

New Nature & Old Nature

Why do Christians still sin?

The Two Natures of All Believers

The New Birth: born into a spiritual family

Our Old Nature can do no righteous deeds to make us worthy of heaven.

Our New Nature cannot sin.

“Whoever is born of God does not commit sin.”

[hamartian ou poiei” = does not commit]

...and he cannot sin because he is born of God.” *1 John 3.9*

Many newer translations of the Bible incorrectly translate the Greek phrase

“**hamartian ou poiei**” [**ἡμαρτιαν ου ποιεῖ**] as “does not practice” sin.

prasso = practice poiei = commit

Our New Nature comes at the moment of belief.

We are born with an Old Nature. Our Old Nature remains. It is the reason a Christian can still sin.

Our Old Nature will be destroyed at death or the Rapture and so in heaven we will never sin again.

Without a brand new “nature” we would sin in eternity.

These two natures are referred to in several ways.

- [John 3.5] “born again of [water](#) and the [Spirit](#)”
- [John 3.5,6] “born of the [flesh](#)”
- [Rom 6.6] “the [body of sin](#) . . . [old man](#)” [Rom 6.6]
- [Rom 6.11] “[dead](#) unto sin / [alive](#) unto God”
- [Rom 6.17,18] “[servants](#) of sin / [servants](#) of righteousness”
- [Rom 7.5-25] “the [inward](#) man”
- [Rom 13.14] “the [sinful](#) nature”
- [I Cor 2.14] “The [natural](#) man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God.”
- 1 Cor 15.46 first. . . [natural](#) and afterwards that which is [spiritual](#)
- [II Cor 5.17] “[new](#) creation”
- [Gal 5.16,17] “the [flesh](#) and the [spirit](#)” [Rom 8.13 13.14]
- [Eph 3.16] “the [inner](#) man”
- [Col 3.5,10] “[new](#) man / [old](#) man”
- [I Pet 1.4] “partakers of the [divine](#) nature”
- [I John 3.4-6] “whosoever [abideth](#) in Him / whosoever [sinneth](#)”
- [I John 3.9] “abides. . . [cannot](#) sin”

Two Births: one cannot sin, ever.

The other cannot do anything to earn eternal life. They are both us.

- We believe the Bible teaches that a true child of God has two births:
 - one of the flesh [*water, John 3*]
 - one of the Spirit: born again, regenerated, sons of God, heir of salvation [*Spirit, John 3*]
- The flesh nature is neither good nor righteous.
- This results in warfare between the spirit and the flesh, which continues until physical death, or the return of the Lord. [*Rom 7*]
- The new birth cannot change in any way, nor improve, the flesh nature of man, but the flesh nature can be controlled and kept subdued by the new man.
- All claims to the eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural.
- The spiritual Nature [*new man, Col 3.10*] does not commit sin. [*I John 3.9 KJV, Rom 7.19*]
“commit” = poieo, Gr [*poieo*] it does not mean practice, it means do, enact, perform, act

GREEN = sinful birth / BLUE = second birth

John 3

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

John 4

Joh 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Joh 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Romans 6

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Rom 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Romans 7

Rom 7:17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Rom 7:20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Rom 7:21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man.

Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 8

Rom 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Rom 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

I Corinthians 2

I Cor 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

I Corinthians 15

I Cor 15:46 first. . . natural and afterwards that which is spiritual

II Corinthians 5

II Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Galatians 5

Gal 5:16 This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Ephesians 3

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit **in the inner man**;

Ephesians 4

Eph 4:22 That ye **put off concerning the former conversation the old man**, which is **corrupt** according to the deceitful lusts;

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on **the new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Colossians 3

Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have **put off the old man** with his deeds;

Col 3:10 And have **put on the new man**, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

I Peter 1

1 Pet 1:4 To **an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled**, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

I John 3

1 Jn 3:4 **Whosoever committeth sin** transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

1 Jn 3:6 Whosoever **abideth in him sinneth not**: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

1 Jn 3:9 Whosoever is **born of God doth not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: and **he cannot sin**, because **he is born of God**.

I John 5

1 Jn 5:18 We know that **whosoever is born of God sinneth not**; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

When temptation comes, which one wins, the Old Man or the New Man?

That's simple! The one we feed (or yield to) the most will always win!

*But believers sometimes do feed the flesh
and that's the reason Paul gives us the instruction,
"do not let sin reign in your body!"*

Rom 6.12



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