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Who Is Your Master?

Proof That, For Christians, the Old Self

(the Sinful Nature or the Flesh) *is Dead*

(all scripture references are from the NASB unless otherwise noted)

The new birth is simply a change of masters. Adam and Eve still had the same spirit, soul, and body after the fall that they did before the fall. They simply had a change of masters (Mt. 6:22-24). This is one of the biggest differences between the belief in unconditional security (or once saved always saved), and the belief in a conditional security. Unconditional security says that the sinful nature (which is nothing more than the spirit and nature of the devil working in the hearts of people), is alive and operating in Christians. Conditional security says that the sinful nature is crucified with Christ - destroyed, or dead (see point no. 4 below). The result of serving God and of righteousness is life, and the result of serving sin and Satan is death (Rom. 6; 8:1-9). IF Christians sin they demonstrate that they have changed masters and are now serving sin and Satan (see point no. 2 below), and are therefore NO LONGER Christian (see [All Sins Are Not The Same](#)). They come under the condemnation of the law again (Rom. 7; 1Tim. 1:8-11) . However, they have an Advocate IF they sin and repent (2 Cor. 7:10; Jn. 8:11; 1 Jn. 1:9; 2:1,2). This is certainly one of the major dividing lines between a belief in unconditional security and conditional security. If one will admit to the simple clear truth of the Bible on the issue that the sinful nature (or old man, or body of sin) is dead, I believe he will much more readily understand that the Christian's security is conditional. Dear reader, please read the following verses under the points below and allow the Word of God to speak for itself on these matters.

1. Man cannot serve two masters. The mind set on the

flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.

Whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God:

Matt 6:22 ¶ "The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

Matt 6:23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

Matt 6:24 ¶ "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Rom 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

Rom 8:7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able {to do so,}

Rom 8:8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Rom 8:9 ¶ However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

James 4:4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

2. Whoever people submit to, this is their master.

Sin cancels out righteousness under GRACE:

Rom 6:15 ¶ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!

Rom 6:16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone {as} slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

3. By what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved:

2 Pet 2:19 promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

John 8:34 ¶ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

4. The "old self" or "sinful nature (flesh)" or "body of sin",

etc., is nothing more nor less than the spirit and nature

of the devil working in men of disobedience, which is a PAST

TENSE experience for the believer. It has been crucified, destroyed:

Eph 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

Eph 2:2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

Eph 2:3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

2 Cor 4:3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

2 Cor 4:4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

John 8:44 "You are of {your} father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own {nature,} for he is a liar and the father of lies.

1 John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. To this end the Son of God was revealed, that he might destroy the works of the devil. (WEB)

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.

Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with {Him,} in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Rom 6:7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

Rom 6:8 ¶ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

Rom 7:5 For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were {aroused} by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death.

Col 2:11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

Col 3:9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its {evil} practices,

Eph 4:20 But you did not learn Christ in this way,

Eph 4:21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

Eph 4:22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

Eph 4:23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

Eph 4:24 and put on the new self, which in {the likeness of} God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the {life} which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Gal 5:16 ¶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Gal 5:24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Gal 6:14 But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

5. People who are born of God DO NOT commit sin, as they are as righteous as Christ is righteous.

And we are NOT to be lead astray or deceived about this:

1Joh 3:7 Little children, let no one lead you astray. He who does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. (WEB)

1Joh 3:9 Whoever is born of God doesn't commit sin, because his seed remains in him; and he can't sin, because he is born of God. (WEB)

1Joh 3:10 In this the children of God are revealed, and the children of the devil. Whoever doesn't do righteousness is not of God, neither is he who doesn't love his brother. (WEB)

1Joh 5:18 We know that whoever is born of God doesn't sin, but he who was born of God keeps himself, and the evil one doesn't touch him. (WEB)

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