

Reading: Romans 7:14-25

Topic: Living With Two Natures

INTRODUCTION: When we are _____ again, a great transformation takes place in our lives, but we also discover that we still are living in the _____ and we have to deal with it.

I. THE OLD NATURE:

A. The Adamic Nature:

1. Adam & Eve were created clean and innocent, but God gave them a free _____ and the power to make _____ either for good or evil. Gen. 2:16,17
2. When Adam & Eve made the choice to listen to the _____ of the devil speaking through the serpent and they partook of the forbidden _____, immediately they lost their innocence and purity and their nature was now corrupted by sin. Rom. 5:19
3. The fruit of the fallen _____ was manifested immediately by the behavior of Adam and Eve who became fearful, ashamed and tried to _____ their accountability to God. Gen. 3:11-13

B. We Are Born With It:

1. When we are born into this world as a baby, we are born innocent but not _____, and we do not have to be taught how to do _____ things because we are born with that fallen nature. Rom. 5:12
2. Because we are born with that fallen _____, we are like a corrupt tree that produces corrupt fruit and as much as we try to be _____, we cannot because of it. Ps. 51:5
3. Our hearts and that _____ of the fallen man are wicked and corrupt and produce all manner of sin and _____ in our lives. Jer. 17:9, Mat. 15:18,19

II. THE NEW NATURE:

A. The Nature of Christ:

1. Jesus Christ, who is referred to in the Scripture as the second _____ came to destroy the works of the _____ in the world and in our own lives. I Cor. 15:45-49; I Jn. 3:8
2. The work that Jesus wrought through His _____ on the cross, His burial and His resurrection made it possible for us to be _____ again and to receive a new nature. Rom. 5:19

B. The New Birth:

1. Jesus taught that in order to become a _____ of the Kingdom of God, one had to be born again, not a second natural _____ but a spiritual _____ of water and Spirit. Jn. 3:3-7
2. When one is born again, there is an _____ transformation that takes place and we become partakers of a _____ nature – the divine nature of Christ. 2 Cor. 5:17, 2 Pet. 1:4

III. THE CONFLICT OF THE TWO NATURES:

A. Two Natures:

1. God did not choose to _____ our old corrupt nature but instead He chose to give us a _____ nature, one that is made to do _____ instead of bad. Eph. 2:10
2. God also does not eradicate our old _____ but instead gives us the power to deal with it and put

it to _____ on a daily basis. Rom. 6:11-14

B. The Battle:

1. The reason why there are still temptations and other _____ things that try to rise up in us is because we are battling against the old _____ that is still a part of us, and which the Word of God refers to as the _____. Rom. 6:18,22
2. This battle sometimes causes us to feel greatly _____ because we find ourselves manifesting the carnal behavior of the _____ instead of the nature of Christ. Rom. 7:18-24

IV. THE WAY TO VICTORY:

A. Walking In The Spirit:

1. The key to _____ in this battle of the two natures is to learn to _____ after the Spirit of God that we have received and to practice doing that daily. Rom. 8:1-4
2. Whatever nature is _____ the most is the one that will be dominant in our lives, so the way to victory Over the old carnal nature is to _____ the new nature a strong and healthy diet. Rom. 8:12-14

B. Three Essentials:

1. Reading the _____ of God and feeding our spiritual life with its nutrients will bring us to know Jesus Christ and allow His _____ nature to be manifested in us. 2 Pet. 1:3,4
2. Prayer is the essential _____ that goes with the Word of God and helps us to move beyond the realm of the natural and carnal nature into the realm of the _____ and without prayer, we will not be able to conquer the _____. Mt. 26:40,41
3. Assembling with the Body of Christ, the church is another essential spiritual vitamin that will _____ us spiritual strength and encouragement to overcome the temptations of the _____ as we get together and edify one another in prayer and worship. Heb: 10:25

CONCLUSION: We all deal with the battle of the two _____ but it will be our choice as to which one of those – the spiritual or the carnal will be the dominant _____ in our lives.