

Old Man vs New Man

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Today we shall deal with the topic of Old Man versus New Man

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Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

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

Gal 5:16 *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

The basic problem that all Christians face is that, despite being a new creation to being born from above, the flesh, also known as the old Adamic nature, is very much alive. We find this in Romans 7:19 to 25 –

I. The Flesh Is Very Much Alive

Rom 7:19 *For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.*

Rom 7:20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Rom 7:21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

Rom 7:22 *For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:*

Rom 7:23 *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.*

Rom 7:24 Oh wretched man that I am who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Rom 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.

If you have wondered or been thinking about the relationship of Christians to the law [the Torah] that was given to Moses at Mount Sinai and why so many Christians resist obeying the law, you will have the answers in this video. First, the verses that we read from Romans 7 just now, the new man in us, the new creation in us, delights in the law of God. However, the old man of sin, the old adamic nature, our fleshly nature, serves sin. Only Jesus Christ [Yeshua] our Messiah can deliver us from the old man of sin. Now, let's see another truth in the Bible- that our old man died with Christ or is dead in Christ. We see this in Romans 6:4 to 7.

II. Old Man Dead in Christ

Rom 6:4 *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

*Rom 6:6 **Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.***

Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

These verses speak to us about the water baptism that we underwent after we came to Christ: in water baptism, we are identifying with the death, the burial, and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are to reckon ourselves dead to sin. It means we are dead to the sinful nature, dead to the old man; but yet why is the old man still causing us a lot of trouble? Well, there are things that we need to do. The Bible teaches us that we have to consciously agree to put to death the old man of sin: we see this Romans 8:13 –

III. Put To Death

*Rom 8:13 For **if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live.***

In other words, we have a choice: to live after the old man of sin, the fleshly nature, or to live via the Spirit by putting to death the deeds of the old man of sin.

Colossians 3:5 to 8 tell us a similar message –

*Col 3:5 **Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:***

*Col 3:6 For which things' sake **the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience:***

Col 3:7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye live in them.

Col 3:8 But now ye also put off all of these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

The word mortify means put to death all the deeds of the flesh. In another passage, we are told to put off the old man: it's like you take off your old clothing and put on a new set of clothing. We see this again in Colossians 3:9 & 10 –

IV. Put Off The Old Man

*Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have **put off the old man with his deeds:***

*Col 3:10 And have **put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:***

Note the following points: firstly, we shall perish if we live after the flesh; secondly, as we have seen in the earlier passage in Colossians, the wrath of God will come upon the children of disobedience. If we do not want to be judged and to be condemned together with the children of disobedience, we must be obedient. You must ask yourself the question: obedience to what? To all the commandments of Yahweh, all His ordinances, His statutes. I refer to the moral law in the Torah given to Moses. Recall what I shared with you before: there are three parts to the Torah; one part you might call the Temple ordinances regarding the priests, the Levites, the sacrifices to be conducted in the temple as atonement for sin. Secondly, you have the State or the Civil Law in the Torah of Moses. Thirdly, the moral law is exemplified in the Ten Commandments and all the derivatives. So, we are still beholden to, or

we still have to obey the moral laws. The disobedience referred to here refers only to breaking the moral laws: for the simple reason that the Temple is no longer there and we are not under the State law of Israel. Remember that Israel was a theocratic State: created to show the world what civil law under Yahweh can be. In the millennium, Israel will become a theocratic state, and, through Israel, the whole world will become theocratic: subject to every law and ordinance of God. In summary, you must put off the old man and put on the new man to walk in obedience to YAHWEH.

The next point that you want to note carefully is that Paul describes sins as works of the flesh: in other words, he's attributing sins that people commit as being due to the fleshly fallen nature that we inherited from Adam. We see this clearly in number of passages but particularly in Galatians 5:19 to 21 –

V. Sins Are Works of the Flesh

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Gal 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

*Gal 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that **they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.***

What do we see in this passage? Number one: we sin when we indulge our fleshly desires; secondly, those who are in habitual sins cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Now it is important as I taught you before, to make a distinction between habitual sins and occasional sins, as the 1John 1 informs us we all sin against Yahweh. Because of temptations and weaknesses of the flesh, we all can fall into sin, and we should have daily cleansing; confessing and repenting of our sins. However, there's such a thing called habitual sin or the practice of sin: the word 'do' such things in Galatians 5:21 is actually translated from the Greek word 'prasso' which means 'practice'.

The **ESV version** because it makes it very clear –

ESV 1Jn 3:9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

That's a very important point, a very important distinction. Some weeks ago, I gave a video on Born from Water and the Holy Spirit. You may want to study that video very carefully; because, if we are truly born from above or water and the Holy Spirit we cannot keep on sinning. We will not practice sin or, as in other Bible passages, we will not commit sin although we do fall into occasional sins. The problem is that, as long as the flesh- the old man is still alive, it is a target of temptation by Satan. Let's look at the verses in James 1:13 to 15 –

VI. The Flesh: Target of Temptation

Jas 1:13 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:

*Jas 1:14 **But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.***

Jas 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Here, you see that we are drawn away by our own lust: we are enticed by our own lust, by the desires of the old man. Hence, you can see now the tremendous importance of dealing with the old man of sin: the subject of this video. One way the Bible tells us how to deal with the old man, or to overcome the old man, is to crucify the flesh. Let's look at some verses and then try to see what this means.

V. Crucify The Flesh

*Gal 5:24 **And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.***

*Mat 5:29 And **if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out,** and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.*

*Mat 5:30 And **if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off,** and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.*

There are two important points given to us in these passages: number one, crucify the flesh. Now look at the meaning of the word 'crucified'. Our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on a cross: he was nailed to the cross and died a most painful death. We are told to do the same with the old man of sin: don't let him live, crucify him, put him to death as soon as possible. The second point that comes from Yeshua's injunctions in Matthew 5:39:30 sounds quite ruthless and gruesome: He said 'if your right eye causes you to sin pluck it out; if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for one member of your body to suffer than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. He's telling us two very important points: one, there's a hell where human bodies will be burned and tormented forever. What Yeshua really meant was that we have to learn to be utterly ruthless with ourselves so as not to sin against Him. Next, the Bible tells us to abstain from the desires of the flesh we see this in 1Peter 2:11 –

VII. Abstain from the Desires of the Flesh

*1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lust, which war against the soul:***

Abstaining is the opposite of indulging: that means don't give way, don't allow your lust to find fulfillment. Number two: a very important point that Peter made is that lust is actually war against the soul and it will destroy the soul. Wow! You know what war is: war means destruction of property and, more importantly, destruction of human lives. Here Peter is saying watch it: the lust that you are succumbing to- it will destroy your soul. Please note that each of us has only one soul to gain or to lose. We ourselves can work towards the destruction of our soul if we allow indulgence of the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life. But do we have the power to put to death the old man of sin, to deny the lust of our fleshly desires? The Bible tells us 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Holy Spirit'. Hence, merely claiming to be a new creation will not suffice. Just because somebody belongs to the New Creation Church in Singapore does not mean that he has victory over his flesh: far from it, and the New Creation Church merely claims grace as a free gift of God but this mere claim of grace as a free gift of God will avail nothing, will not afford victory to the members of the new creation church or to anybody who claims such free gift of grace.

Instead, we need the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome sins and to achieve righteousness- the very standard that God requires from us. This power of the Holy Spirit to overcome is the true meaning of grace, which Joseph Prince does not understand and does not teach his hapless followers. As a result, they will go to hell.

Turn to Titus 2:11-14. These are extremely important verses for every Christian to understand, accept, and put into operation in their lives

VIII. By My Spirit

*Tit 2:11 For **the grace of God** that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,*

*Tit 2:12 **Teaching us** that, denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should **live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;***

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Here the grace of God is identified **as a person** and not merely as a free gift of God and the person so identified is no less than the Holy Spirit- the third person of the Trinity whom Jesus sent to us after He ascended into Heaven. This is the real grace that we need. Look at Titus 2:12: teaching us... How can grace which is a mere free gift of God be a teacher? Obviously, grace is a person: the third person of the Trinity- the Holy Spirit Himself who will teach us, guide us to live soberly, righteously, godly in this present world. He will give us the power to overcome the old man of sin; He will give us the power to overcome temptation, to put to death the deeds of the flesh and to live righteously before Him. The word grace comes from the Greek word **charis [G5485]** and charis has a variety of meanings –

According to Thayer's Dictionary, in addition to favor, grace refers to "the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues."

The Apostle Paul gave us the injunction to walk in the spirit in Galatians 5:25 –

IX. Walk In The Spirit

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Our life must be in the spirit. Our walk refers to our behavior which must be governed by the Spirit. It involves seeking God's will and aligning one's actions and choices accordingly. This precept is fundamental to our salvation, highlighting the indispensable role of the Holy Spirit to lead and to transform our lives.

The next injunction given in scripture in how to overcome the old man of sin is: watch and pray. We see this in Matthew 26:41 as Yeshua said to his disciples -

X. Watch And Pray

*Mat 26:41 **Watch and pray**, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

This is a wonderful injunction by Yeshua in the garden of Gethsemane in the night that he was betrayed. We are to watch and pray because we have no power to overcome temptation. Only the Holy Spirit can help us.

Another injunction or instruction given by scripture and how to overcome is to put on Christ. We see this in Romans 13:14 –

XI. Put on Christ

*Rom 13:14 But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lust thereof.***

Also, in Galatians 2:20, Paul says -

*Gal 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.***

These are important keys to spiritual success. Firstly, put on Christ: allow Him to live in us. Secondly, live by the faith of Christ: His faith is godly, His faith is infinite, His faith is eternal in value. Our faith is nothing by comparison: 'Lord Jesus grant me Your Life, grant me Your Faith, help me to live by Your Faith that I may have complete victory.' Thirdly, do not provide for the flesh: avoid occasions of sin. Fourthly, do not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Fifthly, crucify the flesh. Some of these points we have already taken note of but here, you have it in capsule format. Moreover, always realize this: although scripture tells us to do and do that or to overcome, yet you will see that it's God at work in us: we find this Philippians 2:12 & 13 –

XII. God is At Work in You

*Php 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.***

*Php 2:13 For **it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.***

This is one of the many instances in the Bible where we are instructed to do something and then in the next verse we are told that it's God working in us. We better learn that whatever God tells us to do in the Bible, He will provide the power, He will provide the means: we just have to be willing, walking in obedience, walking in submission, acknowledging our need of his Holy Spirit daily in our lives.

Next I refer you to very important verse in Romans 8:1 to 4 which exists in the King James but is severely truncated in virtually most other translations that are not based upon the King James Greek text –

XIII. No Condemnation

*Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.***

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

These are very critical verses every Christian must study carefully and understand and see how they apply in our lives. I have already noted that Romans 8:1 must be in full as in the King James for you to see what God is saying: that, we are only in Christ if we walk in the spirit and not in the flesh and that, we can only escape condemnation if we walk in the spirit and not in the flesh. In other words, if you walk in the flesh you will end up being condemned by Yahweh one day. The next important point in these verses is that only the Holy Spirit can free us from the law of sin and death via Christ who alone fulfilled the law. The law of sin and death has been a phrase that's been used by many Christian preachers to disparage the law given through Moses. They falsely teach that, since breaking the commandments result in curses by God, we want to do away with them. They go on to teach falsely that Yeshua abolished the Law which He never did. He fulfilled the Law on our behalf so that we can be saved. The law was given to us but, because of sin death reigns and sin brings forth condemnation of God. If we walk in the Spirit, He will save us from this law of sin and death. Moreover, the righteousness of the law which was achieved by Yeshua becomes fulfilled in us: it does not mean that we are free from trying to obey anymore but that we have the assurance that we are made righteous in Christ. We are also expected to walk in righteousness to the best of our ability as guided by the Holy Spirit.

Finally, if or when we are successful in putting off the old man and putting on the new man, we will gain what the Bible tells us are fruits of the spirit so let's look at Galatians 5:22 & 23 -

XIV. Fruits of the Spirit

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Then look at John 15:1 to 6 –

Jhn 15:1 I am the true vine, and my father is the husbandman.

*Jhn 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit **he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.***

*Jhn 15:3 Now **ye are clean through the word** which I have spoken unto you.*

Jhn 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Jhn 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Jhn 15:6 If a man abides not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

Let me summarize these verses for you in closing. Firstly, there are nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. Secondly, our heavenly father goes around looking for fruit in us. Thirdly, He removes branches that do not bear fruit; fourthly He prunes those branches that bear fruit in order to increase the yield as every farmer or gardener knows. Fifth, we need to be cleansed by the water of the Word: as we obey each commandment/ordinance, some cleansing

occurs. The final point six is that we need to abide in Christ: to abide means to continue in Christ to bring forth fruit. Finally, branches that are cut off will wither, and get thrown into the fire of eternal hell. We pray to Almighty God that all of us: me and those of you who are watching this video and studying these notes- that all of us will bear fruit for His glory, all of us will have victory over the old man of sin by the power of the Holy Spirit. Shalom