

BELIEVER'S RELATIONSHIP TO SIN

1. Because we are now “in Christ” the sinful nature we received from Adam died the moment we put our trust on Christ. — Co-crucifixion

- “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” (Ga.2:20)
- “For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” (Cl.3:3)
- “knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.” (Ro.6:6)
- “⁹Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,” (Cl.3:9-10)
- “¹¹Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.” (Ro.6:11-12)

2. The sin nature died and we received a new divine nature (2Pe.1:3-4; 2Co.5:17) at the same time.

- “³as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” (2Pe.1:3-4).
- “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2Co.5:17).

SIN NATURE

- ♥ Desire to sin → Leads to Personal Sin
- ♥ Unregenerated nature inherited from Adam
 - Believers no longer have a sin nature (Ro.6:6, 11-12)
 - Believers now desire to live for Christ (Ro.8:8-9)

FLESH

- ♥ Experiences of sin → Creatures of Habit
- ♥ Regenerated divine nature imputed by Christ
 - Believers still have to deal with the flesh (Ro.7:15,18,24)
 - We await the redemption of our flesh at the resurrection (Ro.8:22-23)