

Production of the Sinful Nature

Here we see the bearing of fruit from Paul's ménage à trois with the sinful nature. Sin is produced, not by Paul but by his sinful nature. The sinful nature is the source of sin but for the believer, the responsibility for its commission lies with the volition.

What is the difference in the decision to sin in the life of the unbeliever and that of the believer? In both cases the individual is guilty of making bad choices and is responsible for the ramifications of the decisions he makes.

However, in the first marriage, volition is under the sovereignty of the sinful nature which gains control of the soul at the moment of physical birth.

Please remember that the soul is created immediately by God and imputed to biological life at the moment of selection. The soul, which is created by God, is intrinsically pure. It contains no corruption in and of itself and is free of the sinful nature. God is not the Author of sin. Man is!

Man sinned in Eden and in so doing acquired a body of corruption which was contaminated by sinful-nature genes in the DNA of every cell. Up to the point of original sin the souls of both Adam and Ishah were pure and thus maintained fellowship with God.

When the volitional decision was made to eat of the forbidden fruit, both Adam and Ishah committed a ménage à trois with an external temptation offered by Satan. Thus, was created the sinful nature in the flesh and its simultaneous control over their souls. This broke their fellowship with God and brought about total depravity and spiritual death.

Remember the curse given by the Lord to Adam following the Fall:

Genesis 3:19 - By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust and to dust you shall return.

Why? Because the body, which prior to the original sin had everlasting life, became a body of corruption subject to physical death.

Genesis 2:17 – ...but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it, dying spiritually, you shall surely die physically.

The soul is the entity which made the decision to commit spiritual adultery against God resulting in the production of sin. It is the soul which has been separated from God resulting in a body of corruption which must be discarded.

1 Corinthians 15:53 - This perishable must put on the imperishable and this mortal must put on immortality.

Beginning here are some technical principles which will explain why salvation is of the soul not the body. The soul is immaterial, created by God at selection and in His Own image.

Genesis 1:26 - Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." What is the image and likeness of the God? It is immaterial, i.e., Spirit, or energy.

John 4:24 - God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Worship may not be accomplished by means of the body but only by means of the soul. Consequently, a soul which is controlled by the sinful nature cannot worship God since fellowship has been broken.

The body through the sinful nature controls the life and the soul is subservient to its tyranny. Only by the reestablishment of fellowship with God may the power of the sinful nature be broken. Only a Person Who is equal to both parties in the dispute can mediate the problem.

1 Timothy 2:5 - There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

The Perfect Messiah—undiminished in His deity and perfect in His true humanity—became the divinely approved sacrifice which removes the problem of sin.

2 Corinthians 5:21 - God made Christ Who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

All our sins were imputed to Christ and judged by the justice of God. Sin is no longer an issue with regard to mankind's eternal future since all sin was judged at the cross.

Since sin has been neutralized then each individual is free to make the choice to establish fellowship with God. How? According to the Scripture by faith alone in Christ alone.

Acts 16:31 - Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved.

Through faith alone, God imputes to the believer His perfect righteousness and His eternal life while rendering the sinful nature powerless.

Romans 5:17 - Just as the sinful nature has ruled in the sphere of spiritual death, so also the grace of God might rule through the imputation of righteousness because of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At physical death, the soul is forever separated from its union with the corrupt body and instantly continues its eternal life in the presence of the Lord.

Principle: Neither energy nor matter can be destroyed. The material essence of the physical body returns to the dust of the earth, the immaterial essence of the soul enters into the eternal state.