

## Spiritual POW

NOTE: No Bible classes from Tuesday, 16 July through Thursday 25 July 1996, a total of six class periods, due to pastor's vacation.

*aichmalotizo* - "making me a prisoner"

present - Retroactive progressive; Paul has been a prisoner of war in the past and continues to be one in the present time. Also called the present of duration.

active - Paul with doctrine located in the *nous* only becomes a reversionist when under attack. The campaign results in his becoming a POW.

participle - Circumstantial; indicates the volitional participation in the ongoing battle of wheel-tracks.

Knowledge found in the *nous* is called *gnosis* and is simply doctrine academically understood in the association cortex. Knowledge found in the *kardia*.

*kardia* is called *epignosis* and is divine thought perceived in the stream of consciousness and stored in long-term memory traces of the cerebral cortex.

The battles are won against the first husband in the *kardia*. Battles are never won in the *nous*. To what Paul is made a prisoner is stated next in the familiar noun: *nomos* - "principle." This is accompanied by the genitive of description from the noun: *hamartia* - "the sinful nature."

**Romans 7:23** - I see a different kind of principle in my body parts [brain] laying siege in a campaign against the principle of my mind [nous] and so making me a prisoner to the principle of the sinful nature ...

The location of this principle of sinful production is stated for the second time in the verse. Paul opened the verse by saying,

**"I see a different kind of principle in my members, or body parts..."**

"In my members" in the Greek is *en ego melos*.

It is now used again and it again means, "in my members, or body parts." Emphasis is obviously on the neurons of the brain and the residency of the sinful nature genetically encoded into the DNA of each nucleus.

**CTL Romans 7:23** - But I see a different kind of principle in my body parts [brain] laying siege in a campaign against the principle of my mind [nous] and so making me a prisoner to the principle of the sinful nature which is located in my body parts [brain].

The verb "is" is the present active participle of: *eimi* - "is."

present - Perfective; denotes continuation of existing results. This is a fact which came to be in the past and is emphasized as a present reality.

The principle of the sinful nature came to be at the moment of Paul's selection when the imputation of soul life to his biological life resulted in human life. This activated not only human life but also initiated spiritual death. This is because a simultaneous imputation occurred which credited Adam's original sin to his sinful nature. Physically alive, Paul was spiritually dead.

The perfective present tense here emphasizes the present reality: the principle of sin continues to reside in Paul's members, i.e., brain.

active - The sinful nature produces the action of residing in Paul's body.

participle - Circumstantial; indicates that as long as Paul is alive, he will continue to have the presence of the sinful nature residing within him and with it the presence of its principles of sin, human good, and evil.

The sinful nature always attacks a vulnerable spot in the soul. The most vulnerable is the *nous*. If doctrine can be neutralized there then the greater battle against doctrine stored in memory traces will not have to be fought. This is why it is imperative that the believer maintain the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Only through His power may doctrine be understood, perceived, and transferred into the stream of consciousness and stored as wheel-tracks of righteousness. The sinful nature is in the body but the battleground is the soul.

The easiest target for temptation and demon influence is the *nous*, a no-man's-land where volition is vulnerable and culpable. The attacks of the first husband can be overcome through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. Once doctrine is transferred to the *kardia*, the sinful nature can never launch a successful assault as long as the believer is inside the divine power system.

The believer must always remember that even though his soul is saved for all eternity, his body remains in a totally depraved condition.