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## DAILY DEVOTION THE TWO NATURES

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Ephesians 4:20-24 "But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former way of life, you are to rid yourselves of the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you are to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new [self, which [in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

In our last few studies, we have seen the contrast between the believer and the unbeliever. We are new creatures in Christ and our behavior must change. In order to to defeat sin and produce righteousness, God has given a new nature to enable us to please Him.

The believer is different from the unsaved person in that he has two natures. We are born with a fallen nature which we inherited from the first man, Adam. His disobedience introduced a lethal virus into the human race called sin. When we believe in Christ, we receive a new nature with the power to resist the sin nature. We retain the ability to sin, but we now also have the ability to please God.

The Bible uses a variety of terms to identify the two natures.

The original fallen nature is known as:

The flesh  
The old man  
The old self  
The Adamic nature  
Sin  
Carnality  
Walking in darkness  
Q awWalking like mere men  
Slaves to sin  
Death  
Born in sin

Our new being in Christ is called:

Walking in the Spirit  
Filled with the Spirit  
The New man  
The New self  
Newness of life  
The divine nature



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Righteousness  
He that is spiritual  
The law of the Spirit  
Put on the Lord Jesus Christ  
Imitators of God  
Walking in love  
Abiding in Christ  
Walking in the light

Needless to say there is conflict between these two opposing forces that live within us;

Galatians 5:17

“For the desire of the flesh is against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, in order to keep you from doing whatever you want.”

PRAYER: O Lord help me to overcome the nature of the flesh.