due to His Sacrifice) and is solid as a rock (Justification); but our condition in Christ changes daily because we are sinners saved by God's grace. Listen very carefully, Justification is received by Repentance (Not Remorse)! Sanctification (Our Condition) is lived out by Surrendering our lives to Jesus. Talk is cheap, but we are known by the life we live! Character (good Fruit) is what God requires in a Believer (Not Gifts). Being Born Again (Justification) is instantaneous; but Sanctification is a long process over time. After your salvation, then what, you have to live out your life for 30, 50, 80 years: The whole purpose of your long sanctified life is to serve God, Please Him, and Build His Kingdom! Nothing Else!

Condition is Just as Important as Position

By this my Father is glorified, that **you bear much fruit** and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love**, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that **my joy may be in you**, and **that your joy may be full**. "This is my commandment, that **you love one another as I have loved you**. Greater love has no one than this, that someone **lay down his life for his friends**. **You are my friends if you do what I command you**. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but **I have called you friends**, for all that I have heard from my Father **I have made known to you**.
(John 15:8-15) ESVS

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them**, because **of the blindness of their heart**: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye **have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus**: That ye **put off concerning the former conversation the old man**, which is **corrupt according to the deceitful lusts**; And **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**; And that ye **put on the new man**, which **after God is created in righteousness and true holiness**.

(Eph. 4:17-24)

This Brings Us to Our Next Lesson; (Lesson # 19)
“Conditional or Un-Conditional Eternal Security”

Did the Apostle Paul Believe he was Judgment Proof?

“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.” (1 Cor. 9:27)