
UNDERSTANDING THE SIN NATURE!

2 Peter 1:3 (NLT) “By his divine power, God has given us **everything we need** for **living a godly life**. We have received all of this by **coming to know him...**”

Romans 7:21–25 (NLT)

21 I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. 22 I love God’s law with all my heart. 23 But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. 24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? 25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God’s law, **but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin**.

Romans 5:12–14 (NLT)

12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. 13 Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. 14 Still, everyone died—from the time of Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come.

FIRST: Our sins don’t make us a sinner...

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SECOND: Our acts of sin is not what separates us from God...

Ephesians 2:1–3 (NLT) “Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your **many sins**. 2 You used to **live in sin**, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our **sinful nature**. By our **very nature** we were **subject to God’s anger**, just like everyone else.”

What is the Root Problem?

The Root Problem is Our Adamic Nature

There is the issue of “SIN” and “SINS”

“SINS” are the ungodly things that you think and do...

“SIN” is the nature that we were born with that produces the individual “SINS” we commit...

The Cross of Jesus Christ:

First: Provided the blood of Christ that cleanses us from our “sins”...

Matthew 26:27–28 (NKJV) “For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

Second: Completely removes “sin” from us...

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) “Therefore, if anyone *is in Christ*, *he is a new creation*; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

Romans 6:5–7 (NLT)

5 Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. 6 We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. 7 For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.

CHALLENGE ONE: What is one area of your life that you’ve been trying to fix yourself without relying on Christ.

CHALLENGE TWO: Stop saying “That’s just the way I am.”

CHALLENGE THREE: Each time you see a cross this week, pause and thank Jesus that He didn’t just forgive your sins, He pulled sin up at the root!