



The Letter to the Romans

Chapter 6 Who are we?

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Who are we?

- The bible describe as as
 - The Outward Man
 - The Inner Man
- The inner person there is also
 - The Old Man
 - The New Man



The outward Man

- The body: The hand, the feet, the thoughts, the will
- The body is not sinful by itself.
- God created and blessed it.
- Christ took a body similar to ours except for sin.



The Old Person

- We were born with the old sinful person who seeks sin and objects to righteousness.
- Rom 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.
- **Psa 51:5** Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and **in sin did my mother conceive me.**



The Old "Sinful" Man

- **Rom 7:20** Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, **but sin that dwelleth in me.**
- **Col 3:9** Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the **old man** with his deeds;
- **Eph 4:22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the **old man**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;



The New Man

- In baptism and Mayroon a new person is born and sanctified to become a dwelling of the Holy Spirit.
 - **Col 3:10** And have put on the **new man**, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
 - **2Co 4:16** For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the **inward man** is renewed day by day.

Why do we sin or do good things?



- The outward man will follow the inward Man.
- My hands, my feet, all my body parts are instruments to the inward man.
- They can be instruments of righteousness
- They can be instruments of sin



Why?

- Depends on who is alive and who is dead or weak.
- If the old man is alive and well, it will dominate my life.
- If the new man is alive and well, it will dominate my life..
- Who lives depends on who is fed and nourished.



How do we nourish the new Man

Faith and Baptism

- Mar 16:16 He that **believeth and is baptized** shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Abstain from sin

- **Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body**, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Positive habits

- **Col 3:1** If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.