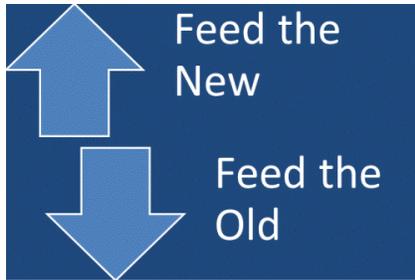


Lesson 37: The 2 Natures Part 2

Lesson Introduction



In this lesson we will continue our study of the 2 natures: the old sin nature that everyone is born with, and the new nature which is received at the moment of salvation. We will pick up in our study of the battle that rages in the believer, and what we can do to enable the new nature to win.

In Topic 1, we will look at an often-misunderstood concept: When you are saved, the desires of the old nature don't just magically go away. The sin nature is still there, and it can do nothing but sin. However, we do have the new nature, and the new nature cannot sin; it can do nothing but serve God.

In Topic 2, we will examine the method for obtaining victory in our Christian walk. We will see that we *are* going to feed one nature or the other; one **will be fed**, and the other **will be starved**. The nature that is fed is the one that will be stronger, and we will see from Scripture that it is imperative that we feed the new nature.

Finally, in Topic 3, we will finish with some practical application for our daily lives. Though he can never lose his salvation, the Christian is still capable of committing any sin that a non-Christian is capable of committing. We will see the importance of feeding the new nature, so that we are continually growing in Christ and becoming more and more like Him.

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Topic 1: The Natural Desires Don't Change

We're looking at the two natures. The two natures. You know, you have the first birth, then if you're born again, you have the second birth. And that has two natures, the old nature, the old birth; now the new nature, the new birth. But there's a problem, there's a battle going on inside each Christian. I hear some preachers preach, and they say, "If you're saved, you will automatically serve." That's not true. You will not automatically serve. If you're saved, you will have all things become new, and old things are passed away. That's true, but you still have the old nature—and they forget to tell you about it. And you got a

battle going on, continually going on. And Christians wonder, “Why don’t I do better? How come I’m not better than . . . Why don’t I live a better life?” They don’t understand what they’re supposed to be able to do. When a person is saved, his natural, carnal desires don’t change one iota. When you’re saved, your natural desires don’t change. And sometimes, people say, “Well, I thought everything changed.” No, the old flesh is still the flesh. It’s strong. It’s powerful, and your old desires don’t change. And you say, “Man, I thought . . .” you know. Now sometimes, certain things. I’ve seen people get saved and I’ve seen—they’re alcoholics, and never take another drink. But I’ve seen others that didn’t work that way. I’ve seen some get saved never have another smoke, and I’ve seen others [where] it didn’t work that way. I’ve seen some get saved and never have another cuss word, and I’ve seen others [where] it didn’t work that way. It seems like sometimes we get delivered from certain things in a way we don’t understand, but believe me, our old nature is still the same, and it hasn’t changed by the new birth. This is what we all have to understand. That’s why there’s so much confusion today on what is salvation.

QUESTION 1

If you are saved, you will have all things become new, and old things passed away. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 2

The Christian who does not understand the old and new nature often asks himself: *(Select all that apply.)*

Answer: _____

- A. Why don’t I do better?
- B. How come I’m not better than certain people?
- C. Why don’t I live a better life?
- D. Why didn’t everything change?

QUESTION 3

Our old nature is still the same; it has not been changed by the new birth. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

The New Nature Cannot Sin

1 John 3:9, “Whosoever is born of God [doth] not commit sin”. Wow. Pastor Scudder, you just said this must mean the other group’s right. “Whosoever is born of God [doth] not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.” Now am I wrong? Let’s see. We’re going to look at it. I’ve heard some say, “Well, that word, ‘commit’ means that you don’t consistently sin.” You don’t consistently sin. No, it doesn’t say that. It says, “doth not commit sin”. That word “commit,” poieō, and that’s a tremendously long Greek definition. I’ll only read you parts of it. I mean, I’ll tell you parts of it. I mean this word, commit, means everything. I mean it doesn’t mean, just continually sin, or your perpetual life of sin; it means no sin, period. It means—and I’m just giving you a little bit—it means abide, agree, appoint, band together; it means to cause, commit, content, continue, execute, exercise, fulfill, gain, give, have, hold, ordain, perform, provide, yield, work, transgress, take, tarry, and I could go on and on. I tell you, it means you don’t sin. I remember, well there was a preacher, and he was [claiming] he had been sanctified. Okay, all of us have been sanctified, but he meant that he never sinned anymore. And he came, and he was going to straighten me out. It’s so funny, though, this man believed that once you’re saved you never sinned again, but he believed you could lose it. So I was talking with him, and I said, “Well, brother, I appreciate that, but you say if you’re saved and you’ve been sanctified, you can’t sin.” He said, “That’s right.” I said, “But you also believe if you don’t live it, you could lose it.” I said, “If you ever get saved and you can’t sin, then how could you lose it?” And he got

pretty irate. I said, “Wait a minute, I thought you couldn’t sin.” You see, I want you to understand this. This is the new birth. The new birth that you get from God cannot sin. His seed remaineth in him. Your new birth cannot and will not allow you to sin in your new birth. Now don’t quit yet. We still have sin. Our new birth can’t sin, but we still got the old nature. And anyone that says, “Oh no, you can’t sin after you’re saved,” they don’t know what they’re talking about. Yes, you can sin after you’re saved. But your new birth—now let me, think about this verse though—“Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him. He cannot sin, because he is born of God.” Listen, dear people, you can never lose your salvation because your seed of God is in you. What a tremendous thing that is.

Assignment:

Memorize 1 John 3:9

QUESTION 4

1 John 3:9 means that if you are born of God, you won’t habitually commit sin. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 5

Which of the following statements are **not** true? (*Select all that apply.*) Answer: _____

- A. If you are saved, you cannot lose it.
- B. If you are saved, you will not sin.
- C. If you don’t live it, you could lose it.
- D. The new birth from God cannot sin.

QUESTION 6

You can never lose your salvation, even if you continue to sin. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Topic 2: How to Obtain Victory

Romans 7:17—boy, this is a good one. This is Paul talking about the two natures fighting. Now we’re going to talk about the old nature. Now, look what he said, 25 years after he was saved. Some of you are going to feel better after I read this to you. You’re going to be like, “Wow! Praise the Lord for Paul,” you know. “Now then,” Romans 7:17, “Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.” See, we got two natures. “He that is born of God doth not commit sin” – that’s your new birth. But you still have sin because you still got your old birth. You still got your flesh. “For I know that in me,” okay now, the new birth—he’s not counting about being him—“that in me (that is, in my flesh)” –first birth—“dwelleth no good thing”. I want you to understand that. The flesh dwelleth no good thing. None. Nothing. “For to will is present with me,” he’s saying, “My old nature hasn’t changed at all.” “But how to perform that which is good I find not.” Paul said, “I got a battle going on inside me, 25 years after I’m saved.” 7:23, “But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind”. I want you to understand something, now. Now sometimes the Bible talks about the mind as being the new birth. There’s a carnal mind, and we’re going to talk about [it] later, that’s the flesh. But our thinking, our soul, our spirit, what is inside of us, what makes us different than any other person—when we got the new birth, we’re now united by the Holy Spirit of God, and now we’ve got access to the Father. We’re born again. Anyway, “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.” There’s a battle, a royal battle. It’s a tremendous battle going on.

QUESTION 7

In Romans chapter 7, Paul is describing his life before he was saved. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 8

Paul understood that there was a battle of 2 natures going on inside of him. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Do You Have The Spirit?

7:24, “O wretched man that I am!” And then it says in verse 25, he says, “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.” I’m going to show you before this is over how you can have victory, because we can have victory. Now remember this battle, one can’t sin, and one can’t get rid of sin. This one can’t get rid of sin. This new birth can’t sin. Look at Romans 8:6, “For to be carnally minded,” the word, ‘carnal,’ means fleshly. It means fleshly minded—“is death”. Look at Romans 8:7, “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” The carnal mind. We want to be somebody. We want to be somebody important. We want to go up in status. Romans 8:9, “But [ye] are not in the flesh,” see, we’ve been born again—“but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” I hear people say, “Well, did you get the Spirit?” You get the Spirit the minute you get saved. If you don’t get the Spirit, you’re not saved. You get the Holy Spirit the minute you get saved, and we’ve got the Spirit. We’re not in the ... we don’t have to walk in that flesh. The Bible teaches us that the old nature does not change, but it can be controlled. It’s so important that we understand that, that the old nature can be controlled. It really can, but don’t ever think that it’s eradicated. Don’t ever think that that old nature’s gone. Don’t ever think that you no longer will ever have the problems you had before. I tell you, you better watch the flesh. It can be controlled. It’s very important. Sinful lies do not pay.

Assignment:

Memorize Romans 8:7

QUESTION 9

The battle in us is this: One nature can’t sin, the other can’t get rid of sin. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 10

If you don’t have the Holy Spirit, you are not saved. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 11

The old nature cannot be changed, but it can be _____.

Galatians 5: Walk in the Spirit

Galatians 5:16, “This I say [then],” now look at this—“Walk in the Spirit, and [ye shall] not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” You’re always going to have the flesh. There’s always a battle. But if you walk in the Spirit and build up the Spirit, build up the new birth, if you build it up, then it’s going to be able to control. That’s why you need to be in church. You build this nature up, and you keep this one under control. You keep it under control. You read your Bible, you pray, you witness, you fellowship, you come to church. You should come as much as you can. You should be here. You say, “I’m not used to that.” I know, because your old nature is used to getting what it wants. It’s what we do for Christ—that’s the only thing that counts. We get so wrapped up in all these things and we say, “Man, that’s where it is.” That’s not where it is. That’s flesh. It’s flesh. It’s glorification of flesh. It’s hype. “[But] if ye be led,” in Galatians 5:18, “if ye be led of the Spirit, [ye] are not under the law.” That word, ‘walk,’ means to tread all around. It means to walk at large. It means to follow. It means to be occupied with. When we walk in the Spirit, we’re occupied with God. And then we can control, and we can have victory. We learn the Word of God and we build up that new nature and we build up that new birth, and we have victory in our lives. “This I say [then], Walk in the Spirit, and [ye shall] not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” Some say, “Don’t fulfill the lusts of the flesh. It means you walk in the Spirit.” No, sir. It does not. You can keep every law that’s ever been given. Now listen, if you’re not living a separated life, believe me, you’re not walking in the Spirit. But you could be not doing this, not doing that, not doing this, and not doing that, and not doing this—and believe me, you’re not walking in the Spirit. You’ve gotten into a form of legalism. You must feed that new nature. Remember, you know it’s like the old story of a man. He said, “Well, the new nature is like, I remember having a white dog and a black dog.” And [someone] said, “Well, which one wins?” He says, “Whichever one I say, ‘Sic ‘em!’” And what we say to win the new nature is the one that we say, “Sic ‘em!”

QUESTION 12

Some ways to build up the new nature are: *(Select all that apply.)*

Answer: _____

- A. Pray
- B. Witness
- C. Study the Bible
- D. Fellowship with Godly Christians
- E. Attending a good Bible believing church

QUESTION 13

It will be a struggle to do these things, because: _____

- A. There’s not enough time in the day.
- B. Good churches are hard to find.
- C. The old nature is used to getting it’s way.
- D. It’s hard to witness to the common person these days.

QUESTION 14

Walking in the Spirit means that you are not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 15

Walking in the Spirit is: (Select all that apply.) Answer: _____

- A. Following God
- B. Not living in open sin.
- C. Being occupied with God.
- D. Living a form of legalism.

Topic 3: Practical Application

Now listen, that life of sin, believe me, is death. The wages of sin is death. And if you're out there living apart from God, doing the things that you shouldn't be doing, the wages of sin is death. Your wages, your paycheck, is going to be death. Your wages for living for Christ is rewards and blessedness, [and] happiness with your family. Let's look at Galatians 5:19, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of which I tell you before, as I have also told you in [time] past, that they," now notice that word, 'they,' "which do [such] things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." "Wait a minute, Pastor. I thought you said you're saved by grace, and once you're saved, you can't be lost." That's right. You notice he says 'they'. But he's saying, "Christians, you shouldn't live like that." Once you're saved, you can never be lost, but let me tell you something: don't live like the world. There should be a difference in a Christian. We should change. It takes time, but we ought to be changing. We ought to be living for God. No, it's not automatic. You make that choice. You ought to have the sense to say, "I'm going to make that choice."

QUESTION 16

The wages for living Christ will be: (Select all that apply.) Answer: _____

- A. Rewards
- B. Blessedness
- C. Financial Gain
- D. Happiness

QUESTION 17

It is possible for a Christian to live like the world. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 18

The change in a new Christian will take some time. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

No Sin Can Enter Heaven

No evil work can enter Heaven. You know, that's so hard for people to understand. 1 Peter 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." Boy, when you're born again, you're born again. And man, you'll never go to Hell. It's difficult for people to understand, though, that no sin enters Heaven—not any. That's so difficult for people to

understand. No sin enters into Heaven. Now, some of you say, “Well, pastor, you said, and it says right here, that none of those things are going to enter into Heaven, and what are we going to do? We’re done. You know, is there any of you, as I read these: idolatry. You say, “Well, I’m not an idolater.” Oh, you’re not? Did you give 10% today? “Oh no! Churches are after money.” You’re an idolater. Witchcraft. “Oh, I don’t believe in witchcraft.” No? Do you ever look at those idiot charts in the paper? You don’t believe in them, but you just want to see if your stars are lined up right. That’s witchcraft. That’s right. That’s witchcraft. Hatred. Do you love everybody? [1 Corinthians 6:9] “Know ye not that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,” 1 Corinthians 6:10, “Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor [revilers], nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.” You say, “Oh man, we don’t have a chance.” 1 Corinthians 6:11—look at it. Get it. Put it in your mind. Store it. “And such were some of you: but [ye] are washed, but [ye] are sanctified, but [ye] are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, [and] by the Spirit of our God.” The new birth—when the Holy Spirit comes in, we’re washed from head to toe, and we can never go to Hell. Yes, we still got the old birth, but we’ve got the new nature. And if we could just beat down that old one and feed the new one, how important it is.

QUESTION 19

At the new birth, we are (*Select all that apply.*) Answer: _____

- A. Washed
- B. Sanctified
- C. Justified
- D. Forgiven

QUESTION 20

When we receive the new birth, we are washed from head to toe and can never go to Hell. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Get Cleansed

Now let’s look at 1 John 1:8. That preacher said to me, “I don’t sin. I’ve never sinned after I got sanctified.” Boy, I wish that was true. 1 John 1:8, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” See, our old flesh—you still got the flesh—our new birth can’t sin, but our old flesh does nothing but sin. 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Confess. Agree with God. Say, “God, I know I’ve sinned. Forgive me.” God forgives you. And if He forgives you, what a tremendous thing that is! God, forgive me. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” We’re big liars. 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our sins], and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” See once you’re saved, you’re saved. Boy, aren’t you glad that’s in the Bible? God says, “Not only do I cleanse you from head to toe, but even though you’re still walking and you still got that old flesh when you sin, confess it.” Say, “God, I’m going to get back up and try.” Don’t quit coming to church. Don’t quit serving God. 1 John 1:10, “If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” When a person says, “Well, if you’re saved, you won’t sin,” or “At least it won’t be perpetual sin,” or “At least it’s not intentional sin” – come on. When I hear those people say that, that is so stupid. Your new can’t sin, and your old birth is in sin. And you cannot get rid of this, eradicate it. But you can build up the new birth, the new nature. That’s why you need to be in church. That’s why you need to witness. You say, “I don’t know how to witness.” Well this is what this two natures is about. This is how to help you to witness, so when you understand this, you’ll again witness.

QUESTION 21

Confess in 1 John 1:9 means to agree with God that we have sinned. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 22

The person who says that he never sins is a liar. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 23

When we do sin, we must: (*Select all that apply.*) Answer: _____

- A. Confess it to God.
- B. Ask for cleansing.
- C. Get back up and keep trying.
- D. Quit coming to church.

Making An Effort

Galatians 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love,” see, when you walk in the Spirit, you’re going to find real happiness finally, “joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith”—oh man!—“Meekness, temperance: against such is no law. [And] they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the [affections] and lusts.” Now listen to this—“If [we] live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” It’s not automatic. To live is automatic. You know, you get up everyday. You do not have to say, “I’ve got to live today.” To live is automatic; to walk takes effort. See that? You’re going to make choices. It won’t be automatic. You have to train yourself. But after awhile, the old nature will say, “I don’t want to go to church today.” “Shut up!” “Okay!” But when you’re first saved, see this old—but if you walk in the Spirit, by the way, you walk in the Spirit when you’re first saved. You say, “Well I’m first saved. I’m so weak.” It says if you walk in the Spirit, you walk in the Spirit. [You] say “How do I walk in the Spirit?” Well, remember that old nature’s still there. Look at Acts 1:8, “But [ye] shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and [ye] shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and [in] Samaria, and [unto] the uttermost [part] of the earth.” What is the secret to the victorious Christian life? Discipline. What’s the secret to any life? [Colossians] 3:2, “Set your [affection] on things above, not on things on the earth.” Things on this earth are not—believe me, listen. I’m not against someone enjoying a football game. Please don’t think that I am. I’m not against a Christian relaxing. I’m just saying, “Don’t make that your life.” It’s what we did for Christ. This life will soon be past; only what’s done for Christ will last! 2 Timothy 2:4, “No man [that] warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.” We must keep in mind everyday that people are going to Hell, and we need to be able to witness to them. We must learn to be controlled by the Spirit. We need to always think in our minds of eternity, and not things down on this earth. We must learn to be controlled by the Spirit of God. Now it’s great to know you can’t lose your salvation though, isn’t it?

QUESTION 24

To live is automatic; to walk in the Spirit takes _____.

QUESTION 25

To help us walk in the Spirit and to witness, we need to stay focused on _____

Lesson 37 Answers to Questions

QUESTION 1: True [However, it is not a guarantee that you will serve Christ.]

QUESTION 2

- A. Why don't I do better?
- B. How come I'm not better than certain people?
- C. Why don't I live a better life?
- D. Why didn't everything change?

QUESTION 3: True [This is so important to understand; it confuses many people.]

QUESTION 4: False [”Commit” means to do.]

QUESTION 5

- B. If you are saved, you will not sin.
- C. If you don't live it, you could lose it.

QUESTION 6: True [You are born of God, and His seed remains in you.]

QUESTION 7: False **QUESTION 8:** True

QUESTION 9: True

QUESTION 10: True [You get the Spirit the moment you trust Christ.]

QUESTION 11: controlled

QUESTION 12

- A. Pray
- B. Witness
- C. Study the Bible
- D. Fellowship with Godly Christians
- E. Attending a good Bible believing church

QUESTION 13

- C. The old nature is used to getting it's way.

QUESTION 14: False

QUESTION 15

- A. Following God
- C. Being occupied with God.

QUESTION 16

- A. Rewards
- B. Blessedness
- D. Happiness

QUESTION 17: True [However, there should be a difference.]

QUESTION 18: True

QUESTION 19

- A. Washed
- B. Sanctified
- C. Justified
- D. Forgiven

QUESTION 20: True

QUESTION 21: True

QUESTION 22: True

QUESTION 23

- A. Confess it to God.
- B. Ask for cleansing.
- C. Get back up and keep trying.

QUESTION 24: effort

QUESTION 25: eternity