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## Under New Management

**Sanctification:** growing in grace as a result of **conversion**

**"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."** 1 Thessalonians 5:23 NAS

**Justification** (positional sanctification through Jesus: free gift)

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**Justification**

- **Romans 3:21-5:21**
- **The Cross:** His death
- **Substitution:** He died *for* me
- He died *for* my sins
- He paid sin's penalty
- Righteousness imputed (put to my account)
- Saved by His death
- An act done for us
- Happens in the spirit of man
- Removes the guilt and penalty of sin

**Sanctification**

- **Romans 6-8**
- **The Resurrection:** His Life
- **Identification:** I died *with* Him
- He died *unto* sin
- He broke sin's power
- Righteousness imparted (made a part of my life)
- Saved by His life
- A work done in us
- Happens in the soul of man
- Removes the growth and the power of sin

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## Get Busy Living, or Get Busy Dying

**Life versus Death: Light versus Dark**

- 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 – The Spirit gives **Life!**
- Galatians 5:16-25 – the fruit of the Spirit is Life Abundant!

**Cross** → Faith alone → **Resurrection**

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## Living by the Spirit, or the flesh?

**2 Corinthians 3:5-8; 4:6**

- Two icons – the face of Moses (**Law**) and the face of Jesus (**Spirit**)
- The Christian can live by either, but never both at the same time – **Matthew 6:24**

In each moment and thought of my life, am I symbolically looking at the face of Moses (**relying on the flesh**) or at the face of Jesus Christ (**relying on Him in me**)?

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**Galatians 5:16-18**

- **"In the Spirit"** – everything coming from Him
- **"In the Flesh"** – everything coming from me
- The New Covenant in a nutshell: Everything coming from Him, nothing coming from me! **2 Cor. 3:5-6**

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**Flesh? Romans 7:18**

There is really only one source of life in all the universe, and ultimately every living creature or spirit must derive its life from the one Author of Life, God himself. But by some means not fully revealed, the Devil has interposed himself between God and humanity and takes the pure life (or love) of God and twists and distorts it so that it is no longer outward directed, as it came from God, but it becomes inward directed; that is, no longer other-loving, but it becomes self-loving. Fallen man thus receives the life of God as it has been twisted and tainted by the Devil...

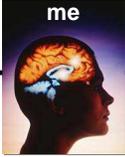
This, then, is the primary characteristic of the flesh: it is self-serving. It is God's life, misused. It can have all the outward appearance of the life of God – loving, working, forgiving, creating, serving – but with an inward motive that is aimed always and solely at the advancement of self. It thus becomes the rival of God – another god!" (Stedman, *Authentic Christianity*, page 67)

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**Moses**  
**FLESH**



**me**



**Jesus**  
**SPIRIT**

But, one may ask, how do I know if I'm walking in the Spirit, or by the strength of the flesh? – **2 Corinthians 2:14-16**

- What is the aroma or momentary fruit of my action?



**death**

**Faith? Sin?**



**LIFE**

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Faith is the least self-regarding of the virtues. It is by its very nature scarcely conscious of its own existence. Like the eye which sees everything in front of it and never sees itself, faith is occupied with the Object upon which it rests and pays no attention to itself at all. While we are looking at God we do not see ourselves – blessed riddance. The man who has struggled to purify himself and has had nothing but repeated failures will experience real relief when he stops tinkering with his soul and looks away to the perfect One. While he looks at Christ the very things he has so long been trying to do will be getting done within him. It will be God working in him to will and to do.

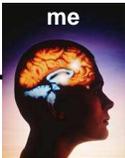
Faith is not in itself a meritorious act; the merit is in the One toward Whom it is directed. Faith is a redirecting of our sight, a getting out of the focus of our own vision and getting God into focus. Sin has twisted our vision inward and made it self-regarding. Unbelief has put self where God should be, and is perilously close to the sin of Lucifer who said, "I will set my throne above the throne of God." Faith looks out instead of in and the whole life falls into line. (A.W. Tozer)

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**Moses**  
Law  
Flesh  
Sight  
Rules



**me**



**Jesus**  
Grace  
Spirit  
Faith  
Freedom

**Is there any hope?**  
**Romans 7:24 8:9**

- What do I think?
- How do I feel?
- What do I want?
- What do I believe?

- What does He say?
- How does He feel?
- What does He want?
- What does He say is True?




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"As medicine for the body is administered too late when the sickness has been allowed to increase by long continuance, so it is with temptation. First, an unclean thought comes to the mind ... then pleasure in it and various evil motions, and at the end follows a full consent; so little by little, the enemy gains full entrance, because he was not wisely resisted at the beginning. The slower a man is in resisting, the weaker he is to resist, and the enemy is daily stronger against him."



**Thomas A Kempis**  
(1380- 1471)