

THE SINFUL NATURE BIBLE STUDY

The **sinful nature** is also called the; carnal nature, the old man, the old nature, the flesh, the earthly nature, and the old self. It could be defined as: *the hereditary immaterial predisposition of desires that are sinful and contrary to the nature and character of God.*

1. Consider the origins and heredity of the sinful nature.
 - a. According to Genesis 8:21, how did God describe the condition of man's nature and when does this condition begin? _____
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 - b. According to Psalm 51:5 when do we receive a sinful nature? _____
_____.
 - c. According to Jeremiah 32:18 through whom are the punishments for sins (and the sin nature) passed? _____
Note: This is why Jesus could not have a human father (Matthew 1:23), otherwise he would have had a sinful nature.
 - d. According to Romans 5:19 what was the consequence of the disobedience of Adam? _____.
 - e. According to 1 Corinthians 15:22 what is the consequence for the sinful nature of Adam being passed on to us? _____.

2. The Bible tells us about many of the drives that satisfy the sinful nature.
 - a. According to Romans 8:5 what does the sinful nature cause the mind to do? _____.
 - b. According to Romans 8:7 what are two characteristics of the sinful nature? _____
_____.
 - c. According to Romans 8:8 what is impossible for people to do who live according to the sinful nature? _____.
 - d. According to Romans 8:13 what is the end result of living according to the sinful nature? _____.
 - e. According to Galatians 5:19-21 list 15 acts that come from the desires of the sinful nature? _____
_____.
 - f. According to Ephesians 2:3 what do we become when we live by the desires of the sinful nature? _____.
 - g. According to Titus 1:15-16 give a description a people who live according to the sinful nature? _____.

3. When we put faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of our lives, we are given a new nature that in energized by the Holy Spirit.
 - a. According to Romans 7:25 what two options do we have regarding how we live? _____.
 - b. According to Romans 8:3-4 by what should we live? _____.
 - c. According to Romans 8:5 what happens to the minds of those who have the new nature? _____.

- d. According to Romans 8:11 what does our body have when we live by the new nature? _____.
- e. According to Romans 8:13 what must we do if we are going to live by the Spirit? _____.
- f. According to Galatians 5:22-23 what is the life fruit of living according to the new nature? _____.

4. We now see that those who come to Christ have a battle raging in them between the sinful nature and the new nature.

- a. According to Romans 7:18-19 what happens in this raging battle of the natures? _____.
- b. According to Romans 7:21-23 in what should we delight? _____.
What is continually fighting against us when we are trying to follow God's way? _____.
- c. According to Galatians 5:16-17 what are the two forces that are at war in us? _____.
What should we do to win this war? _____.
- d. According to Galatians 6:8 what are the results from living for the sinful nature and living by the Spirit? _____.
- e. According to James 1:14-15 how does the process of the sin nature getting control of us take place? _____.
How should we stop it? _____.
- f. According to James 4:1-3 why do we lose the battle to the sinful nature at times? _____.
- g. According to 1 Peter 2:11 what does the sinful nature war against? _____.
- h. According to 2 Peter 2:18-22 what is the condition of people who know Christ but are enticed into living by the sinful nature anyway? _____.

5. Finally, we must see what God wants us to do in regard to the sinful nature.

- a. According to Romans 13:14 what are two things we should do to fight the sinful nature desires? _____.
- b. According to Galatians 5:24 what must we do with the sinful nature? _____.
- c. According to Ephesians 4:22-32 what are at least five things we need to do to get rid of the sinful nature desires and five things we need to do in order to have the new self in God? _____.
- d. According to Colossians 3:5,8,10 what are three things we should do to have victory in the new nature? _____.