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**The Who, What, Why, and When
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Foreword

This book was written to help you to live a consistent Christian life.

There are no theological terms in it that you cannot understand, no quotations from the Greek or Hebrew to impress or confuse you. It was written in laymen's language so simple, we trust, that a child can understand it.

Our desire is to make the doctrine of holiness plain enough to clear up any confusing opinions on it's teaching. We trust that these pages will be a blessing to all who read them.

The Author

THE WHO, WHAT, WHY, AND WHEN OF HOLINESS

In this day of modern communication we are flooded with every wind of doctrine until most people become confused as to what to believe. We hear everything from humanism to communism. No wonder Jesus warned in Matt. 24:4 "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; inso-much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." A person is not deceived until he truly believes he is right when he is wrong. Every false doctrine and cult weaves an element of truth into their teaching that will lead to deception.

Every doctrine teaches that we must be holy to enter heaven; but the difference is when does this experience of being made holy take place.

Lev. 20:7 declares "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am the Lord your God" and verse 8 "And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you." Jesus said in Matt. 5:48 "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Again in Gen. 17:1 "The Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God' walk before me, and be thou perfect." God would not ask us to do something or be something which He knew was impossible, and He has asked us to be holy and to be perfect.

The Word of God gives us examples: Job 1:1 states that Job was a perfect man, upright and feared God. In verse 8 we find that God told Satan that Job was a perfect man, upright and one that feared God and kept away from evil. In Gen. 6:9 God states that "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generation, and Noah walked with God."

People become confused when they listen to everything presented as Bible truth and accept it as gospel. The Bible warns us and instructs us to try the spirits. I John 4:1 "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God" because many false prophets are gone out into the world." We also read in John 5:39 "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me."

We are commanded to search the scriptures for ourselves to know what God's Word says about holiness. Do not take anyone's word for it. Hebrews 12:14 states "Fol-

low peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Something as important as getting to heaven is too important to leave to what someone thinks, believes, or tells us or what we have been taught. Search the scriptures and know what God's Word says about perfection and holiness. Don't just think, be sure.

THINGS TO CONSIDER IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

GRACE . . . What is grace? Mr. Webster says: "grace is the unmerited love and favor of God toward man; it is time granted beyond the date set for payment of a debt." Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." We were born condemned to hell, but because of the love of God and his unmerited favor, he gave us an extension on our debt of sin. He gave us time to consider our sins and to confess and forsake them. But for the grace of God we could not be saved. II Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

SIN . . . What is it? Mr. Webster says it is a willful transgression of the laws of God. I John 3:4 says it is a willful transgression of the law of God. I John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

SINS AND MISTAKES—WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

Sin is of the heart. Mistakes are of the head. One is intentional, the other is unintentional. Mr. Webster states "a mistake can be an incorrect understanding, an error, to identify incorrectly." Sin is when one does or says something that he knows is wrong and will do it knowing it is wrong. However, if one makes a mistake and the error is revealed, the person is obligated by God to correct the mistake and confess his fault and make apology if necessary.

SIN AND TEMPTATION

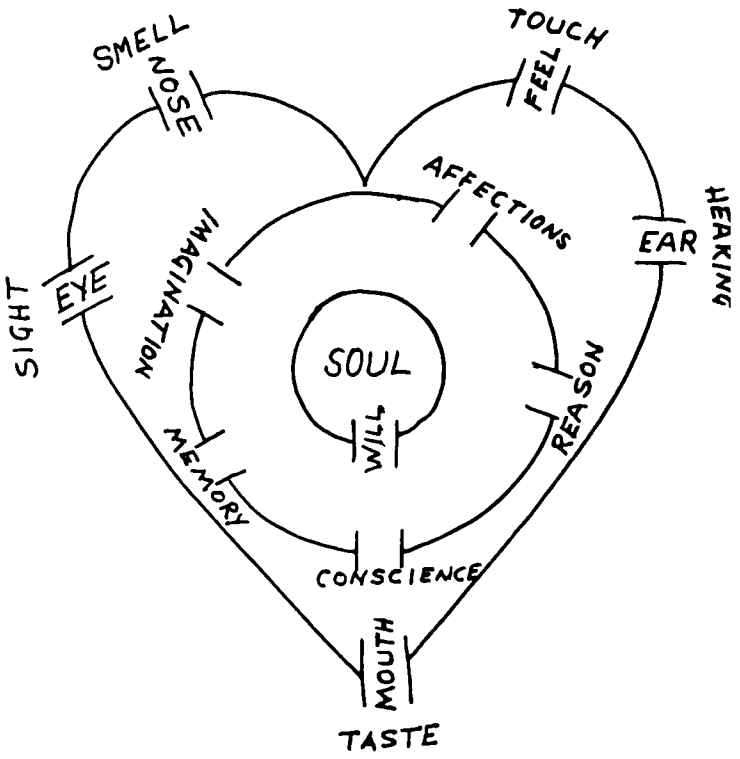
James 1:14, 15 "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." This is God's definition for temptation. Mr. Webster states that "temptation is to induce, persuade to something immoral, or sensually pleasurable, to arouse desire, to be inviting, to attract." We cannot prevent temptation, but temptation does not become sin until we give consent of the will.

Satan uses every avenue to tempt everyone. Your conscience is one avenue he will use as often as possible, for once he can get the consent of the conscience he will use it, your reason and your imagination to continue to get the continual consent of the conscience until it becomes seared. Listen to I Timothy 4:1, 2 "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." One's conscience is not a good guide; it can be trained to do what is wrong and feel that it is right.

A thing coming into the mind is not sin until it gets the consent of the will. Thoughts of evil are temptation if they are dismissed from the mind. It is when they are dwelled on and, if opportunity were there, the act would take place, then it becomes sin. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. When a man looketh on a woman to lust after her it is sin. The looking upon a woman is not sin; it is when the will gives consent to lust after her that it is sin.

The heart chart shows the different avenues that satan may use to get the consent of the will to sin.

The gates in which the devil tempts the soul to sin.
Temptation remains temptation until it gets the consent of the will.



TEMPTATION AND SIN

Temptation comes to sinners and saints alike. No one in this life will ever be free of temptation. Temptation cannot come to you without divine permission. (Job 1:12) "The Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand." God permits temptation to come to us in order to strengthen our character, to make us strong in the faith and to give us resistance to sin. Many people do not seem to know the difference between being tempted and sinning, the difference between evil thoughts and thoughts of evil. Satan may tempt us through different channels. He may tempt us through the eye gate, or the ear, the nose, the mouth or touch or he may use our intellectual ability, our memory, reason, affections, imagination, or our conscience to create a desire to sin.

The chart showing the body, mind and soul pictures the ways temptation can become sin. All temptation continues to be temptation until it gets the consent of the will. For example. A new convert has been delivered from alcohol and is living for the Lord. This morning the alarm clock did not go off, he is going to be late for work. His wife burns the toast for breakfast. There was no coffee because his wife forgot to get it at the supermarket. He starts for work and the devil tells him that his wife doesn't appreciate him or he would have had a hot cup of coffee at breakfast. Then he suggests that she has been getting careless lately, that is why she forgot to set the alarm, that is just another reason why you got burned toast and she never said she was sorry. About now he is passing the favorite tavern where he always stopped for a drink. The odor caught his nose gate and the enemy suggested why don't you go in and get a drink and forget the whole mess. They don't appreciate the way you started to live. Why try? He will remind you through the memory gate that you have solved your problems this way before. All this happens in a moment of time, but when it gets to the will, the will rejects the suggestions and pressure to sin. The whole is rejected by the will and therefore it was temptation and the man passes on and goes to work. He did not sin. Had he yielded

to the suggestions and gone in for the drink he would have sinned. All temptation is decided at the door of the will. There are times when the devil will bring evil thoughts to your mind, filthy thoughts that are almost unbelievable, and then quickly accuse you of sinning. You cannot keep the devil from bringing these thoughts to your mind, but you don't have to keep thinking about them. Dismiss them from your mind and they are temptation. When these thoughts come rushing into the mind, the best remedy is to plead the blood of Jesus, sing a song about the blood of God's Son. They will vanish away.

Sin is committed in the heart before the act takes place. Jesus said in Matt. 5:28 "I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Note the word lust. The will had given its consent through desire; all that was necessary was the opportunity to perform the act. The sin was already committed.

TEMPTATION IS NOT SIN

Many Christians have failed to recognize the difference between sin and temptation. The scriptures say in James 1:13-15 "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Temptation is being, by our own desires, drawn away from what we feel or know to be right. The drawing away is not sin. It is the yielding to these suggestions or desires to do wrong that makes it sin. Satan may place a thought into your mind to sin, but the thought to do evil is not sin until you yield to the thought. Thoughts of evil are temptation. Evil thoughts are sin. The thought comes to the mind to sin, but if you dismiss the thought and do not yield, it is temptation and not sin. Many times the enemy will bring a thought of evil to your mind and then the enemy will quickly accuse you of sinning. He will tell you that if you were a Christian, you would not think about those things. This was a thought of

evil placed there by the devil. You cannot stop him from knocking at your door, but you need not invite him in for dinner.

I Cor. 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." II Peter 2:9 "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

FAULTLESS AND BLAMELESS

I Thess. 5:23, 24 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

When one presents himself to God and acknowledges his sins committed, they are placed under the blood and forgiven, just as if they had never been committed. But there is a nature that man was born with inherited from Adam that the Bible calls the carnal man. Christ came to die to free us from this nature. David said in Psalms 51:2, 3 "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin, for I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me." Here his transgressions were forgiven, but his sin was still there. He was asking for his sins to be washed away and then cleansed from his sin. When this cleansing takes place the Holy Spirit comes into the heart and takes complete control and God sees you blameless before God . . . not faultless. There is a vast difference between faultless and blameless. God sees you as if you had never sinned. But you have a faulty memory, you lack knowledge. Your mental, emotional and physical have all been effected by the fall; you lack perfect judgment, your knowledge is limited, you are slow to understand, but your heart is right before God. He sees your attitude, your motives, etc. He sees you blameless.

You are subject to making mistakes. You may do the

right thing in the wrong way. You may not be blameless before man, but God looks on the heart, the sincerity of your devotion, and He sees you blameless.

The president of a university has a little boy in first grade who writes a letter to his father telling him how much he loves him. His writing runs up hill, words are misspelled, some words are large and others small, punctuation—there is none. When the father receives the letter, does he become disgusted? Does he jump all over the little fellow and tell him how terrible the spelling was? Why didn't you punctuate it? Why didn't you write straight across the page? I could hardly make it out with all the sizes of the word. No, he looked at the letter, showed it with pride to his secretary. Why? He knew the love that was in those words. He realized the effort that was put into trying to spell the words right. He knew the motive behind the letter. There were a lot of defects. The letter was not perfect, but the attitude, the motive was blameless. It wasn't faultless but it was blameless. So God looks at His children who live for Him with a pure heart. That is why Jesus said in Matt. 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" and in Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Fifteen years later his son graduated from college with a Master's Degree in English. When he writes his father you would never believe it was the same boy. Why? He has matured, he has had some hard work getting his spelling and writing, he has improved and matured in the things of God. God makes a Christian in a moment of time, but it takes Him a lifetime to make a mature one. We grow in grace (not into) and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MATURITY AND PURITY

Many times people confuse maturity with purity. Purity is quality; maturity is quantity. Jesus said "Blessed are the pure in heart." He did not mention the size of the heart, but the quality. A week old baby is a complete human being. It has all the eyes, ears, legs, etc. that it will ever have, but it is a baby. It will take years for it to mature into an adult. Christians are babes in Christ. They

become Christians in a moment of time, but they are not mature Christians. Maturity comes by trials, experiences, tests, temptation, prayer, study of the Word and walking in the light as God places it in your pathway. Resistance to sin and temptation all work together to make a mature Christian. Background, culture, etc. have much to do with maturity. Children brought up in a Sunday School and church around the family altar will have a different background from the child who has never been in church, has had no Christian training. It will take longer to become mature. They will need love and patience shown to them and some guidance and prayer. If they are genuinely saved and walking before God with a pure heart, they will quit doing some things and start doing other things as they learn and understand the scriptures and God's will.

Many times faults have to be corrected, life styles altered and things that hinder spiritual growth must be omitted. God only shows you what you are able to do when He knows you are able to do it. A Christian who is maturing and growing in grace always gives God the benefit of the doubt on anything questionable.

SINS AND MISTAKES

There is a difference between committing sin and making a mistake. The difference is in the intention of the act.

God's Word and Mr. Webster give the same definition for sin. I John 3:4 states that sin is the transgression of the known law of God—"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

A mistake according to Mr. Webster is "to identify incorrectly, a fault in understanding, an unintentional act, a misjudgment." Sin is intentional where mistakes are unintentional.

EXAMPLE . . . You are in a parking lot and back your car slowly to get out of the parking space. You do not see the car parked back of you and you back into it. You make a mistake. You apologize, pay the damage and go on about your business. Now we see you in the same location and you saw the car there. You back up and smash into the car. You knew the car was there and you deliberately backed into it. **THAT IS SIN.** One was intentional, the other was not.

However, mistakes must be corrected or they become sin. You cannot hide behind sin and call it a mistake for both must be corrected.

CONVICTION AND CONDEMNATION—THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

What is conviction? Webster describes conviction as the act of convincing, the state or appearance of being convinced, a strong belief.

What is condemnation? Again Webster says to pass adverse judgment, to declare to be guilty of wrongdoing, to doom. Conviction is God trying to show us something that we are doing wrong. He may speak through the Word or your conscience. When we obey, it is light walked in; if it is rejected, it is light rejected and that light becomes darkness, condemnation sets in, you disobey God and thus you have sinned.

Conviction shows us what we should or should not do. It's God's way to help us keep true to Him. It helps us to establish standards for Christian living.

Convictions give us courage to say I do not believe in it. We do not say my church doesn't believe in it, but I don't believe in it.

Condemnation is when we have ignored the Holy Spirit's conviction and did what we wanted to do. This is when God has passed judgment on our action and declared us a sinner.

May your heart never become hardened to where you cannot feel the checks and prompting and conviction of the Holy Spirit. Never let the day come when God must condemn you for your disobedience.

WHEN DO HUMAN TRAITS BECOME CARNAL OR SIN

Adam and Eve did not have carnal traits until after they fell. They were tempted through their human traits just like the sanctified Christian can be tempted and fall back into sin. Ambition is a human trait for example. If people are not ambitious they will not get very much done for the Lord. However, in secular or religious work the enemy uses the same tactics. He will get you so busy that you neglect your devotion to God.

Imagination is a wonderful thing. Inventors would never have given the world telephones, radio, electricity without an imagination. But if the devil can get it channeled into the wrong directions it will become sin. Adam and Eve were attracted through the eye gate and curiosity. Satan said, "Look at it, it is pleasant to look upon, it will make you wise. You will have knowledge." Satan used desire for knowledge and wisdom. Curiosity—what would it be like to be like gods. From this point Satan persuaded Eve that God knew she would not die, bringing doubt into her mind that God was not telling them the truth. A sanctified Christian can fall the same way. Satan must first get the consent of the will.

Ephesians 4:26 "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath." What is anger—a feeling of displeasure resulting from injury or mistreatment. Wrath—intense anger, rage, vengeance. Mad—mentally ill, insane, frantic, wildly excited.

You can be displeased, you may be hurt because of some injury or situation without holding a grudge or having a get-even spirit. Jesus was displeased with the money changers and drove them from the temple. He was angry, but did not sin.

THE SIX THEORIES OF HOLINESS

There are a number of descriptions and definitions given to explain the experience of holiness. Some call it a deeper life, heart purity, perfect love, rest of faith, total commitment, entire sanctification and Christian perfection and a number of others.

Jude 1:1 called it sanctification "To them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called." The apostle Paul gave it the same name in I Thess. 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." The apostle Peter gave it the same name in I Peter 1:2 "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you and peace, be multiplied."

Sanctification is not only an experience, but a life to live. How and when this experience is received has caused considerable difference of opinion.

I. One Work of Grace—

There are six different theories as to when and how one receives a holy heart that will permit them to enter a holy heaven. One theory is that you are saved and sanctified in one work of God's grace. That the inherited nature of man cannot be removed in this life, but just as you are terminating this life God will cleanse your heart of the carnal nature and you will enter heaven. Therefore, you will have a battle with the carnal man as long as you live. Those who advocate this theory must also support the theory that Jesus' blood does not cleanse from all sin. The original sin, or the old man, the carnal nature or whatever name you choose to call it, is the cause of sinning. I John 1:9 states "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This verse teaches us that there are two works of grace—first forgiveness and second cleansing. If the blood of Jesus Christ did not take care of all sin, it did not take care of any. First he forgave us of our sins (sins committed) and second he cleanses from all sin (sin inherited). We have never heard a preacher who advocated this theory give an invitation for sinners to be sanctified, yet they advocate that you get sanctified at the same time you get saved from sin. If a person is drowning in a lake and has gone down twice and you rescue him as he is going down the third time, you get him on shore. You have saved him from the lake. Now your next job is to get the lake out of him (the water from his lungs). So with the sinner, first you must get him out of sin and then in sanctification you get the sin out of him.

II. Holiness is Obtained from Growth—

This theory claims that you confess your sins and repent of them, and that it is an instantaneous work of grace when God pardons you of all committed sin. After that you must grow in grace and you will become sanctified or cleansed from all sin. There is no place in the scriptures that tells us that we can grow impurity out of the heart. Jesus shed His blood on Calvary to cleanse our hearts from

sin. If it were possible to grow it out of the heart, then Jesus would have died in vain. It would not have been necessary for Him to go to the cross.

If it were possible to grow into sanctification, how long does it take? Two weeks? Ten years? What happens if you die before your growth is completed?

There is growth in all states of grace. You grow in grace in a justified state and you continue to grow in a sanctified state. You will continue to grow and develop in the glorified state. When we are justified God has blotted out all our past sins, placed them in the sea of forgetfulness, never to be remembered against us. But there remains in the heart a condition referred to in the Bible as the carnal mind. Romans 8:6 "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Paul described the carnal mind in Romans 7:19, 20, 21 "For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that when I would do good, evil is present with me."

In a state of justification you grow in grace, but you do not grow into grace. You must be in the state of justification before you can grow in it. Likewise, you must receive the experience of sanctification before you can grow in it.

A person living in the state of Illinois decides to live in the state of Ohio and starts toward Ohio. There is a place where he will in one step leave the state of Illinois and enter the state of Indiana. If he stops here, he will never get to Ohio. He continues to follow the map and in time he takes one step leaving the state of Indiana and enters the state of Ohio. So with a person leaving the state of sin, he repents (turns away from sin) confesses his sin to God (acknowledges his sin), God forgives him and he is justified. If he reads his Bible, prays, walks in the light as God shows him as he attends worship services, and he grows in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matt. 5:6 tells us "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." As you pray and desire to live closer to God you will discover a need for a clean heart. This is what the Bible calls sanctification. When this experience is received, it will be a definite step from the

state of justification into the state of sanctification. As you traveled through the state of Indiana there is a place where you step from Indiana into Ohio. This is not the end. This is not where you sit down to enjoy the state of Ohio. There is a great state to explore. So with the state of sanctification, you continue to grow and receive many blessings and experiences. You continue to grow in the grace of sanctification and develop in your Christian experience.

III. Sanctified at the Time of Death—

There are those who advocate that you are sanctified at the time of death. If this be the case, then Jesus' death was not necessary. If death can sanctify, there was no need for Christ to shed His blood on Calvary.

If no one can be sanctified in this life, to whom was St. Jude writing? Jude 1:1 "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called." He certainly was not telling dead people in the local cemetery to contend for the faith.

IV. Sanctification After Death—

There is another teaching that sanctification takes place after death. This is a sort of post-mortem theory that takes place in purgatory. This word is not found anywhere in the whole Bible. If we are to be cleansed from all sin after death, who will know when it takes place? Since the theory requires prayers to deliver the person from this state, how will those praying know when to stop praying?

I John 1:9 states "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." If the Lord can forgive us of our sins and then cleanse us from all unrighteousness in this life, why should it be necessary to go through the process of a so-called purgatory after death?

V. Imputed Holiness—

This theory teaches that the Lord forgives you of your sins, but that it is impossible to live above sin. This theory teaches that since Christ died for your sins and He was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven that He stands between God and man. Since Jesus is holy and He stands between God and man, when God looks at man he

cannot see man's sin because of the holiness of Christ who stands between us and God. He is our advocate. The scripture used to support their teaching is Romans 3:23. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." This scripture states that "all have sinned;" it does not say "all do sin." This scripture says everyone has been a sinner and, by the grace of God, Jesus redeemed us from sin. In Matt. 1:21 it says that "thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Note that it says "save from their sins." It does not say "in their sins."

Note in I John 2:1, 2 "My little children, these things write I unto you, (why?) that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

You can see that God does not expect you to continue in sin, but if, for any reason, you fail and do sin in a moment of weakness, you have an advocate and all you need to do is call on Him. He is our go-between. He is not standing in front of God so that God cannot see you, thus permitting you to live in sin. The scripture says that Stephen saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:56). Another scripture in Colossians 3:1 tells us that Christ is sitting on the right hand of God. Jesus never permits anyone to sin. To accept a theory that Jesus would stand between a person who was committing sin so as to keep God from seeing his wickedness would be to say that Jesus Christ the Son of the eternal God would look His Heavenly Father in the face and tell a lie. That would be acting a lie. By such action He would be saying "Father, he is holy" when He knew he was not. This theory advocates that Jesus would deceive the Father into believing a sinner was holy. The scripture states Jesus is sitting on the right hand of God making intercession for us. No place in the scriptures does it indicate He is standing in front of the Father. Be sure that God is always looking directly at us.

Romans 14:12 declares "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." There will be no cover up. Listen to Rev. 20:12 "I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead

were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

To advocate this theory is to say that if one once confesses his sins, he can never be lost, that he is eternally secure. Yet the father of the prodigal son said, "My son which was lost is found. He was dead, but is alive." All the time he was away from home the father said he was lost. Yes, he was a son, but a lost son. The 16th chapter of Luke tells us of a rich man in hell who called Abraham father and he called him son. But that son was in hell and his father Abraham said there was a great gulf to keep anyone from crossing. He was a son, but he was still in hell. Only holy people are going to heaven.

VI. Christian Perfection—

This theory advocates that a person can be forgiven of all sins committed and thus be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. He has a changed life and discontinues the practice of sin. II Cor. 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." This persuasion believes that after the sins practiced are forgiven there remains in the heart of man a carnal state which needs to be eradicated or cleansed out of the heart in order to make one holy. I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The verse declares there is a forgiveness and then a cleansing which make two distinct works of grace by the act of God in the heart of man. The theory claims that the first work is regeneration or justification which forgives sins. This is a pardon for all sins committed. Sanctification cleanses the heart of all inherited sin and gives the believer power to live above sin and the ability not to sin.

CHRISTIAN PERFECTION—WHAT IS IT?

First, let us see whether the Bible teaches that it is possible to be perfect in this life. There are a number of different names given to Christian perfection. Some call it holiness; others call it perfect love, a deeper life, heart purity, total commitment, filled with the Spirit, sanctification, baptism of the Spirit and many others.

Let us look at the scriptures for the answers. Jesus

said in Matt. 5:48 "Be ye therefore PERFECT, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Would Jesus command us to be something that we could not be? Gen. 17:1 "The Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect." We see that God required perfection in the Old Testament the same as He does in the New Testament. The Old Testament believers looked to the coming of Christ and the cross while New Testament believers look back at the cross and the shed blood.

God spoke to Moses in Lev. 20:7, 8 "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you." Notice in these verses God has told Moses to be holy and also states that He sanctified him.

II Cor. 13:11 states "Be PERFECT, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." Here again the scriptures admonish us to be perfect. Psalms 37:37 states "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace."

Why does God want His people to be perfect? II Tim. 3:17 "That the man of God may be PERFECT, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Let us now look at the Word of God to determine whether there were any perfect men in the Bible. Gen. 6:9 "Noah was a just man and PERFECT in his generations, and Noah walked with God." God said Noah was perfect. Let's turn to Job 1:1. "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was PERFECT and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed (or stayed away from) evil." Also in the 8th verse of that chapter the Lord told the devil that Job was perfect.

Let us look at the Word of God and see whether it is God's will or desire for us to be perfect, or to be made holy, or to be sanctified. Jude 1:1 "Jude the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are SANCTIFIED by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called." Here are some folks who were sanctified in the New Testament. It must have been God's wishes that they be sanctified.

I Thess. 4:3, 4 "For this is the WILL of God, even our sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour." This verse states very plainly that it is God's will.

WHAT IS SANCTIFICATION

Let us go to the dictionary for the answer where Webster says "sanctification is to make sacred, to make holy, to make free from sin, to cleanse from moral corruption and pollution and to purify." In checking the Imperial Dictionary we note it says "to set apart for a holy and sacred or religious use, to purify in order to prepare for divine use, to purify from sin, to make holy." In checking the American Encyclopedia we found that sanctification means "to make holy, to set apart, to purify from sin." Referring to the Standard Dictionary, it states "to make holy, to render sacred, morally or spiritually pure, cleansed from sin." And finally let us look at the Century Dictionary "Sanctification is to make holy or clean, to purify or make free from sin." Each and every one state that sanctification is to be free from sin, to be made holy. Refer to I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, AND to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Note that there is first a forgiveness of our sins and then a cleansing from all unrighteousness.

SEVEN STEPS TO ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION

1. INSTRUMENTALITY (Sanctified by the WORD)

The Word of God is the instrument which God uses to inform us of our need for sanctification. Romans 6:12 declares "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof." It also warns us of the results if we neglect to obey the Word on the subject. Romans 8:6 "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." The Word convicts us of the need for sanctification.

2. AUTHORITATIVELY (Sanctified by GOD)

I Thess. 4:3 "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication." We see that it is the will of God and therefore He authorizes it.

3. MERITORIOUSLY (Sanctified by the BLOOD)

Jesus Christ shed His blood to save His people from their sins. He also shed His blood to cleanse us from all sin. Hebrews 13:12 states (Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Also in Hebrews 9:22 "And almost all things are by law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." It was necessary for the Lamb of God, the spotless Son of God to be the lamb without blemish to be sacrificed and shed His blood that we might be sanctified. David said in Psalms 51:7 "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me and I shall be whiter than snow." The reason for David's plea was that snow is the type of carnality. At the heart of every snowflake is a particle of dirt. Regardless of how white it may seem, when you melt snow you will find a tiny piece of dirt that contaminates the flake. So regardless of how well we have been saved from the acts of sin, there remains the inbred sin in the heart that we inherited from Adam and which must be cleansed from the heart. First we are pardoned of our acts of sin. Then the blood cleanses from the sin we inherited, or the cleansing of the carnal mind.

4. Sanctified by the ALTAR

The altar is the place where the sacrifice is brought to offer to God. Romans 12:1 says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." The altar is the place where we come to give our gift of self and place it on the altar for God to use as He sees fit. Before we can do this we must have everything clear between God and our fellowman. Matt. 5:23, 24 "Therefore if thou bring thy gift (which is yourself) to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." The gift or sacrifice was always spotless or without blemish, and God has asked us to present ourselves a living sacrifice HOLY, without reservations.

5. Sanctify YOURSELF

Let us read Leviticus 20:7, 8 "Sanctify yourselves

therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you." Here is where we place ourselves on the altar. Here is where God comes first. Our own priorities become second to God's. This is where all our ambitions must become ashes on the altar if necessary. Here is the place where our desires must go up in smoke. Here is the place we put all our possessions in God's hands. This is the end of the line for self. Sanctifying yourself is like joining the armed forces of our country. When you sign on the line you become government issue. You go where you are told, you come when you are told, you do what you are told. If you are to stand guard duty in the rain, snow, sleet or hail you answer "Yes, sir." If you are told to polish shoes, wash dishes or mop floors, you say, "Yes, sir" and start doing it. This is unconditional surrender to the will of the government. Sanctification is unconditional surrender to the whole will of God. This is sanctifying self or crucifying self that you might do the whole will of God.

6. Sanctified by FAITH

Faith cannot work unless the above-mentioned things take place. Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Verse 6 says without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is unquestionable belief without requiring proof. We are not sanctified by feeling, nor are we sanctified by some emotional feeling or experience. When we require a sign, a feeling, it is not faith. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. God gives the Holy Spirit to them that obey Him, feeling or no feeling, signs or no signs. Listen to Acts 5:32 "We are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." So we are sanctified by faith through obedience.

7. EFFECTIVELY (Sanctified by the HOLY GHOST)

When we have met every scriptural condition of total surrender, the Holy Spirit will come into the heart and take complete possession. Romans 6:6 "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." To be crucified is not a holding down—it is an eradication pro-

cess. It is not **keeping under**—it is a removal. It is death to self. Romans 15:16 refers to “being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.” Being effectively sanctified by faith is being in the place where you turn over your past, present and future to God and the Holy Spirit comes in to dwell and you become affected by the Holy Spirit for He lives and acts through you.

PERFECTION

In another section we referred to holiness as perfection. Jesus commanded us to be perfect. Matt. 5:48 states “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” God also commanded Abram to be perfect. Gen. 17:1 “The Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.” Psalms 37:37 “Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.” There are five kinds of perfection mentioned in the Bible:

I. ABSOLUTE PERFECTION

This kind of perfection pertains to God, and God alone.

II. EDEN PERFECTION

This is the kind of perfection that only Adam and Eve had before the fall in the garden of Eden. They were perfect in every way, perfect bodies, perfect health, perfect memory, perfect understanding, their hearts were perfect, their motives were perfect. Gen. 1:27 “God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

III. ANGELIC PERFECTION

Angels are created beings and anything God created He made perfect. Only angels have angelical perfection.

IV. RESURRECTION PERFECTION

This is a perfection which comes with our glorified bodies. This is a perfection God will give to all His children when they walk the streets of transparent gold with a body that will never know pain or sorrow, no tears or discouragement. This is perfection that is in the future for the Christian.

V. CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

This perfection is available to every child of God, and is

a state of grace required by God for every one of His children. A person who is sanctified has been delivered from the carnal nature. If the carnal nature is removed, then how could a person sin? The same as Adam and Eve sinned—through their human nature. Adam and Eve had no carnal nature, but they did have a human nature through which Satan tempted them. God had told them “of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” (Gen. 2:17) God permitted them to eat of every tree except the tree of knowledge that stood in the midst of the garden.

THE FIRST TEMPTATION

Satan said unto the woman (Gen. 3:1) “Hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” Eve said, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.” (Gen. 3:2, 3) In the fourth verse Satan put on the pressure “Ye shall not surely die” and verse 5 Satan gives her the reason “God doth know that in the day that ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” Notice how Satan appealed to her desire for knowledge; he aroused her curiosity to learn what it would be like to be like gods. Notice how Satan appealed to her reasoning, her desire, her curiosity, and now to her eyes, her imagination and how good it must taste. Satan plants the seed of doubt about God telling the truth. “You will not surely die.” Then she touched, tasted and fell into sin, all through the human traits. This is the way a sanctified person can be tempted and fall after having the carnal nature eradicated.

Jesus was both human and divine; He was tempted of the devil just as we are, yet without sin. He was not tempted through carnal nature for He had none. He was tempted through his human nature. Luke Chapter 4 tells us that Jesus was tempted forty days by the devil. He was fasting all that time, his body was weak and He was hungry. Satan tempted Him through His reasoning for food. He said, “Satisfy your hunger, you are God’s Son,

creator of the world. What is wrong with creating something to eat. After all you have not had a bite to eat for forty days." Then Satan takes Him to a high mountain and shows Him the whole world and all its kingdoms. "You are to be the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Just fall down and worship me and you can have it." Note he appeals to Him to avoid suffering on the cross and offers a quick way to obtain it. He appeals to his reasoning, his desire, his imagination. Then he takes Him up to Jerusalem, sets him on a pinnacle of the temple and told him to jump off. "The angels will catch you. The Bible said they would. When the Jews see that, the whole world will fall at your feet." Satan always appealed to Jesus' humanity by misquoting scripture or taking it out of context to tempt Him to disobey the Father.

With the sanctified person the old man is crucified. Romans 6:6 "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Romans 6:12 "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."

Joshua crossed the Jordan and destroyed the Canaanites, but the Gibeonites he spared to be their servants. The Canaanites are the type of carnality (the trouble makers); the Gibeonites are a type of the human nature—it must be kept under control lest it become your ruler and not your servant. Paul said in I Cor. 9:27 "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Paul was sanctified, yet he had to keep the body or humanity under control lest he sin.

MAN BEFORE THE FALL

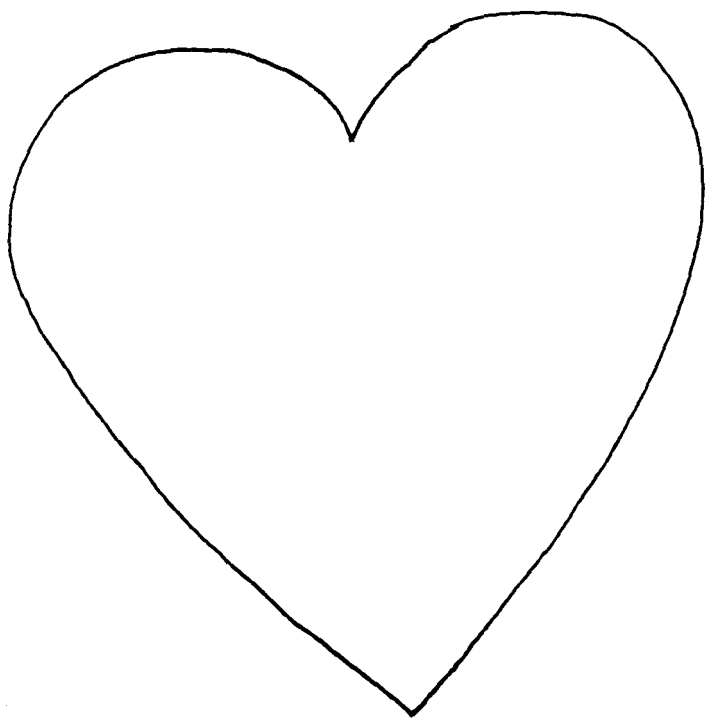
Gen. 1:26, 27 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them." Man was created in the image of God, placed in a perfect environment with perfect memory, perfect judgment, without evil desires, without evil

thoughts, with perfect health, without sin, with the power of choice and with perfect understanding.

Gen. 2:9 "Out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Gen. 2:16, 17 "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." These words were spoken directly to Adam before Eve was created, In creation God spoke directly to Adam. In Gen. 2:18 the Lord said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him."

ADAM AND EVE BEFORE THE FALL

Adam and Eve before the fall were holy, without blame, pure in heart, without sin, walking in creative light, living in a perfect environment, with perfect memory, perfect health, etc. They were created in the image and likeness of God. They were free moral agents with the ability to choose. They had creative light. That is where God talked to them directly. God commanded them not to eat of the tree in the midst of the garden lest they die. They were not told that they could not eat, but that they should not eat, and the penalty for eating would be death. (Gen. 3:3)



THE WOMAN DECEIVED

I Tim. 2:14 "Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." Adam had told Eve about the tree, and that it was off limits. Satan makes his appearance to Eve. Gen. 3:1-6 "Now the serpent was more subtil (delicately suggestive, sly, capable of making fine distinctions) than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" (Note how he drew her attention to that one tree.) "And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

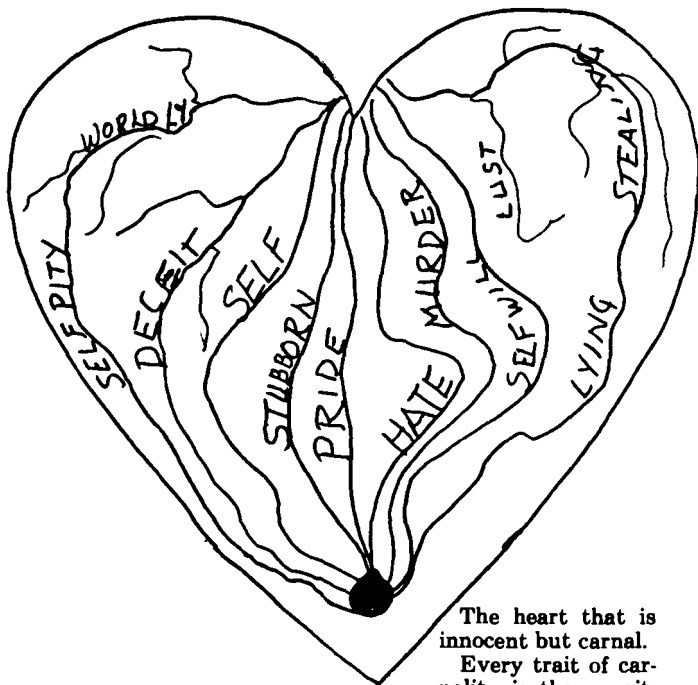
THE SUBTLE MANNER OF SATAN

Adam and Eve were holy, they knew no sin. There was no carnal nature. But they had a human nature, they had a free will, they were capable of making a choice. Satan used their human nature to tempt them as he does a sanctified person.

Satan used temptation by conversation (talkative people can get themselves into trouble with their tongues). Satan tried to twist the Word of God. In verse 4 Satan plants the seed of doubt of God's truthfulness. Then he suggests that God is holding out on her. Satan's next step was to get her to look at it. Then he informed her she would know a lot more. Here he appeals to her intellect—nothing wrong with a good education. Notice how Satan appealed to her human nature. First he got her talking, then he attacked her reasoning, then to her eyes, then to her appetite. It was good for food and to make her smart. She ate and gave to Adam. Adam saw her eat it and it didn't kill

her, so he took of it and ate also. Their eyes were opened and they died spiritually. They willfully disobeyed God.

From that day every person who has been born into this world came in with a fallen nature, with a rebellious spirit against God.



The heart that is innocent but carnal.

Every trait of carnality is there waiting to spring forth in an act of sin.

MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD

When man fell in the garden, he died spiritually. Paul said in Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death." When Adam sinned he passed the penalty of sin, which is death, to all his posterity. Romans 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Everyone born into this world has been born after the image of Adam, not God.

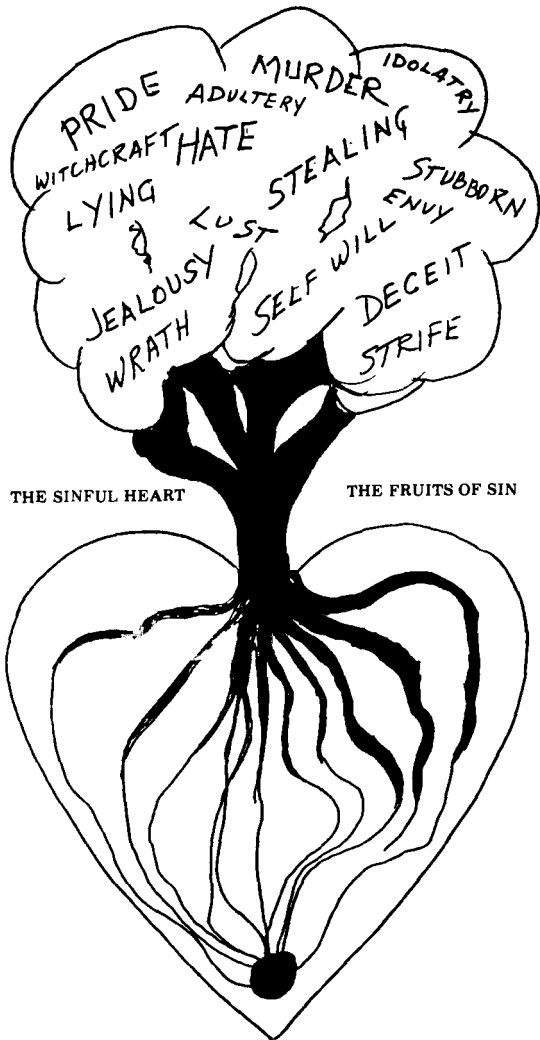
Man is born into this world with a fallen nature, bent to sin. He has a free will to choose right or wrong. He has the power of choice.

Man is not in the image of God. God is holy. Man is in the image of Adam. Gen. 5:3 "And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image." He has a warped, disfigured image of God because of the sin of his forefather. His judgment is faulty. His physical body starts to die the minute he is born. He has a defective memory, is slow to understand, unsound emotionally, has faulty reasoning, lacks knowledge and is uncertain in attitude all because of the fall of Adam.

When a child is born into this world he or she is innocent, but carnal. Children are born with every trait of sin. Some manifest their carnal state before others. Usually a child will lie before it can talk. He will manifest self-will, he will demand attention, he will attempt to run the house from the cradle. He will become angry, he will deceive by lying. He will disturb the peace if he doesn't have his own way. For example, he lies there crying like his little heart will break. You check him out, he is not wet, nothing is sticking him, but he continues to scream. You step over to the crib, slip your hands under him and as soon as he feels you lifting him up, he becomes quiet, looks at you and smiles. He has conquered. He has won the first round in running the house and controlling everyone in it. That's the carnal nature. That's the old man in the little man. If he is permitted to get away with it at three months, he will be uncontrollable at sixteen. The baby is innocent, but the carnal is already manifesting itself with its selfish demands.

AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

When does a child become accountable? When he knows when he is doing wrong and does it anyway. Some people have the mistaken idea that a child must be twelve years old before he is accountable. This is not true. You become accountable when you know it is wrong. Sin is the willful transgression of the laws of God. I John 3:4 "Who-soever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." When we know something is wrong and we do it, it is sin. Let us give you an example of the difference between innocence and sin. A little fellow sees his mother baking cookies. He wants one. His mother stops him and says no. She places them up where he cannot reach them. Now he gets a chair, pushes it over and climbs up to get a cookie. His mother slaps his hand and says no, then places the cookies out of his sight and reach. He is innocent. Now he becomes ten years old. The same scene takes place, his mother said no, she did not move the cookies. The phone rings, mother goes into the other room to answer. The ten-year old took a quick look, grabbed a handful and went outside to eat them. This fellow sinned. He knew better. He was disobedient. He sinned. It's not what we don't know that bothers us, it's what we do know.



THE WORKS OF THE FLESH
(Or Fruits of the Carnal Mind)

- ADULTERY** . . . Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married man and a woman not his wife, or between a married woman and a man not her husband.
- FORNICATION** . . . Voluntary sexual intercourse between an unmarried woman and an unmarried man.
- UNCLEANNES** . . . Expression of lust or lewd, tending to excite lustful desires, sexually loose or unrestrained.
- IDOLATRY** . . . Anything that comes before God, worship of idols.
- WITCHCRAFT** . . . Practicing the power of Satan, spiritism.
- HATRED** . . . A strong feeling of dislike, ill will.
- VARIANCE** . . . To differ, always taking the opposite side.
- WRATH** . . . Intense anger, rage, vengeance.
- STRIFE** . . . The act or state of fighting, or breaking up friendship, wrangling over small matters.
- SEDITIONS** . . . Trouble makers, stirring up trouble.
- HERESIES** . . . Rejecting parts of the Bible.
- ENVYING** . . . Dislike for someone who has something that you want, feeling ill will because of the advantage of another, jealousy.
- MURDER** . . . The unlawful and malicious killing of another person. There are many ways to kill a person—destroy their reputation, etc.
- DRUNKENNESS** . . . Overcome by alcohol to the point of losing control, drunk with power, etc.
- REVELING** . . . Making a noisy celebration with much pleasure.
- STUBBORN** . . . Refusing to yield, unreasonable resistance.
- LUST** . . . Unrestrained gratification, excessive sexual desires.

- GOSSIP . . .** One who repeats idle talk or rumors about the private affairs of others.
- EVIL THOUGHTS . . .** Including imagination. Thinking how one can get even. To have a mind filled with lust and filth.
- DECEIT . . .** Making up a story to deceive, lying.
- EVIL EYE . . .** Looking to lust.
- DEBATE . . .** Argue, to fight, to contend for your views.
- BLASPHEMY . . .** Cursing, mocking or making fun of sacred things, irreverent, disrespect to holy things.
- PRIDE . . .** An over high opinion of ones self, feeling above others, too high opinion of ones family, education, position, ability, talents, looks or dress.
- MALICIOUSNESS . . .** Spiteful, intentionally mischievous or harmful, to humiliate someone, to annoy or have evil feelings toward another.
- MALIGNITY . . .** Intense ill will or a desire to harm another, intense hate, dangerous.
- WHISPERERS . . .** Telling rumors in so-called secret, a mouth intended to discredit true or false.
- BACKBITERS . . .** To speak maliciously about an absent person, to slander.
- HATERS OF GOD . . .** Having ill will toward God, strong feelings of dislike for God.
- DESPITEFUL . . .** To insult, to look down upon, to reject, to mock, to have contempt of someone.
- BOASTERS . . .** To be vainly proud, to brag.
- INVENTORS OF EVIL . . .** A creator of evil, the power to imagine a different way to sin.
- DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS . . .** Failure to obey orders, refusing to take instructions, refusing to be guided, defy authority.
- WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING . . .** Without sympathy,

without compassion, unable to grasp facts, lack of ability to learn, without discernment.

COVENANT BREAKERS . . . Not keeping agreements, unreliable, not keeping your word.

WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTIONS . . . Unnatural emotional state, feelings toward others that are not normal.

IMPLACABLE . . . Cannot be satisfied, harsh, stubborn, cannot be moved, influenced or persuaded.

UNMERCIFUL . . . Unkind, unforgiving, uncharitable.

STEALING . . . To take another's personal property without his permission.

JEALOUSY . . . Resentful, suspicious of a rival, envious.

COVETOUSNESS . . . Desiring something that belongs to another person, greedy.

RAILING . . . To speak bitterly, to complain violently, to speak reproachfully.

CLAMOR . . . To complain or demand noisily.

EXTORTIONER . . . To get money by misuse of authority, or by threat, or overcharge in selling.

REVILER . . . To use abusive or contemptuous language, to call bad names.

INSOLENT . . . Boldly disrespectful in speech, overbearing.

SWELLING . . . A person who is strikingly stylish in dress.

SORCERY . . . Use of evil supernatural power, witchcraft, black magic, charms, evil influence.

HAUGHTY . . . Proud, contempt for others, scorn for others, lofty.

THE SINNER

The moment we know right from wrong and disobey the known law of God, we become willful sinners. James

2:10 Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law." We are born in sin. Psalms 51:5 "Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." There is no one who is good enough to get to heaven on his own works. Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." I John 1:8 said "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin is death." When we commit our first sin the whole life is effected. Sin dominates our lives. Jesus said in Matt. 7:16 "Ye shall know them by their fruits." The fruits of sin manifest themselves in the lives of sinners—pride, selfishness, stubbornness, hate, malice, murder, stealing, strife, lying and a host of others.

There is deliverance from every sin. Jesus Christ came into the world to save us from (not in) our sins. Everyone needs to be saved from the penalty of sin. There is only one way. That is through Jesus Christ the Son of God. Church membership cannot get you a ticket through the gates of pearl. Confirmation will not get you a title to a mansion in heaven. Baptism will not give you a key to the gates of the eternal city of gold.

Your good works are like filthy rags. Isaiah 64:6 "We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Ephesians 2:8, 9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast."

No priest, rabbi or preacher can get you into heaven. There is only one way. I Timothy 2:5 "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

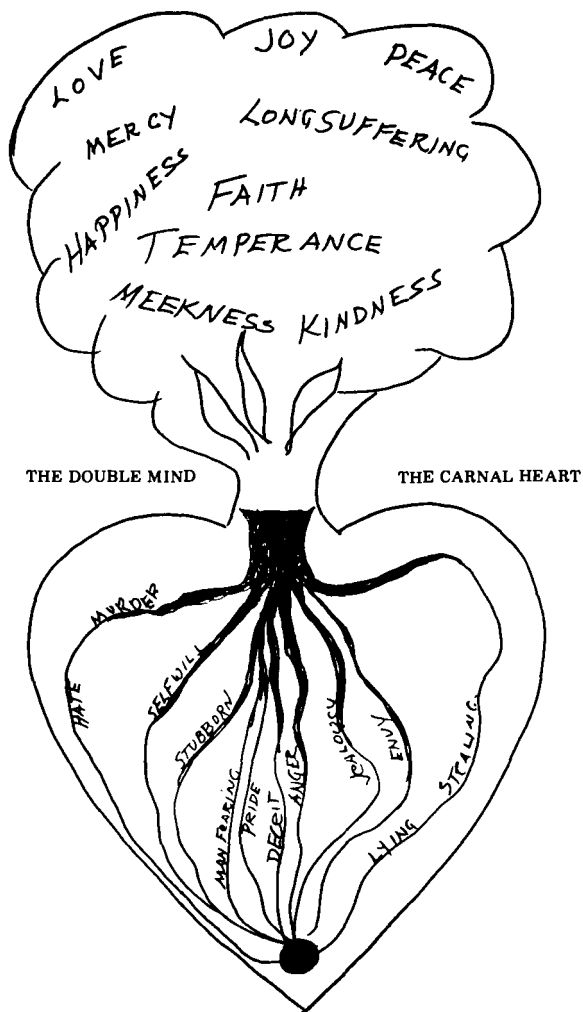
WHOSOEVER MAY COME

Rev. 3:20 "Behold I (JESUS) stand at the door, and knock: if any man (or woman) hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him (or her)."

I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all

unrighteousness." II Timothy 2:19 "Let every one that names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

How can we be saved from sin? We must feel a godly sorrow for our sins. That means we regret that we have sinned. II Cor. 7:10 "Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation." This leads to repentance which means to turn from your sins. When we are sorry that we did something, we quit doing it. Next we confess, or acknowledge our sins to God and make restitution for sins where necessary or possible. Now we are in a place where we can ask God to pardon our sins and promise God that we will discontinue the practice of known sin. This will bring us onto believing ground that we can accept salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Because He is the one who took our place on the cross, died and arose and is at the right hand of God waiting to pardon us for every sin regardless of what it is. When we believe this with all our hearts we are saved by faith. Go and sin no more.



THE SAVED OR JUSTIFIED MAN

The justified man is saved from his sins. He is a new person. II Cor. 5:17 "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." You are a different person. Why? Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Here you see a new person, he has quit practicing known sin. He has been born into the family of God. He lives different, his desires are different. He has made a right about face in his life. He is no more a slave to his habits and lusts and former ambitions. He is now living a holy life free from sin. God has forgiven him of every sin he has ever committed, but he has that nature with which he was born. The Bible has various names for it. It is described as the old man, the double mind, the sin that doth so easily beset us, the root of bitterness and others.

The reason is that we have two natures now, one warring against the other, Paul described it well in Romans 7:19-23. "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin (carnality) that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringeth me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." You have been forgiven, you love to do the will of God, but that nature you were born with keeps coming up demanding to have its own way, and you must constantly wage a war to keep it suppressed. This spirit tries to defeat you in serving the Lord. This is the same spirit that worked in the baby who wanted its own way. Some of these traits will try to take over to defeat you: envying, hatred, jealousy, covetousness, impatience, unkindness, whispering or gossip, boasting, pride, evil thinking, deceit and others. These are traits of inherited sin—the sin you were born with. Since it is not a sin that you have committed, God cannot forgive you for it. That is why Jesus came to this earth to shed His blood to cleanse you from this sin. I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to

cleanse us from all unrighteousness." First he forgives us. Then he cleanses us from all unrighteousness. He forgives then cleanses from inherited sin.

I John 3:8, 9 "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. What were these works? The sin he caused when he persuaded Adam and Eve that they would not die if they disobeyed God and causing all the human race to be born with inherited sin. The blood cleanses the heart from the carnal nature, making you free from all sin and giving you victory over sin.

James 1:8 says "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." James 4:8 "Cleansę your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." Note, he is telling the sinner to clean up his outward sins and then he tells him to get a pure heart. First a cleansing, then a purifying.

Note the heart chart. The sins have been confessed and forsaken, the tree has been cut down, but the roots are still there. A new tree or new life is growing, but unless the stump is removed it will hinder the growth of the tree and fruit. If we want to live a victorious life, we must surrender our wills to God that He may remove the carnal nature and fill the heart with the Holy Spirit.



THE CARNAL NATURE ERADICATED OR CLEANSED FROM SIN

HUMAN TRAITS

Human traits must be controlled or they will control the Christian. Human traits can spoil your influence; they can hurt your Christian testimony. They can hinder the work of God. To control human traits Christians may find it necessary to readjust their lives and discipline themselves severely to overcome some of their human traits.

WHAT ARE HUMAN TRAITS?

CURIOSITY . . . The human trait that caused Adam and Eve to fall in the garden of Eden. Curiosity is not sinful in itself. It caused us to invent electricity, the automobile, etc. Channeled in the wrong way can cause one to become a drug addict or an alcoholic.

TALKATIVE . . . We should all be good conversationalists, but often a good conversation can lead into gossip, filthy talking, jesting that is not convenient. We need to keep our tongues under control. James 1:26 says "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's (or woman's) religion is vain." Keep your tongue sanctified.

CREDULITY . . . Believing everything without sufficient evidence. Gullible people are easy marks for false doctrine. They accept everything as truth that is only half truth. They become gossip peddlers. Often the enemy will get sanctified people to repeat something that they are not sure is truth.

QUICK SPOKEN . . . Speaking on impulse and expressing an opinion is not always wise. The Devil is always there to get the person to defend himself, to get him into a discussion which leads to an argument. Be sure your brain is in gear before you start your mouth and tongue operating.

TECHNICAL . . . It is fine to be doing things right.

Some are perfectionists who want everything perfect. They become a trial to others who are unable to meet their standards. We need to beware lest this trait cause the wrong attitude toward others. We need to read Matt. 23:24 "Those which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel."

ASSERTIVENESS . . . Dogmatic, emphatic. These are people who have the attitude that they are right until proven wrong. They have a disposition that needs adjusting to live a sanctified life. They will accept stubbornness from the devil for noncompromising even at the cost of souls, or a church split.

HASTINESS . . . Some people are inclined to always be in a hurry. They get things done, but often without the best results. They are usually careless and sometimes reckless. They may destroy more than necessary. Their slogan is "the King's business requires haste." They need to stop, look and listen before they start. This human trait must be brought under control otherwise they cause friction.

INDUSTRIOUS . . . It's good to be busy. God uses this type person. This is the trait that gets things done. But we need to keep this trait under control lest it rob us of our prayer life, our devotion. The enemy will use this human trait to make us neglect our devotional life and move God into second place in our life. Ministers and Christian workers can become so busy doing the Lord's work that they neglect to have a conference regularly with the Lord to get directions.

AMBITION . . . God has no lazy people. Ambition is a wonderful human trait. It creates visions, makes goals to shoot for. Without this trait you will fail, but it must be kept under control. It wants you to get to the top, to be a success and, if not controlled, it will possess you. Many a person one time owned a business, but ambition caused the business to own them at the cost of spiritual life.

LAZY . . . Some people can find a million excuses for not working. Lazy people seldom become spiritual Chris-

tians. They are always trying to find an easy way out. Sometimes this trait is taught them by their parents. They have always been around those who never get around to doing anything. People with this trait will need to acquire motivation and get busy.

DILATORINESS . . . This is a human trait that takes much self discipline. These people never do today what can be put off until tomorrow. They neglect to pray, postpone reading the Bible. They are always late wherever they are going; they wait until the last minute to do everything. Start five minutes earlier and you will overcome this trait.

IRRESPONSIBLE . . . They don't mean to neglect their responsibility, but they make plans without considering their commitments, never thinking to notify the other person. They never consider the inconvenience they have caused. They cannot be depended upon to keep their words. People with this trait need to guard against being dishonest. Often a few sincere apologies will break this habit.

INCONSTANCY . . . This human trait is very close to being irresponsible; it will cause people to be as changeable as the weather. It has a way of keeping the person unsettled. They jump from one thing to another and can't get their feet settled on the ground. They have a tendency to jump from one job to another, one church to another. The grass is always greener in the other fellow's yard. This type Christian usually lacks depth, lacks earnestness in serving the Lord. It must be conquered or it creates chronic faultfinders or church bosses.

CARELESSNESS . . . Webster says the word means: untidy, untroubled, carefree, indifferent, neglectful. Carelessness is a human trait often caused by parents. It is inexcusable for a Christian to be careless. This trait will destroy the testimony. Professors of holiness with a yard cluttered with junk, and grass and weeds knee deep disgrace not only the neighborhood but also the cause of God. Sloppy, unkempt clothes and hair do

not speak well for the gospel. Neither does a person dressed well and driving a good car with a house in shambles inside create a good testimony for Christ. A dirty, careless housekeeper is a poor witness for the Lord.

IMAGINATION . . . Creative, to form a mental image as if it were actually present. We need a good imagination in order to win souls, to build churches. However, this most valuable human trait must be controlled. The devil will also use the imagination to cause trouble causing people to imagine someone doesn't like them, that things are happening that are not. It causes you to cross bridges that you will never cross. It must be kept under control lest it cause you to get into deep waters.

SLOWNESS . . . This human trait may be caused by some physical defect or it may be caused by a lack of energy. A person with a hasty trait becomes a problem to this type. They never get excited. They will eventually get it done—but it may require patience. This type needs to prod themselves.

FORGETFULNESS . . . Here is another human trait which may be caused by something physical. Old age makes people forgetful. A lack of interest makes you forget. This can be overcome to a great degree by keeping a paper and pencil in your pocket to make notes.

EMOTIONS . . . Everyone is emotional in different ways. We all laugh and cry. We have our moods. Discouragement is a demonstration of emotion. Depression, physical fear, even anger are forms of emotion. Some emotions can be controlled, others need to be expressed and some may require medical help.

APPETITES . . . Everyone gets hungry. Here is something else which needs to be kept under control. The devil wants us to eat and get fat, then we will be too tired carrying around the excess weight to do anything for the Lord. There are many kinds of appetites, but all of them must be kept under, whether it be food, or whatever.

These are a few of the human traits which are not sinful in themselves, but that the devil will use on the sanctified soul in an unguarded moment to persuade him that it is the right thing to do, or say, to your regret later.

OBTAINING SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is both an experience and a life to live. It is obtained by obedience to God. The Bible says that He gives the Holy Spirit to them that obey Him. Again, there are many titles given to this state of grace: sanctification, deeper life, Christian perfection, total surrender, full surrender, baptism with the Holy Ghost and others.

To obtain this experience we must be saved from our sins. We must be walking in all the light that we have. We have quit practicing known sin. Romans 6:6 "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Notice that the body of sin is destroyed. Why? That we should not serve sin. Romans 6:12 says "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."

We receive this heart cleansing when we come to God confessing our need for a pure heart. Acknowledge that in the heart there is a nature which you must continually suppress and hold down that, if not controlled, will cause you to sin. Sometimes it is anger, sometimes it is impatience, other times it is pride, perhaps it is jealousy, stubbornness or something else. Satan always attacks the weakest point.

Ask God to cleanse your heart from this contaminated carnal nature. His Word declares that in the day we seek with all our hearts He will answer.

Whole surrender means your priorities are what God wants. His will is my will. You are enlisting in God's army for life. That means you have become the sole property of God. You go where you are told to go, do what you are told to do, stay as long as He says. This is unconditional surrender. When you submit yourself spirit, soul and body to God, He will come in and take complete control of your life.

Sometimes people get the mistaken idea that sanctification is just two trips to an altar of prayer. Sanctification is a life—the beginning of a new life free from sin. Holiness

is a state of grace where you grow in Christian experience, where you mature and learn how to live closer to the Lord. You increase in knowledge, your communication with the Lord is deeper and your knowledge of His Word becomes richer.

You will not be free from temptation. There is no experience this side of heaven that makes you free from temptations, but you will have power over them. You will always have tests and trials. This is the way the Lord uses to make us strong. You will not be faultless, out you will be blameless for God looks on the heart. However, we must work on our faults to eliminate them from our lives. You will still make mistakes, but you must be quick to admit them and correct them. We will have a faulty memory, so why not carry a pad and pencil to make notes to jog our memory.

Human traits are not sinful if they are kept in control. Paul said, "I keep my body under." It is natural to put off something that we do not like to do. But if we are in control, we will do the difficult-to-do thing first and get it out of the way.

The difference between the human and the carnal is that the carnal caused you to commit your very first sin. It is something you were born with; it is rebellion against God. It cannot be controlled. It flares up when you are not expecting it, sometimes in a sharp cutting word or a hair-trigger temper, an explosion of anger. The carnal nature must be eradicated by the Holy Spirit.

Your human nature has to do with your personality, your individuality, your particularities, your qualities, your faults. We must work constantly on human traits to keep them under control and to eliminate them. Example: Some people are naturally slow. It takes forever to get them to do something. Someone else will have it done while he is getting ready to do it. Some people are curious, inquisitive almost to the point of being nosey. Dilatory—have you ever met him? His motto seems to be "never do today what can be put off until tomorrow." Some of these traits are learned from their parents. We must conquer these traits which will hinder our Christian experience. Just because your mother was a sloppy housekeeper doesn't mean you have to be one. Just because your father

would not keep the house and yard looking nice is no reason that you as a Christian need to live in a dump. It should be an incentive to have a better life. Work on your human traits. Your personal appearance exposes your traits. If you are a Christian, look like one, dress like one, act like one, talk like one. The carnal nature can be eradicated from the heart. The human nature must be controlled and any part that will hinder your Christian influence or growth must be altered.

A diamond in the rough must be cut, parts must be chipped off, then it must be polished. It takes much work and patience to bring out the brilliance of the gem. So with a sinner. There is a lot of chipping and polishing to bring out the finished product. Some have been living in a Christian home under godly influence. Their background is different from the one born in the slums and educated in the gutter. It takes time to refine the gold that is there.

The secret of living a consistent Christian life is to have good communications with the Father. Take time to pray. Take time to read your Bible. Read it with your dictionary. Often we think we know what a word means. Look it up—it might surprise you. Many Biblical terms are explained in these pages. John 5:39 states "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."