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- The old self is our old, unregenerate nature. It is dead. It is crucified (**Ga.2:20**) by God.
- The old man is the mind that wants to sin
- “Old” (Gk. *palaios*). The useless self. Old in the sense of wore out. It is no longer functioning.
- Paul is not saying the old sin nature is eradicated. It is not in the process of being crucified.
- The old self was a slave to sin (**Ro.6:6**); the new self is a slave to righteousness (**Ro.6:18**).
- The old man is what you were in Adam before becoming a Christian.

- The flesh is our unredeemed humanness.
- We are a new creation, but we are still in the likeness of Adam. We still have our humanness.
- Our flesh is the storehouse of desires.
- The new man’s desires to do right collide with evil desires of our flesh. Therein lies the battle.
- If you’re not a Christian, there is no battle!
- The new man lives in this incarceration of unredeemed flesh (**Ro.7:24**).
- The new creation has holy longings that are not fulfilled because of the flesh.
- In Romans 8 we cry out for the redemption of the flesh. We await the fulness of our salvation.

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NEW MAN

- The new man is the regenerate man created in Christ Jesus unto good works (**Ep.2:10**). We are “born again”.
- At the new birth, when the old man was crucified (**Ga.2:20**), the power of sin that reigned over us was broken. Sin no longer controls the whole man but it does hold captive the believer's members (fleshly body, **Ro.7:18,23**).
- We now have holy longings and righteous aspirations. We hate sin and love what is pure. We want to please God.
- The old self is in agreement with the fallen flesh. The new self is in disagreement with the flesh.
- The old self was a slave to sin; the new self is a slave to righteousness. This is the change.
- Why do we fall into sin? Because we do not feed the new man.
- The old man doesn’t exist. You’re a whole new creation. You’re never exhorted to put off the old man. Why? He is already dead (**Ro.6:6; Ga.2:20; Cl.3:9-10**). This is the ego. The old “I” is dead.
- It is false to call the believer a new man and an old man. It is like saying he is regenerate and an unregenerate man.
- To take up the cross is to put our “flesh” (self-will) to death daily, in the power of the Spirit (**Lk.9:23**).
- If the old man had never been crucified with Christ, none of us could deal with the flesh.