The Old Nature and The New Nature

The Roman Road

Romans 3:23 (KJV)
23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 6:23 (KJV)
23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 7:5-25 (KJV)
5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.
6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.
7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.
8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.
9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.
10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.
11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.
12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.
13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.
14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.
15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.
16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.
17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.
19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.
20 Now if I do that which I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.
22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:
23 But 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.
24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
25 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.

Romans 8:1 (KJV)
1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:5-10 (KJV)
5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
9 But ye are not in the flesh, 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.
10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
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Galatians 5:16-25 (KJV)
16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.
18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.
19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
21 Envying, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.
25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Ephesians 1:11-14 (KJV)
11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:
12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Colossians 3:10-17 (KJV)
10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.
12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.
14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

2 Timothy 3:12-17 (KJV)
12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.
14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;
15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Hebrews 4:12 (KJV)
12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (KJV)
23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The Threefold Nature of Man

1 Thess. 5:23

1 Cor. 3:1-3

Body (Soma)

Soul (Psyche)

Spirit (Pneuma)

Carnal

Natural

Spiritual

Holy Spirit

Sense Faculties

Faith

Hope

Reverence

Prayer

Worship

Affections

Reason

Memory

Insight

Wisdom

Holy Spirit

Relationships

Hearing

Earing-Gate

Hear

Taste

Mouth-Gate

Touch

Feel-Gate

Smell

Nose-Gate

Sight

Eye-Gate

Imagination

Conscience

Divine Ascents

Divine Ascender

Body of the Soul

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Carnal
1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (KJV)
1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.
2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.
3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

Natural
1 Corinthians 2:14 (KJV)
14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Imagination
Genesis 6:5 (KJV)
5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Genesis 8:21 (KJV)
21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

Conscience
Good / Pure
1 Timothy 1:5 (KJV)
5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

1 Timothy 1:19 (KJV)
19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

1 Tim 3:9-10 (KJV)
9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.
10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

Bad / Evil / Weak
1 Timothy 4:1-2 (KJV)
1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

Hebrews 10:22 (KJV)
22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

1 Corinthians 8:12-13 (KJV)
12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.
13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

Spiritual
1 Corinthians 2:15 (KJV)
15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.
I. THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM

"THE OLD NATURE."

THE TERM: THE OLD NATURE.
The term "The Old Nature" as used in this analysis, refers to the Old, Original, Hereditary, Adamic, Fallen, Depraved Human Nature of man, which is every man's possession by Generation, Birth, and Inheritance. And paradoxically the Old Nature is not only possessed by the natural man, but it possesses, by inherited claim, prerogative and power, every natural descendant of the first man: The First Adam.

II. THE DESIGNATION OF THE OLD NATURE.

1. NOTATION: This refers to the various names by which the Old Nature is known. The Pauline Epistles form the chief basis for our Study for the reason that those Epistles form a distinct, important curriculum upon the theme: "The Old Nature."

2. ENUMERATION: The designations for the Old Nature appear to be six in number. This may be by divine designation, for six is the number of the natural man in Scripture. Man came into being upon the sixth day, and six has been the hallmark of humanity throughout the ages.


   NOTE: The word "flesh" is subject to various usages in the Scripture. Sometimes the term refers to:
   A. The mortal bodies of men or animals: Gen. 6:12-13; 7:15-16; Jno. 1:13; 7:15; 1 Cor. 15:39, 56; 2 Cor. 4:11; Phil. 1:23-24.
   B. The material body of Christ was termed "flesh": Rom. 8:3-10; Gen. 1:1-3; Eph. 1:2, 5; Col. 1:15; Jno. 1:1-14.
   C. The specific sense in which it is used in the Pauline Epistles: It describes human nature in its corporeal embodiment, signifying the sinful condition of the human fleshly nature in contrast to the divine spiritual nature imparted to believers: Rom. 7:18; 8:4-5; 13:14 Cp. Jno. 3:6.

   (2) THE NATURAL MAN: 1 Cor. 2:14 (in contrast to the spiritual man).

   (3) THE OLD MAN: Rom. 6:6; Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:9 (in contrast to the New Man).

   (4) THE OUTWARD MAN: 2 Cor. 4:16 (in contrast to the inward man).

   (5) THE CARNAL MIND: Rom. 8:7 (in contrast to the spiritual mind).

   (6) Sin: Rom. 6:6: Referring not to sins, or acts of transgression, but to the nature that prompts or incites the soul to commit sins.

III. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE OLD NATURE.

1. THE OLD NATURE IS OLD: Belongs to the realm of "the old man," related to "the first man"': Eph. 4:22; Rom. 6:6; Col. 3:9 Cp. 1 Cor. 15:44-45.


3. THE OLD NATURE possesses no inherent goodness or attained righteousness: Rom. 7:18; Eph. 2:1-3; Col. 2:13.

4. THE OLD NATURE IS ABSOLUTELY REPELLENT, DISPLEASING, AND ABHORRENT TO GOD: Rom. 8:8 Cp. 1 Cor. 1:29.

5. THE OLD NATURE IS THOROUGHLY WORTHLESS IN ITSELF AND VALUELESS TO GOD: Rom. 7:18; Jno. 6:63.

I. THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM

"THE NEW NATURE."

THE TERM: THE NEW NATURE.
The term "The New Nature" as used in this analysis, refers to the new, imparted, spiritual, heavenly, holy, divine nature bestowed gratuitously and gratuitously upon every man who by regeneration or the new creation, comes into its possession; and paradoxically, the new nature is not only possessed by the new spiritual man, but it possesses, by divine claim, prerogative and power, every spiritual descendant of the second man: The Last Adam.

II. THE DESIGNATION OF THE NEW NATURE.

1. NOTATION: This refers to the various names by which the New Nature is known. The Pauline Epistles form the chief basis for our Study for the reason that those Epistles form a distinct, important curriculum upon the theme: "The New Nature."

2. ENUMERATION: The designations for the New Nature appear to be five in number. This may be by divine designation, for five is the number of grace according to the Scripture. Five marks the divine volition, action, and benefaction in the regeneration and recreation of humanity throughout the ages.


   (1) SPIRIT: Rom. 8:9, 16; 1 Cor. 2:12 Cp. Jno. 3:6; 2 Pet. 1:4.
   NOTE: The word "spirit" is subject to various usages in the Scripture. Sometimes the word refers to:
   A. The character of man: Man possessing an invisible character or spirit that is known or manifest through action: Rom. 8:15; 1 Cor. 2:11; 4:21; 2 Cor. 7:1; Ps. 78:8; Prov. 14:29; 16:18; 25:28.
   B. The members of the Godhead: The Father (Jno. 4:24), the Lord Jesus (1 Cor. 6:17; 2 Cor. 3:17-18), The Holy Spirit (Jno. 16:16-17).
   C. The specific sense in which it is used in the Pauline Epistles: It describes a spiritual operation and relation by which God communicates his own life and nature to man; and this gift is termed "Spirit" or the "New Nature": Rom. 8:4-18 Cp. Jno. 3:6.

   (2) THE SPIRITUAL MAN: Rom. 8:5-6; 1 Cor. 3:1; Gal. 6:1 (in contrast to the natural man).

   (3) THE NEW MAN: 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10-11 (in contrast to the old man).

   (4) THE INWARD MAN: 2 Cor. 4:16; Eph. 3:16 (in contrast to the outward man).

   (5) THE SPIRITUAL MIND: Rom. 8:4-6; 7:23-25; 1 Cor. 3:1 (in contrast to the carnal mind).

III. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW NATURE.

1. THE NEW NATURE IS NEW: Belongs to the realm of "the new man," related to "the second man": Gal. 6:14; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 7:6 Cp. 1 Cor. 10:48-48.

2. THE NEW NATURE IS WHAT BELIEVERS POSSESS BY THE NEW CREATION: Rom. 8:15; 2 Cor. 5:17; 6:15.


4. THE NEW NATURE IS TRULY ATTRACTIVE, PLEASING AND ACCEPTABLE TO GOD: Col. 1:10; Phil. 2:19; 2 Thess. 1:11; 2 Tim. 2:4.

5. THE NEW NATURE COUNTS ALL THAT PERTAINS TO THE OLD NATURE, WORTHLESS AS REFUSE: Phil. 3:3-9.
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7. THE OLD NATURE IS UNCHANGEABLE IN CHARACTER. It is therefore Impossible for the Old Nature to Undergo a Spiritual Transformation: Jno. 3:5 Cp. Rom. 6:7; Gal. 6:8; Eph. 4:22; Titus 1:15.

8. THE OLD NATURE IS SPIRITUALLY BLIND, OBLIVIOUS AND WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION AS TO THINGS DIVINE: 1 Cor. 2:7-14; Eph. 4:18.


10. THE OLD NATURE IS LAWLESS, BOLSHEVIK, ANARCHIST. It Resists the Word and Will of God: Rom. 8:7; Gal. 4:29; 8:17.

11. THE OLD NATURE DISDAINS AND DESPISES SPIRITUAL TRUTHS AND THINGS: 1 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 8:5.

12. THE OLD NATURE CAPTIVATES, DOMINATES AND ENTHRALLS THE NATURAL MAN. Reining within the Natural Man, it makes Man a Slave to Satan and to the Law of Sin: Rom. 6:16; 7:23; 8:3; 7:5.

13. THE OLD NATURE IS SUBJECT TO SENSUAL HUMAN CULTURE AND WISDOM: 2 Cor. 1:12; 1 Cor. 1:17-22; 2:1, 6-8, 13; 3:19-20. Note: James 3:15.

14. THE OLD NATURE IS ANTAGONISTIC TO THE NEW NATURE: Is Contrary to it; Rebels against and Denies it the Right to Control the Life: Gal. 5:16-17; 4:29; Rom. 7.


17. THE OLD NATURE CONFLICTS WITH FLESH AND BLOOD: Gal. 5:15-16.

18. THE OLD NATURE “WALKS AFTER THE FLESH”: Rom. 8:4-5.

19. THE OLD NATURE PAMPERs THE FLESH: Rom. 8:5.


22. THE OLD NATURE POSSESS AN AFFECTION FOR ECCLESIASTICAL POPULARITY AND POSITION, HIGH PLACES AND LIBERAL HONORARIES. It SEKS TO PLEASE THE WORLD AND THE WORLDLY AND POSSESS AN EAR FOR LIBERAL PRAISE: 2 Tim. 4:10; Phil. 3:17-19; 1:15-16.


III. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW NATURE.

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6. THE NEW NATURE IS UNALTERABLY DIVINE, SPIRITUAL, HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS: Rom. 8:9, 4-6; 1 Cor. 2:10-16; 1:11-15; Phil. 3:9.

7. THE NEW NATURE IS PROGRESSIVELY CHANGEABLE IN CHARACTER. It is the Character and Perfection of the Spirit: Rom. 8:28; 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Cor. 3:12; 2 Tim. 3:17; Eph. 4:16; 1 Thess. 1:9.

8. THE NEW NATURE IS SPIRITUALLY APPREHENSIVE. It Discerns and Understands the Things Divine: 1 Cor. 2:8-12; Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 2:10.

9. THE NEW NATURE POSSESS NO CONFIDENCE IN THE OLD NATURE; Distrusts it altogether: Rom. 7; 1 Tim. 5:20.

10. THE NEW NATURE IS LOYAL, SUBMISSIVE, SUBMITTED TO AUTHORITY: Rom. 8:5; 12:1-3.

11. THE NEW NATURE APPRECIATES, DESIRES AND VALUES SPIRITUAL TRUTH AND THINGS: Rom. 5:11; 1 Cor. 2:14.


13. THE NEW NATURE IS SUBJECT TO SURPASSING DIVINE CULTURE AND WISDOM: 2 Cor. 1:12; 4:6; Eph. 1:15; 3:14-21; Col. 1:9-10; 2 Tim. 3:15.

14. THE NEW NATURE IS ANTAGONISTIC TO THE OLD NATURE: Is Contrary to it; Rebels against and Denies it the Right to Control the Life: Gal. 5:16-17; Rom. 7; 2 Cor. 1:3.


18. THE NEW NATURE “WALKS AFTER THE SPIRIT”: Rom. 8:4-5.


20. THE NEW NATURE IS DESTINED TO PERPETUATION: Rom. 8:21, 23.

21. THE NEW NATURE IS DIVINELY SPIRITUAL. It Possesses a Divine, True and Inspired Character. It is the Character of Christ and of the Spirit: Rom. 8:29; Jno. 4:22-24.

22. THE NEW NATURE POSSESSES LOVE FOR THE WORD AND WORK OF GOD: It Places No Value Upon the Things Highly Esteemed by Men, But Seeks to Please God and Desires Only His Praise: Gal. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:4, 9-10; Col. 3:1-4; 1:24-29.

23. THE NEW NATURE RECEIVES A GIFT: Rom. 6:23.


26. THE NEW NATURE LEADS TO LIFE EVERLASTING: Gal. 6:8.

27. THE NEW NATURE SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR AS TO ITS NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS: Eph. 4:28; 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Tim. 3:16-17.