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Stever posts:

I would like to post an excellent sermon on Original Sin and Sin nature:

SERMON: THE GREAT INFECTION

Preached by Gregory W. Lee

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I. Introduction

-- turn in Bibles to Romans 5

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13. for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.

14. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

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19. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

20. The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,

21. so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

-- have you ever thought much about sin? -- you know we use this word in the church a lot -- we sing about it and we talk about it and we worry about it -- we know that it is the one thing that we all share -- the Bible tells us in Romans 3:23 that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

-- we know that sin is what separates us from God -- it is our sin that condemns us to hell -- and it is our sin that caused Jesus to come and die on the cross in our place

-- but have you ever really stopped to think about what sin is? -- did you know that the Bible makes a distinction between the words "sin" and "sins" in various places? -- that there is a difference between the two?

-- the word "sin" is the Greek word "harmatia" -- it is an archery term that literally means, "missing the mark" -- it means that we missed following God's command -- we missed God's plan for our life -- and we went off and disobeyed Him -- we sinned

-- but in the Book of Romans, Paul makes a distinction between "sins" and "sin" -- he uses the plural word "sins" to refer to all of our acts of disobedience -- all the things we have done wrong

-- but he uses the singular form of the word "sin" to refer to something else -- our SIN NATURE-- our "OLD MAN" -- this INTERNAL NATURE THAT LIVES INSIDE EACH OF US THAT CAUSES US TO DISOBEY GOD -- it is this SIN NATURE INSIDE OF US THAT WE REFER TO AS ORIGINAL SIN.

II. Original Sin

-- the doctrine of original sin is one of the foundational doctrines of our church -- this doctrine teaches that when Adam and Eve fell in the Garden of Eden, sin entered the world and, as a result, all of us are born with this sin nature inside of u

s that causes us to sin

-- it all goes back to Genesis 2:16-17 when God told Adam that he could eat from any tree in the garden, but that he must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because if he ate of it, he would die
-- and here in this passage in Romans, Paul tells us that that is exactly what happened -- throughout this passage, we read that death and sin came because of the trespass of one man -- look back at verse 12

12. Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned

-- because of Adam's disobedience, sin and death -- both physical and spiritual death -- came into the world
-- Paul tells us the same thing in verse 15 -- "if the many died by the trespass of the one man" -- verse 16 -- "the result of the one's man sin -- the judgement followed one sin and brought condemnation" -- verse 17 -- by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man" -- and verses 18-19

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-- when Eve took a bite out of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and gave it to Adam -- somehow, sin and death came into the world and became a part of them -- and became a part of who we are
-- because of their disobedience and their trespass, we all became sinners -- we are all born sinners -- that is the doctrine of original sin

-- now this concept always caused me a problem -- you see, one of the principles that we learned in biology was that physical changes to the body were not inherited -- only genetic changes were inherited
-- there was a biologist many years ago named Heckel who proposed a theory called "hopeful monsters" -- in this theory, he said that the way the different animals came about was that a physical change happened to them and that that change was inherited by their offspring

-- for instance, the evolutionists tell us that whales came from animals who used to live on land and have legs -- Heckel would say that something happened to one of these animals who lived on land -- their legs were injured or were cut off -- and then those physical changes were inherited by their offspring -- so, if an animal or person had an accident and lost a leg, then their babies were born missing a leg -- according to this theory, over time, whales evolved because of these inherited physical changes

-- but, this theory of Heckel's was quickly discounted -- we all know that if a person has an accident -- if you lose a limb or have some other physical problem -- then that physical change is not passed on to our children -- physical changes do not affect our offspring

-- so this left me confused about original sin -- how did the physical act of disobedience by Adam and Eve -- how did eating the apple in the Garden of Eden -- cause sin to be inherited by all people?

-- this bothered me for years and years -- for the life of me, I couldn't figure out how Adam eating from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil caused me to be born a sinner -- how could a physical act done by Adam be transferred to me?

-- the only way for this to work would be if the original sin actually changed Adam and Eve's DNA -- changed their genes -- and then those damaged genes were inherited by all of us -- but, still, that would mean a physical act caused genetic change -- and that had been proven wrong by scientists years ago

-- so how else could this sin nature be inherited by us, Adam and Eve's children?

-- well, as time went on and as I learned more about biology, I learned a curious fact -- our parents can pass on more than their genetic material -- their DNA -- to us

-- it turns out that some diseases -- especially some viruses -- can be passed on to us from our parents -- for instance, we know now that the AIDS virus can be transmitted from infected mothers to their children -- there are many babies born every single day infected with AIDS -- who got the disease because their mother had it

-- we see the same thing with rabies -- rabies can be transmitted from an infected mother to her offspring -- this just happened recently with a litter of kittens in Maryland -- they were not bitten by a rabid animal, but they were all infected with rabies because their mother was infected

-- and this, I think, holds the key to understanding how we have inherited our sin nature from Adam and Eve -- this explains how sin and death came into the world through them and lives on in us

-- when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate from the fruit, sin came into their bodies like a virus -- it infected them with its poison -- and it was passed on from them to their children and then to their grandchildren and their great grandchildren

ren until it finally passed on to us

-- it was through their infected blood that sin and death entered the world and entered each of us

-- God tells us in Leviticus 17:11 that the life of a creature is in its blood -- and, I think it follows, that the death of a creature is in its blood as well -- we are all sinners because we have within our veins the infected blood of Adam

-- Ted Dekker picked up this theme in his Christian fiction trilogy -- Black, Red, and White -- in these books, the entire world becomes infected with an airborne virus -- everyone on earth is destined to die because a virus has entered the world through the actions of one man -- this is exactly what happened in the Garden of Eden

-- everyone on earth is destined to die because of the actions of one man brought the sin virus into the world -- we are all sinners because we have inherited this great infection -- this sin nature -- from Adam

-- we are sinners -- not because of what we do -- but because of who we are -- as Watchman Nee wrote, "the trouble is in our heredity and not our behavior"

III. The Origins of a Sinner

-- this is a Christian concept that always gave me pause -- how can someone say that a precious little baby who has just been born is a sinner? -- that little baby has done nothing wrong -- they haven't disobeyed God -- they haven't sinned -- they haven't gone out and broken any of the ten commandments

-- the answer lies in the great infection that we just talked about -- you are not a sinner because you sin -- you are a sinner because you are born with this infection in your blood -- you are a sinner because you have inherited this sin nature as a virus from your parents

-- its just like a baby born with AIDS -- that baby has done nothing wrong -- it hasn't had unprotected sex -- it hasn't shared needles when it did drugs -- it was just born infected with a virus because its parents were infected before it

-- Paul tells us here in this passage that sin and death entered the world -- it entered all of us and infected all of us -- because of one man's trespass -- because of Adam's disobedience, we are born infected with a sin nature that causes us to want to sin -- that causes us to want to do things that God does not want us to do

-- now this is an important concept to grasp -- you are a sinner because of who you are -- not because of what you do -- you are a sinner because you are a child of Adam -- you trace your heritage back to him -- and, as a result, you are infected with this great infection -- with this sin nature inside of you

-- this explains Romans 3:23 where Paul writes that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God -- this explains how that little baby who just took its first breath is a sinner -- this explains how that good ole boy you know -- the one who really doesn't do much wrong and tries to live a good moral life -- is still a sinner

-- it's not about what you do -- it's about who you are -- and you are a sinner because you are infected with sin

-- think about an alcoholic -- based on scientific studies, it appears that alcoholics are born that way -- they are not alcoholics because they drink and can't quit -- they are alcoholics because that is who they are -- it is part of their nature -- I am sure today that there are many alcoholics walking around who have never taken a drink in their life -- but if they ever do, then their disease kicks in and turns them into someone who drinks to excess most of the time

-- it's not about what you do -- it's about who you are

-- that's why you can't get to heaven on your own -- that's why you can't work your way to heaven -- that's why you can't be good enough to earn your way to heaven -- even if you never go out and disobey one of God's commandments, you are a sinner because you are born in sin -- as David wrote in Psalm 51:5, "I was sinful at birth -- sinful from the time my mother conceived me"

-- we have a disease -- this sin nature in our hearts -- and it is this sin nature that is keeping us from heaven

IV. The Answer to Sin

-- so, what can we do about it? -- what is the answer to this raging infection in our souls? -- this sin nature that has become such a part of us that we are born sinners?

-- well, what would you do if you were sick and infected with a virus? -- you'd go to a doctor and get a shot -- you'd go get an antivirus -- something that would kill the virus within you and make you clean again

-- and that's exactly what we have to do with this sin infection in our life -- we have to receive an antivirus and make ourselves clean and whole again

-- we call this antivirus "grace" and it comes about through the blood of Jesus -- the blood of Jesus is our antivirus -- it is the only thing that can remove our sin -- our sin nature -- our great infection -- and offer forgiveness of our sins

-- in other words, this antivirus -- the blood of Christ -- not only forgives us of all of our wrongdoings -- of all of our disobedience -- but it also overcomes and destroys our sin nature -- that inherent part of us that causes us to be born sinners a

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-- Paul tells us here that God is offering us the gift of righteousness and life through Jesus Christ -- now that's an important thought

-- God's offer is not like the trespass of Adam -- when Adam fell in the Garden of Eden and was infected with this sin nature, we all became infected, whether we wanted to or not -- we had no choice -- it became part of who we were -- and, as a result, we were born sinners

-- but the blood of Christ that washes away our sins is a gift -- it is something that we have to accept -- it is something that we have to choose in order to receive it

-- if I am sick and go to the doctor and he offers me a shot with an antivirus in it and I say, "No thanks," then I don't get the healing and protection that that shot offers -- the only way for me to get healed is to accept his offer and receive the shot

-- in the same way, if God offers us an antivirus through the blood of Jesus, the only way to be healed is to receive the treatment -- to accept God's gift and to be covered with the blood of Christ

-- there is nothing else we can do -- there is nothing else we can take -- home remedies won't work -- being extra good won't work -- living a perfect and moral life from now on won't work -- the only thing that will work to remove this infection from our lives is to receive this free gift of grace from God -- to accept the death of Jesus on the cross on our behalf

V. Closing

-- Paul tells us here that God's gift is all sufficient and that it can lead all of us from death into life

-- God's grace is greater than all our sins -- through the obedience of Christ -- through His sinless, perfect life, God's grace has overflowed to all of us and made it possible for all of us to be made righteous and clean and whole

-- Maybe you've never received Jesus as your Lord and Savior -- maybe you're still sitting there in your sins -- with your great infection -- with your sin nature intact -- the good news for you this morning is that there is healing in the blood of Jesus -- all you have to do is come to Him in faith -- confess and repent of your sins -- and ask Him to forgive your sins and come into your life as your Lord and Savior -- and you will be healed

-- maybe you have accepted cleansing from God, but you've found yourself falling back lately -- giving in to sin more and more -- there's also such a thing as booster shots -- and maybe that's what you need this morning -- to rededicate your life to God -- to ask Jesus to cleanse you from your sins and to claim the promise of 1 John 1:9, "If you confess your sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness"

-- whatever your need is today, the altar is open for all who wish to respond to God's word

-- let us pray

posted by Gregory | 5:14 PM

2 Comments:

Brett said...

I agree. I have a question, though. Why does something physically have to change in our DNA? I'm not so sure this corruption of our nature can be tracked physically.

10:15 AM

Gregory said...

That is why I presented our sin nature as an infection rather than a change to our DNA. I do not think we could inherit our sin nature through Adam's DNA, even if it was a mutation that came in when he disobeyed God. I think the message of the Bible is that our sin nature is something totally foreign and alien to our body, like a virus.

Of course, keep in mind that we are trying to use human terms to wrap our brains around a spiritual mystery that we will not fully understand this side of Heaven. As an imperfect analogy, I'm sure my characterization of sin as virus fails on many levels.

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So, here we are today. As believers, we all have the down payment, the Holy Spirit that lives in our hearts. We are saved from eternal damnation. We are washed in His blood, and our sins are forgiven- past, present and future.

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Re:, on: 2006/7/4 17:05

Stever responds:

It seems to me that the longer that I am a Christian, the less I sin. However, sin will never be dormant in any of us, until the resurrection. He has paid the price for our sin, for the sin of the world but we still are housed in our corrupt bodies of flesh and blood.

Only at the rapture will we be like him.

Christ's words at the Sermon on the Mount clarify the issue for me. If we sin by thought, we are judged guilty of committing the actual sin. This is the standard for being sinless, as Christ was--we cannot sin by thought or deed. We will not have the power to fulfill this requirement until we are like Him, in our new resurrected bodies:

20. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22. But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

23. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24. Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

25. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

27. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28. But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

31. It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

32. But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

33. Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34. But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35. Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.
37. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.
38. Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:
39. But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.
40. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.
41. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.
42. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.
43. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.
44. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
45. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
46. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?
47. And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?
48. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

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Re: Original Sin & Sin Nature - posted by Logic, on: 2006/7/5 18:33

Stever wrote:

Quote:
-----The sin nature that is in each of us, and will continue to flow through our veins, until our dying day, makes it necessary for us to have a personal, close, walk with the Lord:

Please reconsider this statment. You must not think that our sinful nature is alive.

Romans 6:2 God forbid. How shall **we, that are dead to sin**, live any longer therein?

The reason you think that the "sinful nature" is till alive is because we are still tempted and batteling every day.

The reason we have sympathy for those temptations is that we remember the pleasure of the sin and are fooled into sinning. However, when we do sin, we remember or relize that we actually hate that sin.

Like the Children of Israel, they remembered the pleasurs of the bondage, but in reality, thay hated it.

Re: Original Sin & Sin Nature (can of worms) - posted by RandyJ (), on: 2006/7/8 3:42

Ooooooh boy. You have really opened up a can of worms. I have the time right now because my wife went to bed so I will try my best to convey my opinion.

I think that, first of all, you are on the wrong track to begin with in thinking that mankind inherits some kind of "sin nature" from Adam, either physical or some kind of disease. Where does it say in the Bible that sin is some kind of disease or physical defect?

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----- but he uses the singular form of the word "sin" to refer to something else -- our SIN NATURE-- our "OLD MAN" -- this INTERNAL NATURE THAT LIVES INSIDE EACH OF US THAT CAUSES US TO DISOBEY GOD -- it is this SIN NATURE INSIDE OF US THAT WE REFER TO AS ORIGINAL SIN.

Let me point out here that **you** are the **sole** cause of all your sin and not a "sin nature" living inside of us. If you refer to the tendencies and propensities that inhere to our very nature then I think that you are right but remember that Christ had all of the same tendencies and propensities and was "tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Heb 4:15

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-----the doctrine of original sin is one of the foundational doctrines of our church -- this doctrine teaches that when Adam and Eve fell in the Garden of Eden, sin entered the world and, as a result, all of us are born with this sin nature inside of us that causes us to sin

Actually, as far as I understand, the doctrine of a "sin nature" passed on from Adam started with Augustine who spent seven years in a Gnostic cult before being converted. Is this what mainstream Christianity believes? Probably, but I will never adhere to it for it practically excuses man from being responsible for his sin and makes it more of a calamity rather than a crime.

Quote:
-----and here in this passage in Romans, Paul tells us that that is exactly what happened -- throughout this passage, we read that death and sin came because of the trespass of one man -- look back at verse 12

Actually, if you look at the verse it says "death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned". Death passed upon all men because all men have sinned.

Quote:
----- when Eve took a bite out of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and gave it to Adam -- somehow, sin and death came into the world and became a part of them -- and became a part of who we are
-- because of their disobedience and their trespass, we all became sinners -- we are all born sinners -- that is the doctrine of original sin

Sin became a part of them? Non-sense! This is the doctrine of original sin? Yes, and that is exactly why I disagree with it. It slanders and libels the character of God and represents Him as a tyrant who damns millions to Hell for receiving a nature that necessitates their sinfulness, the reception of which, by the way, was not by their own consent.

Quote:
----- when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate from the fruit, sin came into their bodies like a virus -- it infected them with its poison -- and it was passed on from them to their children and then to their grandchildren and their great grandchildren until it finally passed on to us

Where does it say that in the Bible????

Quote:
----- the answer lies in the great infection that we just talked about -- you are not a sinner because you sin -- you are a sinner because you are born with this infection in your blood -- you are a sinner because you have inherited this sin nature as a virus from your parents

Away with this Gnosticism!

Quote:
-----Can anyone reading this say that after being saved, and accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, that he has never committed another sin by thought or deed? The Bible tells us that if there is anyone amongst us who makes this claim that he is a liar (1 John 2:4 "4. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1st John 1:8

I am in wonder at how many people misunderstand this verse!!! There is a **huge** difference between "having sin" and "doing sin". The verse says "he that says he **has** no sin". It **does not say** "he that says he **does** not sin". There is a big difference. The common interpretation makes the Apostle John to contradict himself for he says "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not." 1st John 2:1 and "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not" 1st John 3:6 and "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin" 1st John 3:9

Why would the Apostle exhort us not to sin if he knew very well that it was impossible for us to not sin????

"Are men born sinners? Our answer to this question will affect our attitude toward sin and will ultimately affect our conduct as well. The Christian's views on sin cannot help but affect his conduct. If the Christian believes he is born with a sinful nature and sins unavoidably because of that nature, he is not likely to view his sins as the serious crimes they really are. If he believes he has a nature that makes holiness impossible, he is not likely to be concerned about sinning against God. If he believes that God is his Creator and that he has been created with a sinful nature, this must affect his attitude toward God and the justice of God's dealings with man." Tom Overstreet

I encourage all who read this to read also this:

<http://www.gospeltruth.net/menbornsinners/mbsindex.htm>

All this is said in love and respect for those who choose to believe differently than myself.

Randy

Sin is "you" in control of you., on: 2006/7/8 6:37

LOCATING SIN IN BODY ONLY

Great confusion exists right here. So many locate sin in the body, thinking that sin is something material, that it is a sort of "lump of something" that either must be removed by some kind of spiritual surgery, or that must be retained as long as we are in the body. But sin is not material and does not have its seat in the body. Sin, rather, is in the soul, in the spiritual part of man. Sin is a tendency, an attitude, a wrong way of looking at things. Sin stems from self being at the center of the life. But when we surrender fully to Christ and trust Him to forgive and also to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, then sin is removed and the taint gone. The heart that is pure and filled with perfect love is ready for the anointing of the Holy Spirit. But even then, lest we again begin to please ourselves, we need the daily application of the Cross to maintain the decision made in the crisis of sanctification.

Re: Sin is "you" in control of you. - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/7/9 23:02

In not knowing what happens at salvation, there is no understanding of sin. Who is the liar? Who is the tempter? Who sinned before Adam? Consequently who is the nature of sin. Was Adam created with a sin nature? No. Adam chose his nature when he chose to believe Satan over God.

Adam did not have a nature, that is why there was a tree of Life, and a tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam was not told or commanded if you will, Don't eat of the Tree of Life. Adam was told to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of Good and evil. Where is knowledge stored in the created being Adam? It is stored in the soul of a man, which is the same as the spirit of a man. Satan is spirit, when Adam was thrown out of the Garden of Eden, he left the protection of the Spirit of God because he left the Spirit of God when he chose the spirit of Satan in believing and serving Satan and not God. This became the nature of man by Adam's choice, Just like we choose the Nature of God when we believe In His Son Jesus Christ. Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

You cannot serve God and Satan at the same time, and you cannot have Jesus Christ in your Spirit and Satan in your spirit at the same time. If we have the Spirit of Christ in us, the Spirit of Christ has the nature of God and the spirit of Satan cannot exist in the same place or time or space. The nature of Satan in man because of Adams choice to serve and believe him instead of God is the nature that descended to all man, and the proof of that is spiritual and physical death to all man. Whom we serve is the nature we have. Luk 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

When we serve Satan God will not honor anything that man does. Man is in total separation from God because of the Satan nature that is in him, because that is who man serves. Believing in Christ change the servanthood from Satan to God. That is the Change in nature from sin nature in Satan to God nature in Christ Jesus who new no sin. Jhn 12:26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will Father honour.

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with , that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

This is our new nature, the nature of Christ which is God's Nature and we no longer serve sin. We either have the nature of sin in us or the Nature of God sin destroyed. This New Nature is God Nature and a New Life in Christ Jesus being born again of the Spirit and Water. The Spirit of Christ and the Water is the Living Water His Spirit give us in Salvation. We are perfect In Spirit because it is the Spirit of Christ, we are becoming perfect in our soul mind that is the spirit of a man, not the Spirit of Christ that is our New Nature in Christ Jesus. Our Body cannot choose whom it will serve, it is unable to cleanse itself and must die. The Spirit, and the spirit of a man and his soul, are already saved and being saved. The Body will be saved on resurrection day and all will be one in Christ Jesus. His Spirit His mind His Body, ours, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Son's of God living in our Father's House with our Father's Nature by Christ Jesus that is Born Again in us now.

Rom 7:25 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.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

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So the flesh is sin and may sin but the spirit cannot, and the mind does not have to depend on who the mind is trusting, for we have the Mind of Christ, the old man or the New Man. Romans 7:20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I (New Man) that do it, but sin (old man) that dwelleth in me. That is in my flesh.

Romans 7:23-24 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. (flesh) O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

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The Spirit is Christ, the mind, the New Mind of Christ by whose Nature we now serve the Law of God. The body will serve because it has been quickened and can now serve the Mind of Christ, and it will still die and be resurrected like His seed of corn that was planted in the ground and bring forth a new glorious body Just Life His, or changed in the twinkling of an eye.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by wyattearp, on: 2006/7/10 0:09

Randy3

An excelent post, could not agree with you more. Would like to point out a scripture verse that I find conclusive on this subject.

Gen. 8-21

"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;....."

The Lord says man's heart is evil from his youth not his birth.

Wyatt

Re: - posted by WorldView (), on: 2006/7/10 2:25

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Re: - posted by RandyJ (), on: 2006/7/10 3:31

Christinyou,

Thankyou for your post. I think that you are starting off on the wrong foot. We should first ask ourselves whether or not we have such a thing as a sin nature. And if we have such a thing as a sin nature then ask "where does it dwell?"

Quote:
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I want to suggest to you all that Romans 7 is not talking about a Christian but a person under the law. Consider a comparison between the person in Romans 7 and the things said of the Christian in Romans 6 and 8.

Romans 7:14 "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin."

Romans 7:23 "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."

Romans 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Romans 6:6-7 "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin."

Romans 6:14 "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."

Romans 6:17-18 "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

Romans 6:22 "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

Whoever the man was in Romans 7 he was "carnal, sold under sin". The Christian, however, is "made free from sin" and the "law of sin and death". I am, actually, quite surprised that the church at large had missed this point seeing that it is so obvious. I recommend the following:

<http://truthinheart.com/EarlyOberlinCD/CD/Mahan/MisTexts.htm>

Let me finalize with some clarification. The real issue with me is not whether "by one man's disobedience many were made sinners" for that is an obvious fact of scripture. The fallacy, I believe, is in the statement that morality or a moral nature can be passed on by way of natural generation. No doubt, Adam's sin **somehow** resulted in the fall of man generally but the way in which "many were made sinners" is simply **assumed** to be by way of natural generation as if there were no other way of answering for it. Now, just in case you would ask me to answer for the **way in which** "many were made sinners" I will note that I would be **speculating** as well. We may safely say that Adam was tempted (**just like all men are or ever will be even the Lord Jesus**) and he sinned resulting in the fall of man. That's all that we can safely say without stepping outside of the realm of scripture.

What, then, is the big problem with this "sin nature" doctrine? The big problem with this "sin nature" doctrine is that it removes responsibility from man for his sin and places it upon some deficiency in our **God-given** nature. Yes our nature is God-given. Look at James 3:9 "Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which **are made (present tense)** after the similitude of God."

To say that there is some kind of deficiency in our nature is to slander our maker for two reasons. 1) We are made after his similitude. 2) He made us.

The only deficiency that can exist in us is in our **moral nature** and our morality cannot be passed on to another by way of natural generation. Look at Ezekiel 18. He states, at the least, the possibility of a good man having an evil son and an evil man who may have a good son. By the way what physiological difference was there between Adam and the rest of mankind that made his offspring follow his morality when our offspring do not necessarily follow ours? Why is it that our children are not born Christians if Adam's children are born sinners? Also, was not Adam redeemed? and if he was then why did not they receive his redeemed nature instead of his sinful one??? The only way that you can answer these questions is to say that God was the author of this set-up, that He instituted the relation between Adam and his offspring so that they receive his character. Could God do such a thing as this??? I answer that He cannot. He cannot lie (Titus 1:2 "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began") and he definitely cannot do this monstrous act of making a whole host of people sinners (**without their consent**) because of the sin of one man.

Re: Original Sin & Sin Nature - posted by WorldView (), on: 2006/7/10 11:25

To say that man does not have a sinful nature is saying that man has a righteous nature. Right?

If man does not have a sin nature, then why is it that EVERYWHERE in the world people naturally sin? Why is it that NO ONE grows up (except for Christ of course) sinlessly? If we do not have a sin nature then why is it so much easier for a human to sin than to live righteously? If what you are saying is true, then when a child is born it is better for it to be isolated from society, which would corrupt its righteous nature.

If we do not have a sin then does that mean we sin solely because of the environment that we grow up in? If that is the case, then a deaf and blind person would grow up righteously because of his/her lack of adequate contact with society. IÅ'

Am sure that Hellen Keller did not live completely righteous until she was able to adequately contact with the world around you.

You can prove by all scientific laws that gravity does not exist but if I jump off of a building and fall splat on the ground, there is an obvious conflict.

When I was a young child (2-4 years old) no one had to teach me how to bite, hit and pinch other kids because they stole my crayon.

When one of my cousins was young (1 ½ -2 years old) he would often end up getting into mischief. When his mother would tell him to stop, though he could not speak yet, he would refuse to obey and one could clearly see the rebellion in his eyes. No one taught him that.

If we did not have a sin nature then Paul would not have to continually die to himself or in other words, die to his sinful worldly desires, which he calls, himself.

Gal 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Gal 5:17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

He says that our "flesh sets its desire against the Spirit" and that they "are in opposition to one another." If we had not a sin nature then our flesh would not set itself against the Spirit and they would not be in opposition to one another. The Greek word for flesh is "sarx" meaning the human body and implying the human nature.

In Galatians 5:19-25 Paul attributes, "immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these" to the flesh, body or human nature. Paul says that these are the fruit of the flesh, and just as "Every tree is known by its fruit" (Mat 12:33) so is our soul. Paul is classifying that our "flesh", whatever you interpret that to be, naturally bears the fruit of sin. Otherwise, if man did not have a sin nature, Paul cannot classify these things as the fruit of the flesh, because they would have to be from an outside source seeing as our "flesh" or human nature would naturally be righteous.

Romans 8:5-9 also contains more stuff on this.

Eph 4:24, Why would we need to be putting on a "new self" if our old self was naturally righteous? We would simply need to purge our old self if it is corrupted. When Paul said in Eph 4:24 "and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth" can you say that he is implying that the old self was not created in or naturally contains righteousness, holiness and truth?

If we are born without a sin nature, then we are naturally born without the need of Christ's sacrifice, until the moment that we commit our first sin.

There is no righteousness outside of Christ. Phil 3:9

Col 3:10, "and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created Him."

I don't pretend to have all the answers and I do not have the time to find them all at this moment but here is a little something in the mean time.

I just seems odd that if man does not have a sin nature then why does the world take on sin so naturally and has a hard time conforming to the image of Christ?

I don't naturally want to pay my tithes, I don't naturally want to obey my leaders, and many more things that I don't naturally want to do, but putting on the Christ-like nature gives me the desires of His heart.

Re: Sin Nature - posted by RandyJ (), on: 2006/7/10 14:34

Quote:

-----To say that man does not have a sinful nature is saying that man has a righteous nature. Right?

I think that you would be just as wrong to suggest that we have some kind of righteous nature as you would be to suggest that we have some kind of sinful nature.

I am sorry that I did not have the time to read all of your post but what I did notice is that you are referring to the flesh as our sin nature. I said in my last post that our flesh is the location of our propensities and our desires **but these desires are not sinful in themselves**. I think that the reason the Apostle calls it our "sinful flesh" is because our flesh is the **occasion to sin**. Our flesh may be the cause of **temptation** but cannot be the cause of the sin else you excuse the man. It is clear to me that the Apostle Paul was using some kind of personification because it is absurd to refer to anything material as having a moral character.

I am not suggesting at all that we do not have desires to sin or temptations to sin but am simply suggesting that these desires are not sinful in themselves and that the Lord Jesus himself was tempted by the same desires because he had the same basic body that we have.

No time, but please write back, Randy.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/7/10 14:48

Quote:

-----Can anyone reading this say that after being saved, and accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, that he has never committed another sin by thought or deed?

It is not impossible for a righteous man to commit a sin; otherwise Christ's temptation would have been a charade.

It is equally possible for an unrighteous man to commit a righteous act.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/7/10 14:54

Quote:

-----Let's simplify this a little.

Fact is whether we have a sin nature or not, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Therefore we all need Christ. Doesn't that seem simple enough?

It's simple enough, it's just that we were not discussing acts of sin but the nature of sin.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/7/10 15:00

Quote:

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Does one dance make me a dancer? or would one song make me a singer? In Romans 5:12 we are taught that as a result of Adam's disobedience sin entered the world, even though Eve's transgression was earlier. There is something being revealed here which is of vital significance. At the point of Adam's disobedience something happened to the human race. It all stemmed from that one man and the next few verses of Romans use the word "one" several times...

Quote:

-----Rom. 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.
 Rom. 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
 Rom. 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.
 Rom. 5:16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.
 Rom. 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)
 Rom. 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.
 Rom. 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Reading this passage compares and contrasts two men, one is the old man, the other is the new man.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/7/10 21:00

James is a man of God against in many respects, against the Grace of God given by Paul, and yet in his law configured mind and heritage as a Jew, he is a man of God that knows sin and where it comes from.

James 4:14-17 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

"But now ye rejoice in your boastings" in other words your own self confidence, which refers rather to essential character, as well as which indicates degeneracy from original virtue); figuratively, calamitous; also (passively) ill, i.e. diseased; but especially (morally) culpable, i.e. derelict, vicious, facinorous; neuter (singular) mischief, malice, or (plural) guilt; masculine (singular) the devil,

"All such rejoicing is evil", this is the evil James is speaking of. In its singular person, it is "The Devil", Satan, ill will toward God and self elevation of character above God. That is The Pureness of Sin. It was centered in Satan Himself and when he fell from grace to this earth and became the prince of the power of the air, his role was to bring all God's creatures under his power and displace them from God. He is pure enmity between God and God's created creatures. The angles that chose to go with Him are those that chose not to be Obedient to God but obedient to Satan. Do all of Satan's angles have a choice as to their nature, absolutely, their nature is now a product of their Choice to hear Satan and follow him, just like Adam when he went against God and His commandment "don't eat", so in Adam's choice to follow all evil that James is speaking in the word evil in this one scripture, he Adam chose his own nature, and sin descended on all man of Adam's descendants. That is why God put him out of the Garden so he would not partake of the Tree of Life and forever be evil. God put Adam in Satan's power realm, being this earth's prince and since Adam could not go back to the Garden and partake of the Tree of Life in God's presence and have children birthed under the rule and reign of God, Adam had no choice but to be fruitful and multiply in the realm of Satan and all Adam's descendants had no choice in being under the rule of Satan as their father by his spirit that ruled them.

Now if we believe God about Jesus Christ His Son, we are changing kingdoms, from the kingdom of the prince of the power of the air who offered all kingdoms to Jesus Christ if He would bow down and worship him as Adam did by eating of the fruit that kills all mankind that are Satan's. In believing in Christ we no longer are of this earthly kingdom, we are of our Father God's kingdom and we are already seated at the right hand of God with Christ Jesus in Heavenly Places.

From the Kingdom of Satan to the Kingdom of God, a complete nature switch from the evil of Satan's world to the pure righteousness of God's Creation before Adam sinned.

Sin is Choice and Adam made that choice by believing Satan and ate. Believing in Jesus Christ is being birthed again into the Kingdom of God by Jesus Christ, which was before Adam sinned, which sin brought all man into Satan's sin realm. That is how man is born in iniquity. Psalms 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. In other words I was perverted already and brought forth in sin, and by the offense and penalty of sin I was brought forth already in sin.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Rom 8:10 And if Christ in you, the body dead because of sin; but the Spirit life because of righteousness.

2Cr 5:21 For he hath made him sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/7/12 4:50

Randy wrote:

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1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Who is our righteous nature? God has made Christ in us our righteousness, which comes from His Nature.

Man's nature by Satan brought forth death. Where did death come from? Adam is the death of all mankind, by his choice, the wrong tree and believing the wrong created being instead of the Creator.

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In Adam, he believed Satan, in Christ we believe God concerning Christ.

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In Christ: Phillip

Re:Adam & Eve- where are they today?, on: 2006/7/16 1:33

Stever's response to Christinyou:

Are you saying that Adam is not in heaven, but will be judged at the Great White Throne and be in hell for eternity?

God bless,

Stever :-D

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Again as in Adam all die because of his choice so also shall all live by the choice of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/7/18 15:10

Lets say that nature of sinners is not sin nature but a spiritually dead nature and that is what makes them sinners.

We inherited spiritual death but we earn physical death; the wages of sin is death(**Rom 6:23**).

The spiritual death is what causes sinners to sin because they are cut off from the life of Christ.

I would like to reword the phrase "original sin" to "original death" as Stever posted **Romans 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and **so death passed upon all men**, for that all have sinned:

There is another error that people make; we are sinners only because we sin.
This is no more true than to say if we bark like a dog then we are all dogs.

A dog is a dog and therefore it barks, for he can not do anything but only bark.
Just as a sinner is a sinner therefore He sins. the best thing a sinner can do would still be tainted by sin, for he can not do anything but only sin.

In the logic of "we are sinners only because we sin", saved people are sinners then too because we keep sinning. However, sinners do not go to heaven.

We are not sinners but we are new creations:

2Corinth 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

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Gal 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/7/18 23:39

Romans 5:12-14 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

"(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law."

Why did all die from Adam to Moses?

Sin entered into Adam and all his offspring when Satan became his god father, believing Satan over God.

I do believe innate sin is through Adam, and sins of the flesh are of all man.

This is why people say that you can loose your salvation, they put all sin in one basket. Innate sin, the sin of Adam is what Christ took away at the Cross the Sin of the whole World. Sin's of the flesh must be confessed, if not, God may take the Flesh to save the soul, but not the salvation given at the Cross which cannot be revoked.

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