

## GETTIN RID OF STUFF (#1)

**Request:** “Could you explain in simple Bible terms the difference between old man behavior and old sin-nature behavior?”

A simple Bible explanation between old man and old sin-nature behavior will be covered in several lessons.

- **Lesson #1: Understanding your old sin-nature (OSN).**

<b>This lesson will study four aspects of the old sin nature (OSN).</b>
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### **1. The old sin-nature (OSN) is acquired at physical birth and remains until physical death because of Adam’s Original Sin (AOS).**

(Rom.5:12-13) “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned – for until the Law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law.”

(1 Cor.15:22) “For in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.”

The question is, “what sin and death spread to **all men**?” The answer is found in the three categories of sin resulting from Adam’s violation of Gen.2:17 – “Dying you shall die.”

- **Imputation of AOS** results in 13 judicial charges given to every member of the human race at birth that can only be removed by the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4, 22; 45; Rom.6:23).
  - This is what gives every human being the status of sinner (1 Tim.1:15; Rom.5:8, 19).
  - The result being that every member of the human race being separated by spiritual death from a Holy God in time (Eph.2:12-16; 4:18; Col.1:21-22).
  - If any member of the human race dies without faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ, he will enter into the status of second spiritual death or separated from God for eternity (Rev.20:14-15; 2:11; John 5:24).
  - **The Solution is grace salvation (Rom.5:15-21; 7:24-25; 6:6-7, 17-23; Gal.5:1, 13).**
- **Inherent sin or OSN** is acquired at birth and remains until death.
  - This means that both believers and unbelievers have an OSN.
  - This is why it is referred to as flesh – “Therefore do not let sin reign in mortal body that you should obey its lusts.” (Rom.6:12) - “For sin shall not be master over you.” (Rom.6:14)
  - “But I am of flesh, sold into the bondage to sin.”(Rom.7:14b)
  - **The Solution is walking in Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16).**
- **Individual sin** is result of believer choosing to fulfill the gratification of the lust of the OSN.
  - “But each one is tempted **when** he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. **Then when lust** has conceived, it gives birth to sin; **and when sin** is accomplished, it brings forth death.”(James 1:14-15)
    - § **Mental Attitude Sin (MAS)**
    - § **Sins of the tongue (ST)**
    - § **Overt Sin (OS)**
  - **The Solution is confession of personal sin is (1 John 1:9; Heb.12:5-11).**

**2. The key to understanding “Gettin Rid of the Stuff” is controlling the lust of the OSN.**

Controlling it will require “walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit”, thereby not gratifying the lusts of the OSN.

Remember that the OSN functions by lusts in need of gratification of the flesh:

“Among them we too **all formerly lived** (unsaved behavior) in the **lusts** of our flesh, **indulging the desires** of the flesh and of the mind, and were **by nature** children of wrath (AOS).” (**Eph.2:3; 2 Pet.2:18/ fleshly desires**)

This is also true of the function of the lust of the OSN after salvation (James 1:14-15).

The doctrinal solution for the believer is walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Cor.6:19-20; Gal.3:1-5; 5:16-17; Rom.8:11, 12, 13).

Confession of personal sin, acknowledges the choice of the lust gratification of the indwelling Holy Spirit over the lust gratification of the flesh (OSN) (Gal.5:16-25; Rom.8:1-14).

**3. Confession of sin also acknowledges the believer’s negative volition towards the truth of the word of God regarding a specific sin.**

“Because of the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.” (Rom.3:20)

“I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, ‘You shall not covet. But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead.’” (Rom.7:7-8, 13)

“Let us behave properly (peripateo / a.a.subj / euschemonos) [honestly] as in the day, **not in** carousing and drunkenness, **not in** sexual promiscuity and sensuality, **not in** strife and jealousy. But put on (enduo / a.m.impv.2pl) the Lord Jesus Christ, **and make** (poieo / p.m.impv.2pl.) **no provision** (pronoia) [forethought] **for the flesh in regard to its lust.**” (**Rom.13:13-14**)

How did Paul tell us to recognize fleshly lusts warring against the soul?

**4. Paul said the believer had reverted or back-slid into the former sinful behavior (OSN) when he was in bondage to a sinful life style (Eph.2:3).**

“Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.” (1 Pet.2:11)

**Questions for thought: (in preparation for Part 2 of this study)**

How or when does lust gratification of OSN become a life style “behavior”?  
(Rom.6:6-9, 12-14; 8:5-8, 11-13)

How or when does getting drunk change to being drunkard?  
(Titus 2:3) [bondage]; Luke 21:34; Eph.5:18; Prov.23:29-35)

How or when does overeating change to gluttony?  
(Prov.23:20-21; 21:17; Luke 7:34)

How or when does having sex outside of marriage change to being a whore or a whore monger?  
(Gal.5:19-21; Eph.5:5; Heb.13:4; 1 Pet.4:3-4)