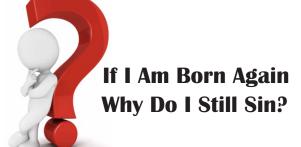
HUMAN ELEMENTS — NATURE & SIN

PRIOR TO CONVERSION

AFTER CONVERSION

- 1. Sin Nature is alive
- 2. Sin in our Members (Flesh)
- ♦ Sin was normal. There is no potential for righteousness. Those "in the flesh" cannot please God (Ro.8:7-8).
- ♦ The sinful nature is alive in a fallen body. The fallen body (flesh) is where sin resides.
- We have this sinful nature from Adam (our parents). We are dominated by sin. There was no struggle with sin. We just did it!
- Sin was present, and it caused many problems for us. We just did not think of sin as serious. Or we simply did not recognize it as sin.



1. Sin Nature is dead

2. Sin in our Members (Flesh)

3. New Divine Nature

- ♦ Righteousness should be normal. But sin has not yet been eradicated (1Co.15:54).
- Because of the new nature, we long for righteousness. But since we still have sin in our members, we battle over sin in our lives.
- ♦ Sinful nature is dead (**Ro.6:6**). We are incarcerated in this fallen body. This is our humanity including, mind, emotions, bones, muscles, etc.
- Sin nature is dead. But sin resides in what is called, "your mortal body" (Ro.6:12). We receive a new divine nature (2Pe.1:4, "partakers of the divine nature"). We are alive but have a dead corpse attached to us.
- ♦ The battle is between what we delight in and what we do. Only a Christian understands this battle. The mature believer recognizes more sin (Ro.7:15). "The strength of sin is the law" (1Co.15:56).
- ♦ The new nature cannot sin (**Ep.4:24**; **1Jn.3:9**). This is not a tweak of the Nature heart. It is a whole new divine nature. This is also called, "the inner man" (2Co.4:16; Ep.3:16).
- The new nature is the real you. It is beyond the reach of contamination by sin.
 - ♦ The new nature is eternal. It is already fitted for heaven. It does not need to be changed. It is the flesh that needs to be changed (Ph.3:21, "who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body"; 1Jn.3:2, "we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him").
 - ♦ We groan along with creation (**Ro.8:22**). The groans come from our new nature. Our hope is the redemption of our bodies (Ro.8:23-24).

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