

“THE TWO NATURES”

Lesson 37

1. The unsaved person has only _____ while the believer in Christ has _____: Galatians 5:17

A. The _____ nature

B. The _____ nature

2. The old nature _____ after salvation. Romans 7

3. When a person becomes a _____ the battle begins. John 3:6

*As a believer grows in the Lord, Jesus becomes his life. The growth does not come from rushing from one meeting to another or by staying busy doing “stuff” but rather will come by spending time with God in His word. Give the new nature the food it needs to grow and mature in the Lord.

4. The unsaved person is known in scripture by many names and/or titles, one of which is the _____. 1 Cor. 2:14

5. Several things are _____ of the natural man:

A. He is born in _____. Ephesians 2:1&2

B. He _____ the works of the _____. Galatians 5:19-21

C. He is by nature a _____. Ephesians 2:3 (see KJV)

6. There are many names for unbelievers, as mentioned in statement number four (this lesson). Some of these names are as follows:

A. The _____ John 3:6a, Romans 8:8

B. The _____ mind Romans 8:7

C. The _____ man Jude 19 (KJV) natural instincts (NIV)

James 3:15: Sensual (KJV)/unspiritual (NIV)

D. Men of _____ or _____ hearts. Ephesians 4:18

E. The _____ or old self. Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:9

F. The _____ (KJV) 2 Corinthians 4:16: (NIV) outwardly

7. Jesus presented the logical order of sin in Mark 7:20-23

A. Out of the _____ of men man’s nature.

B. Evil _____ man’s mind

C. _____ sins man’s actions

8. The _____ of the natural man is _____ death.
Romans 5:12; 8:5-7
9. Spiritual death is _____ destruction from the _____ of the Lord. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
10. What are the characteristics of the _____?
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| A. He is _____. | John 3:6 |
| B. Christ _____. | Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27 |
| C. He will _____. | Gal. 5:22 & 23 |
| D. He will _____. | Gal. 5:24-26 |
| E. He is _____ through the _____. | John 15:3 |
| F. He will _____. | John 15:4 |
| G. He is a new _____. | 2 Cor. 5:17 |
| H. He receives a _____ nature. | 2 Peter 1:3 & 4 |
11. The new nature has been given many scriptural names:
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| A. _____ | Acts 11:26; 1 Peter 4:16 |
| B. _____ | or new self Ephesians 4:24 |
| C. _____ | Ephesians 2:1; Romans 1:7 |
- Many of Paul's opening verses to the various churches to which he wrote.
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| D. _____ | 1 Peter 2:5 & 9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10 |
| E. _____ | 2 Cor. 5:20 |
| F. _____ | Romans 8:16-21 (His heirs) |
| G. The _____ | 1 Cor. 3:16 |
12. What is the _____ of the spiritual man?
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| A. He is among the _____, a part of the _____. |
| Eph. 5:23-33 |
| B. He will be _____ |
| 1 Thess. 4:13-18 |
| C. Countless other promises |

Conclusion

All believers have two natures - the old Adamic nature and the nature born of the Spirit of God. Paul illustrates the battle of these two natures in the life of all Christians. In Romans 7:15-25, Paul speaks of the strife in his own soul between the flesh and the Spirit. The old nature is not dead. No provision should be made for the flesh (Romans 13:14). The old nature should be starved out by the Word of God.

The Christian must *accept the fact* that the old nature is always present. The Bible says to mortify the flesh - put it to death (Colossians 3:5). The great lesson is this - the old life has

become a new life in Christ: “we should walk in the newness of life” (Romans 6:4). The new life is to be nourished by the cleansing Word of God, which washes and makes clean (John 15:3; 17:17; Ephesians 5:26). The new life in Christ means that one has become a new creation but is born as a babe in Christ. Give the Lord time enough in your life to grow from “the milk of the Word” (1 Peter 2:2) to “strong meat” (Hebrews 5:12, 14). Spiritual food will starve the old nature. When you do sin, confess it only to God through Christ. Use the Christian’s “bar of soap” several times each day. That “bar of soap” is found in 1 John 1:9. Memorize the verse. When you sin, confess and *forget it*. The verse not only says, “If we confess our sins He will forgive,” but it also says, “He will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Let the Holy Spirit guide and direct your life. He will guide you into all truth (John 16:13).