

THE CONFLICT OF THE TWO NATURES

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The Cause of the Conflict

All the lost (flesh) are under the LAW

Rom. 3: 19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are **under the law**: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Rom. 7:15-22 Paul admitted struggles in the flesh after 25 years (**BOLD** is added by Pastor Arnold)

"For we know that the law is spiritual: (**The Law is perfect-nothing wrong with it**) but I am carnal, (**fleshly minded**) sold under sin. (**The old nature was born in sin, lives under the dominance of sin, and dies in sin**) (**Here is what I've done**)¹⁵ For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. (**I do things wrong that I didn't want to do**)¹⁶ If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good.¹⁷ Now then it is no more I (**in my new birth**) that do it, but sin (**my old nature from my old birth**) that dwelleth in me.¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.¹⁹ For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.²⁰ Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.²¹ I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me."

Gal. 5:16-21 God has not removed the old nature or improved it.

Nor has God taken away anybody's sinful desires.

"*This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. (**This shows that the believer must walk in the spirit or he will walk or fulfill the works of the flesh**)¹⁷ For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.¹⁸ But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. (**The flesh is under the law and the spirit is under grace**)¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: (**This is a list of things a believer can commit if he walks in the flesh**) of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, (**Remember, the flesh does not inherit the kingdom of God**) that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

The Cure for the Conflict

All the saved (Spirit) are under GRACE

Rom. 6:14 "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but **under grace**.

15 What then? shall we sin, because **we are not** under the law, but **under grace**? God forbid." Under the law is a positional truth for the flesh and under Grace is a positional truth for the believer.

Gal. 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is **no law**."

(**Illustration of Mr. Law and Mr. Love**) Death separates us from the LAW

Rom. 7:1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the **law hath dominion** over a man **as long as he liveth**?

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the **husband be dead**, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband.

3 So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, **she is free from that law**; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

4 Wherefore, my brethren, **ye also are become dead to the law** by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

(Illustration of Amalek) (Type of the Flesh)

The study of Amalek will offer a better understanding of the very nature of your sinful flesh and how it operates in the Christian life. **Jeremiah 17:9** “The heart (Amalek) is deceitful, desperate, and wicked”

Genesis 36: 9, 12, 31

⁹ “And these *are* the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir: ¹² And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz **Amalek**: these *were* the sons of Adah Esau's wife. ³¹ And these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, **before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.**”

Numbers 24:20

“And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek *was* the first of the nations; but his latter end *shall be* that he perish for ever.” (A **type of the flesh that will perish forever.**)

<u>Type of 1st birth</u>	<u>Type of 2nd birth</u>
(born first)	(born second)
Cain	Able
Esau	Jacob
Ishmael	Isaac

Deut. 25:17-19

“Remember what **Amalek** did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; ¹⁸ How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, *even* all *that were* **feeble** behind thee, when thou *wast* **faint and weary**; and he **feared not God**. ¹⁹ Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it, *that* thou shalt **blot out the remembrance of Amalek** from under heaven; thou shalt not forget *it.*”

- A. He met thee, He smote thee, That were feeble
B. That were faint, That were weary, He feared not God

- **I Samuel 15:1-3,** This is what God told Saul to do to the Amalekites
- **I Samuel 15:20** This is how Saul dealt with Amalek
- **I Samuel 15:23-26** How God dealt with Saul about Amalek
- **II Samuel 1:1-15** How are the mighty fallen?
- **I Samuel 30:1-19** David deals with the Amalekites
- **Esther 3:1** Haman (decendent of Agag) is after you

Walking in the Spirit is the only way to run from an enemy that lives within you.