1Thess #71

The Old Sin Nature is the enemy of truth.

Let us keep Christopher in prayer. This man has contacted me recently through PRBministry.org and he is doing evangelist work in India. India is loaded with followers of Buddhism and Islam but only about 3 or 4% of the 800 million population, are Christians.

I will be sending him some basic notes and lessons on the gospel of Christ. Along with lessons I have taught on the filling of the HS and other core doctrines.

Keep that in prayer because I have also sent out my notes to pastors and evangelists in Africa over the past two years.

I am only able to do this because of you supporting this ministry. Thank you!

Last lesson we touched on the lust patterns of the OSN, because our current study has led us to look at exactly what the Apostle Paul was warning Bels about in 1Thessalonians chapter four.

The cosmic system influence of the Greek and Roman culture was really no different than what we have today.

Today it may be much worse because of the availability of demonic influence to young and old…rich or poor.

We have the high-speed access of the internet, the large media corporations and even our political leadership and education system promoting very diabolical ideology opposed to the plan of GOD.

What the Apostle Paul wrote in 1Thess 4:4-5 holds true in the year of our LORD 2023;

/1Thes 4:4 that each of you know how to **possess his own vessel** in sanctification **and honor**, 5 **not in lustful passion**, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

The OSN is a reality every human being deals with. We each determine how we conduct our own vessel (mind & body), We cannot honor or glorify God in the flesh. \

The old sin nature is that which was acquired originally by Adam’s fall and subsequently imputed into all humanity at the point of physical birth.

It is the source of the soul’s rebellion toward God, it is the driving factor that kicks against the plan of God – it kicks against truth and wants us to reject TLJC.

It is fiercely arrogant and seeks its own satisfaction, it is much more comfortable bucking against authority then submitting to it.

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Many scriptures highlight the OSN’s combative and negative agenda.

And the cold, hard facts are - that we all have this OSN within us from birth.

The OSN has a death grip upon humanity and only the divine doctor - TLJC can surgically remove it!

/Rom 6:6. 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 **the one who has died is freed from sin**.\

Your OSN does not have to carry you into the lake of fire – completely separated from GOD.

Your OSN does not have to control and rule over you in this temporal walk. It is a matter of faith alone in Christ alone, and then growing in HIS grace and knowledge.

Every OSN is the same in its basic form.

/ The doctrine of Hamartiology (sin) classifies three types of personal sins — mental, verbal, overt. There are 4 foundational areas within our OSN. The area of weakness, strength, lust patterns and trends. No one is free from this old nature – Jesus and Adam were the only men every born with no OSN. The first man fell – the second saved humanity.\

The four foundational areas all feed off one another.

The area of weakness is often the culprit which produces all personal sins — Weakness can be addictions or areas where we are obviously weak. Our temper, our addictions or areas that we struggle to control our emotions and appetites. It could be sins of the tongue or some form of greed or lust for power.

/Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let’s rid ourselves of every obstacle and **the sin which so easily entangles us,** and let’s run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Every person has areas of weakness and a sin (usually sins) that easily entangle them.\

The old sin nature has an area of strength which produces human good in contrast to divine good. Human good is described as deeds of the flesh. It is usually mistaken for God given talent or God given power.

It is a portion of our personality or talent that appears to elevate us above others in some small arena. It gives us good feelings because we know it helps us shine above others.

 REPEAT

/Rom 8:8 and **those who are in the flesh cannot please God**.

The area of strength for many Bels goes unnoticed, until they fully grasp the concept of the two power options – Filling power of HS & the WORD.\

This is why many Bels will have a barn fire at the Bema Seat Judgement of Christ right after the Rapture of the church.

Much of what they believe they have done for God was done from a position of strength from their flesh.

/Isa 64:6 For **all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our
righteous deeds** are like a filthy garment;
And all of us wither like a leaf, And our
wrongdoings, like the wind, take us away.\

Turn to Romans chapter seven RF.

The lust patterns within the old sin nature were noted in several teachings in the NT. The Apostle Paul taught about these patterns in — Romans 7:7; Ephesians 2:3.

/Eph 2:3 Among them we too all previously **lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging**(*poieō*) **the desires of the flesh and of the mind**, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the rest.

Pointing to our responsibility on what we build or create and focus upon.\

POY-AH-O, is a Greek verb for the making or creating of something. It is used for indulging here, yet it really speaks to working or performing with the result that you produce something.

You spend time and energy developing something – in this case it means lustful patterns, inordinate desires.

Now in Romans chapter seven we see a great lesson to the Gentiles in relation to making an issue out of the Ten commandments or the whole of the Mosaic law of the OT.

The reality is, if you want to really study and make an issue out of OT commandments it would encompass well over 600 commands.

The Apostle Paul is speaking to great doctrines in relation to our new marriage to Christ – the new covenant of grace is now fulfilled in Christ.

In chapter six the Apostle Paul touched on retroactive positional truth and now he will highlight marriage.

Paul uses marriage and the fact that once the husband is dead, there can be a new marriage. A new contract.

This is a wonderful chapter for those who make an issue out of the OT commands.

For our study today we will note the OSN and how we can look at the failure of those behind us (Nation of Israel) and go forward into the truth of Christ.

The OT was designed to point us to the person and work of Christ.

We now live in the CA where the person and work of Christ are fulfilled – we are in the passion week of Jesus Christ right now!

Yet many Christians have no idea what dispensation they live in and all the doctrines, promises and prophecy fulfilled at the cross of Christ.

/Rom 7:5 For **while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions,** which were *brought to light* by the Law, were at work in the parts of our body to bear fruit for death.

The OSN brings death and our union with Christ delivered us from spiritual death. The LAW (commands of OT) were a guide, a standard that showed us how much we need Christ!\

Only the person and work of Jesus Christ could and did fulfill all commands, covenants and prophecy.

The Nation of Israel had a commitment to the OT commands – a marriage agreement they could not fulfill.

/[Rom 7:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/7/6/s_1053006) But now **we have been released from the Law**, having died to that by which we were bound, so that **we serve in newness of the Spirit** and **not in oldness of the letter**.

We do not live in the age of Israel nor do we replace Israel. We are welcomed into the family and given NEW blessings for this CA. \

The Apostle Paul then begins in a rhetorical debater’s technique;

[Rom 7:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/7/7/s_1053007) What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? Far from it! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, “YOU SHALL NOT COVET.”

The LAW, the commandments served a purpose as a teacher or standard and it is all fulfilled in TLJC.

/[Rom 7:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/7/8/s_1053008) But sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, **produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin *is* dead.**

Pointing to trends of legalism. This is also highlighting lust patterns of the OSN. We can never fully remove the OSN on our own – Christ nailed all OSN’s to the cross, we simply acknowledge the justice system was satisfied by HIS work. \

TLJC died for the sins of the whole world – it comes down to what we do with our vessel in conjunction with the person and work of Jesus Christ.

What do you believe concerning Jesus Christ?

The old sin nature has antithetical trends — a trend toward lasciviousness, loose living. Or a trend toward asceticism which falls under legalism.

One is as bad as the other, both are evil.

/The Biblical terms for the OSN;

The flesh —

Gal 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out **the desire of the flesh.** (Eph 2:3)

The Old man (self) —

Eph 4:22 that, in reference to your former way of life, you are to rid yourselves of **the old self**, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, (Col 3:9) \

/Carnal (behavior)—

Rom 7:14 For we know that the Law is spiritual, but **I am fleshly,** sold into bondage to sin. (1Cor 3:1-3)

1Cor 3:13 **each one’s work will become evident**; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each one’s work. \

In 1Cor 3:1-3 the Apostle Paul begins with the term – *fleshly*, which points to our actions (carnality). Then he points out what happens at the Judgement Seat of Christ.

/Sin (in the singular) —

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man **sin entered into the world**, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned—

(Rom 7:14; 1Cor 15:56; 1Jhn 1:8)

The singular use of the word sin is sometimes used to point to the whole OSN itself. \

/The Heart (occasionally for OSN) –

Jer 17:9 “**The heart is more deceitful** than all else And is desperately sick;
Who can understand it?

(Mat 12:34-35; Mat 15:19; Mark 7:21-23)

The OSN resides within the very DNA and soul of the body. Therefore, occasionally the heart (soul) is referenced as the old nature. \

Let us close with some core principles of the old sin nature.

The old sin nature is a source of spiritual death in mankind —

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The OSN is the core reason of our separation with God – spiritual death.\

Every person is born in sin and will die separated from God unless we choose TLJC as our Lord and savior.

The old sin nature is perpetuated in the human race through physical birth —

/Psa 51:5 Behold, **I was brought forth in guilt**, And **in sin** my mother conceived me. (1Tim 2:13-14)

At the moment of physical birth (breath of life) every baby born has now entered the world with an OSN within their DNA.\

The Believer continues to have an old sin nature after salvation.

/There is no such thing as sinless perfection —

1Cor 3:1 And I, brothers *and sisters,* could not speak to you as spiritual people, but *only* as fleshly, as to infants in Christ.

1Jhn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. \

Once we are face to face with the LORD the OSN is no longer an issue.

The temporal life that we walk in right now is not our secured position. It is a temporal condition

/The OSN is not found in the resurrection body of the Bel —

Phl 3:21 who will transform the body of our lowly condition into conformity with His glorious body, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

(1Cor 15:56; Col 3:4; 1Thes 5:23) \

Divine judgement from God’s justice system solves the problem of the old sin nature.

When a Bel becomes positive toward Christ the judgement of GOD covers three phases of divine justice.

/In phase one judgement: Christ is judged for our sins on the cross —

1Pet 2:24 and He Himself brought our sins in His body up on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you were healed. (2Cor 5:21)

Phase two judgement: the Believer’s sins are washed clean so as not to interfere with fellowship — (1Cor 11:31; 1Jhn 1:9) Phase three judgement where human good is judged or divine work is brought to light. \

All of this was calculated within the Divine Decree of eternity past.