

Human Nature

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I. Human Potential

II. The Sin Nature

1st Corinthians 2:14-15

Jeremiah 17:9

Mark 7:20-23

Corrupt Mind

Corrupt Heart

Corrupt Actions

III. A New Nature

Romans 6:6-7

2nd Corinthians 5:17

Romans 6:12-14

Freed From Sin

A New Creation

An Offering To God

IV. Living Up To Your Potential

Personal Reflection

Set aside fifteen minutes this week to pray & respond to the following:

Humanity has achieved tremendous feats throughout history: technological innovation, exploration, beautiful works of literature & art.

In spite of human capacity to create, manipulate & control the world, humanity is nevertheless fatally flawed. With the exception of Jesus, the stain of sin has corrupted the hearts, minds & actions every person that has ever lived.

Man's sin nature is a relational obstacle with God that He has overcome through Christ. His perfect life, sacrificial death & miraculous resurrection have enabled humans to receive a new nature—one that is free from slavery to sin.

In Christ, human potential is fully realized. Being born again, born of the Spirit of God, means that you are a new creation. The redeemed are set free to fellowship with God & be recipients of His mercy, grace & blessings.

Does your life bear evidence of this transformation? Do your heart, mind & actions demonstrate a reorganization of priorities & a desire for the things of God? Have you considered just how amazing it is that you can have an eternity to learn, grow & revel in the goodness & glory of God's love?

After considering these wonderful truths, prayerfully express to God how thankful you are that He has enabled you to be free from slavery to the sin nature. Commit to make the most of the opportunities He has given you—to live, love & grow as a recipient of new life through Christ.