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THE PASSIONS and DESIRES OF THE OLD SIN-NATURE

(Gal.5:24) “Now (de) [transitional conjunctive.] **those who** (hoi) [def. article used as subject] **belong to Christ Jesus** (tou Christos Iesous/ gsm) [genitive of relationship] **have crucified** (stauroo/ a.a.ind.3pl) **the flesh** (ten sarx/ asf) [OSN] **with** (sun+inst. of assoc.) **its passions** (tois pathema/ inst.pl.n) **and desires** (tais epithumia/ inst.pl.f).”

This lesson will study FIVE aspects of Passions and Desires of OSN.
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To understand the passions and desires of the flesh, our Old Sin Natures (OSN), we need to begin with the biblical history of the OSN.

- 1. At physical birth, every member of human race receives two aspects of Adam’s Original Sin (AOS) that required Jesus Christ to go to the cross to remove the 13 judicial of AOS. (Gen.2:17; 3:3:6-7; 1 Cor.15:22, 45; Rom.5:21-21).**

Paul explains the unbeliever’s life in:

(Rom.7:5) “For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death.” (**Rom.7:5**) [Preoccupation with sin gratification].

The OSN is called flesh to emphasize that it comes at birth and stays until death (Phil.3:21) (tapeinosis) [humiliation].

The unsaved person has only one nature (OSN) (1 Cor.2:14, Jude19; Rom.8:9). [**Not saved and no indwelling Spirit**]). The unsaved has no divine power to control passions and desires (Rom.6:11-14; 7:5).

- 2. In our lesson text, Paul teaches that the flesh (OSN) with its passions and desires was crucified with Christ Jesus. In theology, we call this retroactive positional truth ([RAPT](#)).**

- Note that crucified is aorist active indicative second person plural (Gal.5:24).

Crucified is a gnomic aorist - “A generally accepted fact or truth may be regarded as so fixed in its certainty or axiomatic in its character that it is described by the aorist, just as though it were an actual occurrence.” (pg.197/ Dana and Mantey)

“Sometimes the gnomic aorist is difficult to distinguish from the culminative aorist.” (pg.197) “A clear case of the gnomic appears in Gal.5:24.” (pg.198)

Active indicative second plural applies this to every person the moment he/she believes the gospel of Jesus Christ for grace salvation (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

Only the Church Age Believer (CAB) has two natures: fleshly or carnal (OSN) and spiritual (IHS) (Rom.7:14-25; 8:1-8; 1 Cor.3:1-3).

At the moment of salvation, the CAB receives [eight works of the Holy Spirit](#) (John 7:37-39; Gal.3:2-3). 1 of the 8 is the [Indwelling of Holy Spirit](#) (1 Cor.6:19-20; 3:16; 2 Cor.6:16).

3. Before you were saved, you had an OSN with its passions and desires. After you were saved, you still have an OSN with its passions and desires.

What has changed is that you were crucified with Christ on the cross (**RAPT**) (Gal.5:24). At the same time, you were given power over it by the indwelling Holy Spirit's (Gal.5:16-17).

Christ was crucified **for AOS** (**13 judicial charges**) (Heb.9:14) [Cleansed] and **for OSN** (personal sins) (1 John 1:9) [Cleansed].

When a person believes the gospel of Jesus Christ, the propitious work of Christ on the cross is applied to our life in the package of **50 things** of grace salvation (1 John 2:2; 4:10).

(1 Tim.1:15) "It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save **sinners**, among whom I am foremost of all." (Rom.5:8; 6:6-7, 18)

(Rom.6:6-8) "**Knowing this** that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, **we believe** that we shall also live with Him" (6:1-14; Rom.8:11)

(Gal.5:24) "Now those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

4. Paul illustrates the sinful passions in (Rom.1:21-27; Col.3:5; and 1 Thess.4:1-5).

To the Romans, Paul explains that sinful passions are produced in unsaved by **Negative Volition towards God Consciousness** resulting in a **spiritual emptiness (vacuum) in the soul and hardening of the heart** resulting in degrading sinful passions (Rom.7:21-27) [Inordinate affections] (Eph.4:17-19)

To the Colossians, Paul explains those who once walked in Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) [flesh] life styles, were to put them off and put on the New Man Divine Viewpoint (NMDV) life style of Christ. (Col.3:5-11) [Passion].

To the Thessalonians, Paul explains that the CAB had to be taught how to live spiritually.

(1 Thess.4:4-5) "That each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in **lustful passion**, like the Gentiles who do not know God." (Gal.5:16-17)

5. Passions and desires of the OSN are still present in every CAB and are manifested by personal sin (James 1:14-15).

Therefore the OSN must still remain crucified with Christ by walking by means of The Spirit (Gal.5:16). We refer to this as Experiential Positional Truth (EPT).

(Gal.2:20) "**I have been crucified with (sustaroo/ perf.p.ind.1ps) Christ** (inst.sm/ RAPT); and it is no longer I who live. But Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God (EPT), who loved me and gave Himself for me."

How can one who has been crucified remain alive?

(Rom.8:11) "But if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal body through His Spirit who dwells in you." (1 Cor.6:19-20)

(Rom.6:11) "Even so **consider (logizomai)** [reckon, calculate, take into account] (p.m.impv.2pl) [**The Directive Will of God**] yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus." Gal.3:27; Rom.13:14)