

The Enemy Within

Saved in the Past from the Penalty of the Sin Nature

I. Before salvation;

1. “To save” (sozo) to rescue from danger.
2. Because of Adam’s trespass, his nature (*instinctual behavior*) was bent—sin nature (Rom. 5:19).
 - 1) The sin nature is passed on to all humans (Rom. 5:19).
 - 2) The sin nature separates us from God—spiritual death (Rom. 5:21; 6:23).
3. Because of Adam’s sin act, all of humans die physically (Rom. 5:12-14).
4. When unsaved, we had:
 - 1) No relationship with God—spiritually dead.
 - 2) Always conducted ourselves by the designs and desires of our sin nature (Eph. 2:3).
 - 3) Belonged to the spiritual family of Satan (1 Jn. 3:10).
 - 4) Were born-ones of God’s wrath (Eph. 2:3).
 - 5) Had no ability to understand spiritual truth (1 Cor. 2:14).
 - 6) Had no way out of the stress/anxiety of eventual physical death.

II. After Salvation:

1. We have spiritual life (Rom. 8:10; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13).
 - 1) Eternal life is a quality of God’s life—an active relationship with God.
 - 2) The Son’s indwelling gives us eternal life (1 Jn. 5:11-12).
2. The Father’s indwelling gives us a new desirous will (2 Pet. 1:4; Phil. 2:13).
3. We are born-ones of God the Father (Rom. 8:16; 1 Pet. 1:21; Jn. 14:6; 1 Jn. 3:1; 5:1-2).
 - 1) Born-ones of light (Eph. 5:8).
 - 2) Born-ones of obedience (1 Pet. 1:14).
4. We belong to the spiritual family of God the Father (1 Jn. 3:9-10).
5. We have a divine teacher for spiritual truth (1 Jn. 2:20, 27).
6. We are no longer born-ones of God’s wrath (Eph. 2:3; Rom. 5:9; 1 Thes. 1:10; 5:9; cf. Rom. 1:18).