

## The Inner Man

God's Provision for us to have Victory over our Sin Nature

The Christian's response to Divine enabling.

- Directing faith in order to reckon (Rom. 6:5, 8).
- Our position in Christ based upon the reality that the riches in Him will become reality.
- Yielding, or presenting, your bodily members unto God implies Divine enabling (Rom. 6:12-14).
- Being alive from the dead in Christ the sin nature "shall not lord it over you" (Rom. 6:14).
- The promise that our *inner man* will be in accord with God's principles (Rom. 7:22).
- The *inner man* pictures our individual relationship with the Divine Nature: participation and desires (2 Pet. 1:4; Phil. 2:13).

**A.** The Christian has two "minds."

- a. The new mind: access to the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).
- b. The fleshly mind (Col. 2:18).
- c. Thus two potential frames of mind (Rom. 8:5, 7).

**B.** The inner man's renewal (2 Cor. 4:8-14).

- a. Paul's suffering for Jesus (2 Cor. 4:8-14).
- b. Paul's suffering for the Corinthians (2 Cor. 4:15-18).
- c.

<u>Physical</u>	<i>the differences</i>	<u>Spiritual</u>
outward man		inner man
decaying		being renewed
light weight		weighty
tribulation		glory
momentary		eternal
seen		not seen
temporal		eternal

- d. Explains refreshing when viewed from the inner man.

**C.** The renewal is in the new mind (Rom. 12:2).

- a. Access to the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).
- b. The opposition of those using the legal age (Rom. 14:2).
  - a) In own efforts trying to be pleasing to God.
  - b) Making procedure and subjective mode for showing love for other Christians (1 Tim. 4).
- c. The new mind approves God's desire for us to be happy, well pleasing and complete.
- d. Using the new mind to have the right frame of mind (Rom. 12:3).