

Free Indeed

Review: Our sin nature which can be defeated: The Truth.

- Our primary spiritual enemy is within: the sin nature (1 Jn. 1:8).
- The Christian Life can be described as “a battle for our mind.”
- “The Truth,” potential to be free from our sin nature (Jn. 8:32-34).
 - Not free to sin.
 - Not rid of sin nature: free from domination of the sin nature.
- Faith and reckoning.

A. Without Divine enabling the Christian will always lose (Rom. 8:5).

B. An imperative for Christians regarding the sin nature (Rom. 6:11).

C. The admonition from the Old Testament.

- a) Correctly using the Old Testament (1 Cor. 10:11).
- b) “All you say we will do!” (Ex. 19:8).

D. Spirit filling.

- a) Not like in Old Testament.
- b) Not like John, Zacharias, Elizabeth or Pentecost.
- c) Last use of controlling ‘filling’ (Acts 13:9).
- d) The ‘filling’ of Eph. 5:18 is to make up what is lacking (Acts 2:2 *cf.* 2:4; Phil. 4:18-19).

E. The imperative for Christians regarding the sin nature (Eph. 5:18).

- a) Spirit filling is in opposition to a work of the flesh (Gal. 5:21).
- b) All Christians are not filled by the Spirit.
- c) All Christians can potentially be filled by the Spirit.
- d) All Christians should be filled by the Spirit.
- e) All Christians can be filled by the Spirit again and again.