

The Battle for the Christian's Thinking, part 3

I. Review of terms:

1. A **lust** is a strong desire.
2. **Temptation** is used in Scripture as a solicitation to evil (Jam. 1:13).
3. The **sin nature**, **sin principle**, and **the flesh** are all terms describing the same entity that is within all mankind since Adam (Eph. 2:3; Rom. 7:25; Rom. 7:18). It is a bent nature, the propensity to sin.
4. **Sin** is acting as though God has no restraints on behavior.
 - 1) *"Everyone crafting the sin, also crafts lawlessness, and the sin is the lawlessness"* (1 Jn. 3:4)
 - 2) Lawlessness is acting without limits.
5. **Sin is an act** exterior to the body (1 Cor. 6:18; Rom. 7:20).

II. An idea goes to a lust, lust to temptation, temptation to trespass, trespass to sin, and sin to punishment (Jam. 1:13-15).

James 1:13-15

¹³ Let no one say, when being tempted, "I am being tempted from God." Because God is unable to be tempted by that which is lacking in character, and He himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted by his very own lust, being drawn out and enticed like with bait. ¹⁵ Then the lust having been conceived, bears like a child sin, and the sin having become fully grown births the process of death.

- God is not the source of temptation.
- God cannot be tempted.
- A person makes a lust his own and is then tempted.
- The lust entices a person like bait.
- The lust conceives/determine to do the temptation.
- The lust grows/a process.
- The lust gives birth to sin/exterior to the body.

Person makes a lust his own	Focus , the process of making it your own
The lust is drawn out like bait	Temptation
The lust conceives and grows	Trespass
The lust gives birth—action	Sin

III. Trespass.

1. A **trespass** is when one resolves to fulfill a temptation.
2. Trespass is distinct from sin (Rom. 5:12; 17-18; Eph. 2:1, 5).
3. Adam's trespass constituted all of mankind as sinners (Rom. 5:18; 6:23).
4. Trespasses displease God and must be paid for (Rom. 4:5; Eph. 1:7).
5. Adam's trespass resulted in spiritual death of all mankind (Rom. 5:15, 17-18).
6. Adam's trespass resulted in all humanity being conceived with a sin nature (Rom. 5:19; Ps. 51:5).
7. Adam's trespass and resultant sin nature condemned all of mankind (Rom. 5:18).
8. A trespass is in the area of temptation prior to the act of sin (Gal. 6:1).