

The Enemy Within

Saved in the Past from the Penalty of the Sin Nature

- I.** The origin of the sin nature in all of mankind—Adam’s trespass.
 1. Adam’s willfully determination to act lawlessly (1 Jn. 3:4) bent his previous innocent nature (Rom. 5:19).
 2. Adam passed this bent nature to all his progeny (Rom. 5:19).
 3. Adam’s trespass caused all humans to be condemned, spiritually dead—separated from God (Rom. 5:18, 20-21).

- II.** The only solution to spiritual death comes by means of God’s grace (Rom. 5:21).
 1. Not out of, as to source, ourselves—gift (Eph. 2:8).
 2. No work on our part (Rom. 11:6; 4:4).

- III. Before salvation** the sin nature was the reason for our spiritual death (Rom. 6:23).
 1. We had no relationship with God (Eph. 2:3).
 2. We conducted ourselves by the lusts from our sin nature.
 3. We fulfilled the desirous will from our sin nature.
 4. The thoughts, that went through our minds, were by nature the children of wrath—hostility to God.
 5. We belonged to the spiritual family of Satan (1 Jn. 3:10; Jn. 8:41, 44).
 6. We had no ability to understand spiritual truth (1 Cor. 2:14).

- IV. After salvation:**
 1. We have a relationship with God, although we still have a sin nature.
 2. We are given eternal life—spiritual life (1 Jn. 5:11-13).
 3. We are given new desirous will (1 Pet. 1:4; Phil. 2:13).
 4. We are born ones of God (Rom. 8:16, 21; Phil. 2:15; 1 Jn. 3:1, 2; 5:2).
 - 1) Born ones of light (Eph. 5:8).
 - 2) Born ones of obedience (1 Pet. 1:14).
 5. We belong to the spiritual family of God the Father (1 Jn. 3:9-11 cf. 1 Jn. 5:2).
 6. We have access to spiritual truth (1 Jn. 2:20, 27).