James #26

Do not become a double-minded Believer.

Happy Mother’s Day to all of the wonderful mother’s out there!

In our current study of the epistle of James we have come to verse 8 - pointing out a problem for Christians for 2,000 years, truthfully… since the creation of mankind.

It is a problem rooted in the OSN;

/Jam 1:8 *being* a **double-minded man**, **unstable** in all his ways.\

The human spirit was the foundation of fellowship with God in the Garden. It was the original man and woman’s basis of having a relationship with our LORD. When Adam sinned, the human spirit was destroyed and man was separated from GOD…spiritually dead with no possibility of having fellowship with God.

All Unbelievers are said to be minus the human spirit — enemies of God, children of wrath;

/1Cor 2:14 But a **natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God**, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because **they are spiritually discerned**.

Jude 1:19 These are the ones who cause divisions, **worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit**.\

Open up your Bibles into 1Corinthians chapter 3 RF.

The Unbel does not possess a human spirit, they have a body and soul. It is the ministry of God the Holy Spirit, in Common Grace, that makes the gospel available and understandable for them.

At the point of hearing the Gospel, the information enters the soul (mind - left lobe) it is made logical by the power of God the HS.

Then free will is either ignited or rejected. Because it is the trigger of positive volition toward the Gospel that causes the person to believe in Jesus Christ for salvation.

There is a tiny moment of surrender that the person accepts they are a sinner and Christ is the only answer. Or they block the truth of their dead condition with arrogance and reject the truth.

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 The Gospel is not even discernible or understandable until God the Holy Spirit has made it a reality in the left lobe.

/The Holy Spirit must act as a human spirit in the area of the Unbeliever understanding spiritual phenomena. The human spirit is the target for storage in the function of GAP (Grace Apparatus of Perception), another ministry under the power of God the HS. For the Bel they are born again into a NEW spirit and nature (Christ righteousness). Yet the OSN remains until its final death sentence is fully executed – physical death or the rapture.\

The Cross of Jesus Christ ensured every OSN was dealt with. Yet when a person rejects the Gospel of Jesus Christ they reject the grace gift of HIS efficacious work.

They wish to live in a permanent state of spiritual death away from the presence of God. In the end God gives them over to that which they desired.

The OSN is never a death sentence for a Believer, because we have fully embraced the person and work of Jesus Christ. God’s perfect plan made it so simple – a moment of faith in time.

Now in this chapter of Corinthians we are seeing the Apostle Paul speaking to Bels…. but Bels who have been very comfortable living in the cosmic system.

The OSN therefore, has been given room to breath and take control, this is what brings about a double-minded, unstable Christian.

Once a Christian fully understands the OSN, the angelic warfare and the power of God the HS, they realize the standards needed to walk in a manner which is truly spiritual;

/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.\

Both 1John and 1Corinthians is clearly teaching to born again Believers.

There is no such thing as sinless perfection in this lost and dying world.

The OSN was already sentenced to death on the cross, it only has minimal power for the Christian in the temporal walk.

It has as much power as you allow it to have.

You see, free will matters before and after salvation – it is a key component in the angelic conflict.

We are left here on a lost and dying world after salvation for a purpose – for spiritual combat and as a witness for heaven.

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Again, your free will matters as to what you choose to do with the time, talent and treasure God has given you after salvation.

/[1Co 3:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/3/2/s_1065002) I gave **you milk to drink, not solid food;** for you were not yet able *to consume it.* But even now you are not yet able,

The instability of the Christian is directly related to the consumption of accurate BD. It is also related to understanding and applying the power of God the HS.\

[1Co 3:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/3/3/s_1065003) for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like *ordinary* people?

/All sins are born in the OSN, this means all sins have a starting point within the soul and the very DNA of humanity. All sins manifest— mental, verbal, overt. The old sin nature has an area of strength which produces human good in contrast to divine good. All people are born with an OSN that also has lust patterns and trends.\

Many Bels at Corinth never fully digested the truth of the OSN and they never dug deeper into the Apostle Paul’s teaching.

This is the reason they fell under this category of being double-minded, and unstable.

Here is one of the main reasons for this instability;

/[1Co 3:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/3/4/s_1065004) For when one person says, **“I am with Paul,**” and another, “**I *am* with Apollos**,” are you not *ordinary* people?

They remained enamored about seeking a new doctrine and seeking an eloquent speaker, seeking everything except the truth accurately handled.\

Apollos would have been under the authority of the Apostle Paul, he was highly intelligent and a very eloquent speaker.

Apollos was a solid evangelist. Yet Paul was the apostle and leader, the master teacher of mystery doctrine.

A large majority of the Bels at Corinth did not want to buckle down under the teaching of the Apostle Paul.

Many found faults and flaws in the Apostle Paul and they were always looking for something new.

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It was Priscilla and Aquila in Ephesus who helped enlighten Apollos. They were under the Apostle Paul’s teaching (Acts 18), so Apollos was considered an evangelist, not an apostle or a pastor teacher at this historical point.

[1Co 3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/3/5/s_1065005) What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one.

/[1Co 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/3/6/s_1065006) I planted, Apollos watered, but **God was causing the growth**.

The power of the WORD has to be driven by God the HS. Eloquent speakers and pleasant personalities, are distractions if it is not ordained by GOD and under the right power source.\

[1Co 3:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/3/7/s_1065007) So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

Jump over to Romans chapter 7 we will close there today.

/The old sin nature frustrates bona fide divine production; it always seeks something to tickle the lust patterns and trends. The OSN also, is very uncomfortable sitting under authority, that includes the authority of GOD. The OSN craves power or attention, it rarely feels fully satisfied, it is very much like a spoiled child. \

Even when it gets a form of satisfaction or reaches a desired goal, it is never a lasting sensation.

The Christian must get to a place where they understand the power of the OSN.

They must fully digest the power of satanic forces in the angelic conflict, understanding their human viewpoint is very compatible with the cosmic system.

Keep in mind that as we read this chapter of Romans - it was written around 58 AD, well into 20 years or longer of the Apostle Paul’s ministry;

Rom 7:15 For I do not understand what I am doing; for I am not practicing what I want *to do,* but I do the very thing I hate.

There is a reality of an inner conflict the Christian must come to grips with.

I AM PRACTICING, Greek present tense it’s an ongoing problem.

Not in the realm of having a license to sin, but in the realm of being aware we need to stay on top of this.

True Christianity is never in a state of comfort with sin, no true Bel enjoys sinning.

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/[Rom 7:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/7/16/s_1053016) However, if I do the very thing I do not want *to do,* **I agree with the Law, that *the Law is* good.**

The LAW – everything in scripture points us to the mind of Christ. Therefore, laws and commands are perfect and spiritual.\

IF is a Greek 1st class condition – it’s true!

We do the things we don’t want to do, we know it’s against the truth of scripture.

Yet we are mere humans, created creatures with a free will, having an OSN.

Nothing we can do is true spirituality or righteousness.

The law and commands of the Bible tell us to love, not be angry, jealous, to have no lust and have no sins, because it is the perfect and pure mind of Jesus Christ.

We now know only Christ can fulfill the commands and the truth of scripture.

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Laws and commands clarified this in a very painful and humbling fashion.

/[Rom 7:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/7/17/s_1053017) But now, no longer am I *the one* doing it, but **sin that dwells** (*oikeō*) **in me**.

Only the filling of the Spirit and Bible doctrine resident in the soul can break the power and the influence of the old sin nature in life.\

OIY-KAYO, comes from a Greek root word that means a home, a place of dwelling and even a place of comfort.

This OSN in our very DNA – it will divide and distort your fellowship.

/1Cor 13:5 **Test yourselves** *to see* if you are in the faith; **examine yourselves!** Or do you not recognize *this about* yourselves, **that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test**?

Fellowship is broken yet the indwelling of the HS always remains. There is a silence or spiritual separation when sin enters the picture. \

Very similar to what happened to Abraham and Sarah when they brought Hagar under their tent into their marriage. It is what happened to King David when he raped Bathsheba and killed her husband Uriah.

GOD cannot have intimacy with sin or evil.

/[Rom 7:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/7/18/s_1053018) For I know that good does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh; **for the willing is present in me,** but the doing of the good *is* not.

The willingness is the power of a NEW nature in us, that coupled with BD builds into a strong wall of fire in the soul. Designed to warn us and guides us away from the attempts by the OSN and cosmic system.\

Your Edification Complex in the Soul is imperative to build and keep building upon, it has the warning and guidance system within it.

[Rom 7:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/7/19/s_1053019) For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

Showing us, you can be acting moral and being very sincere and that does not cut it! Anything you do in the flesh is not spiritual.

[Rom 7:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/7/20/s_1053020) But if I do the very thing I do not want, I am no longer *the one* doingit, but sin that dwells in me.

Another first-class condition, IF I DO the very thing I do not want – it’s a fact, we all fall into this trap of the OSN.

The OSN is no excuse to live in sin, in fact once you recognize it, the Apostle Paul is saying - deal with it in its proper context.

This is why the Apostle Paul says, my mind and body are at war - ‘O wretched man that I am!’

Chapter seven flows immediately into Romans chapter 8;

/Rom 8:1 Therefore there is **now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus.** 2 For the **law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free** from the law of sin and of death.\

The OSN was declared dead in eternity past and that legal decree was fulfilled on the Cross of Christ.

Everyone who truly acknowledges this has been removed from the Great White Throne Judgment.

The Believer washes sins in the temporal life to maintain an intimacy with GOD.

Every time we name and cite a sin we touch backward onto the impeccable work of Christ on the Cross.

Jesus first explained this to the Apostles at the Last Supper.

/Jhn 13:10 Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed **needs only to wash his feet**; otherwise he is completely clean. And you are clean—but not all *of you.*”

All 11 apostles (Judas) had bathed (salvation) during HIS earthly ministry. The washing of the feet, was symbolic for naming and citing sins after salvation.\

/The old sin nature is not found in the resurrection body of the Believer;

1Cor 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**.

 (Phl 3:21, Col 3:4, 1Thes 5:23) \