

The Inner Man- Trials part 10

- I.** The inner man pictures the new birth as it relates to the individual Christian: one's relationship the three Persons of the Godhead.
1. The outer man represents our relationship to that which is physical, normal existence (2 Cor. 4:16).
 2. The inner man represents our spiritual relationship to God: supernatural.
 3. It is in the inner man that we receive strength to endure trials (2 Cor. 7:4).
- II.** Romans chapter 7:14-25 is a historical account of when Paul, after becoming a New Testament believer, lived under grace then went back under The Law, and thus gave his sin nature opportunity to thrive and dominate (Rom. 7:9-10; 7-8).
1. Paul's missing 7 to 10 years (Acts 9:30 to 11:25).
 2. In Tarsus, his home he was disowned, banished from the local synagogue, beaten, dealing with his sin nature.
- III.** Romans 7:14-25, two natures, two desirous wills.
1. V. 14. Paul is carnal—sin nature dominating his actions.
 2. V. 15. Paul's sin nature works out what his new nature does not desire to do: hates non-violently.
 3. V. 16. Paul's sin nature does, by design, what his new nature does not desire to do. His new nature agrees that The Law is useful for his carnal state.
- IV.** (Key: *n.n.*= new nature; *s.n.*= sin nature)
- 14.** For I indeed know intellectually the Law is spiritual, but **I am carnal, having been sold under the sin nature.** **15.** For what I (the sin nature) work out, I (the new nature) do not know experientially. For what I (*n.n.*) do not desirously will, **I (*s.n.*) practice;** but what I (*n.n.*) am hating non-violently, **I (*s.n.*) am doing.** **16.** But since I (*s.n.*) am doing what I (*n.n.*) do not desirously will, I (*n.n.*) agree with the Law (Mosaic) that it is useful in the carnal state.

Enemy → Lust
Nature → Desires

