

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Romans 7:8 But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every covetous desire.

OUR SINFUL NATURE

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit, let us take this moment, to thank You, praise You, and bless you Lord for loving us so much. Father, may we never forget what You have done for us through Your Son and our Savior Christ Jesus. When we were dead in our trespasses, You freed us from the bondage of sin. When darkness is all around us, and no help can be found, "Your Light," is always there shining through the darkness.

Lord, I thank for being our Abba Father, in Jesus name.....Amen.

This month's inspired message has to do with our sinful nature in general!

I believe that the reason why the Holy Spirit inspired me to write about this important subject this month is to help us be aware of our sinful nature. I believe that it is important for us to continually refresh our minds spiritually throughout each day! Why is it so important that we refresh our minds spiritually each day? Because it helps us to stay alert and be aware of the devil's snares he sets throughout each day. Satan is constantly using our fleshly weaknesses against us. He continues to launch his deadly attacks at our flesh, to try and claim our soul as his personal victory trophy.

Without the help of Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross for our sins, it would be absolutely impossible to stop sinning while we are living in our flesh.

Are you one of those people who try to earn your way to God by keeping a set of rules,(obeying the ten commandments, attending church faithfully, or doing good deeds), but all they earn for there effort is frustration and discouragement. I don't know about you, but for a longest time, I was one of those people. However, because of Christ sacrifice on the cross, the way to God is already open, and we can become children of God simply by putting our faith and trust in Him. No longer do we have try and reach God by keeping rules. We can now become more and more like Jesus, as we live with Him day by day. Also, by letting the Holy Spirit, turn our eyes away from our own performance and toward Jesus. He will then free us to serve Him out of love and gratitude, not by trying to keep a set of rules that in all sense and purpose are impossible to do! Instead, we can now live as one with the Holy Spirit indwelling within us! Please try and understand, keeping the rules, laws, and customs of Christianity, can not save us!

Even if we could keep our actions pure, we would still be doomed because our hearts and minds are perverse and rebellious. Just like the Apostle Paul, we can find no relief in the synagogue or church until we look to Jesus Christ Himself for our salvation—which He gives us freely.

When we come to Jesus, we are flooded with relief and gratitude.

Will we be able to keep the rules any better? Most likely, but we will be motivated by love and gratitude, not the desire to get God's approval.

We will not only be submitting to an external code, but we will be willing and lovingly seeking to do God's will, instead of doing ours.

Where there is no law, there is no sin, because people can not know that their actions are sinful unless the law forbids those actions. God's Law before Christ, makes people realize that they are sinners doomed to die, yet it offers no help. Sin is a human choice that in some way violate the divine standards and for which the individual is fully responsible. Also, sin is simply a rebellion against God; falling short of or deviation from divine standards set by God back in the beginning of creation.

Sin brings guilt, but both sin in general and particular sins bring human beings before the throne of divine justice.

The New Testament particularly portrays sin as a corruption of human nature that makes man hostile to God, captive to baser passions and desires and unwilling to submit to God's known Will. By understanding the biblical doctrine of sin, we can better appreciate the salvation God offers us in Jesus. In **2 Corinthians 5:17** it is written; **Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, and the new has come.** **Romans 6:11** tells us that; **In the same way count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

Most people that I have witnessed to in the past, seem to be totally oblivious of the fact that we automatically inherited our sinful nature from birth.

Like it or not, we are all born with sinful natures, from Adam and Eve.

You must be saying to yourself, that's not fair because it was not me who fell from God's Grace, why should I be punished?

The reason why we are all as guilty is the fact that we are all a product of God's original design. In other words, we all come from the same mold!

By truly understanding that we all come from the same mold, should help us to better understand the fact that we also inherited the same **Sin Nature!**

In closing, I would like to touch base on some things that we need to stay focused on to maintain a spiritual balance in our life. (1) Try to remember that we as mortal human beings are all sinners. (2) Try to remember that there is nothing we can do as sinners to save ourselves. (3) Try to remember that we were all dead in our trespasses until Jesus died for our sins. (4) Try to remember that the devil loves to use our sin nature against us to destroy our souls. (5) Try to remember that in order to fight the good fight for our souls, we must stay close to You Lord, throughout each day. Let us pray: Father we know that we are all sinners and helpless to save ourselves. Lord, please teach us daily, new ways to stay in Your Divine Presence. Father, please help us to defend ourselves against Satan's ongoing attacks. Lord, please hold us in the palm of Your Loving, merciful and graceful Hands. Father, I ask this prayer and thank You Lord for all Your Love for us, in Jesus name....Amen!



JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

IN A WORLD of unrelenting changes, I am the One who never changes. *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the beginning and the End.* Find in Me the stability for which you have yearned. I have created a beautifully ordered world: one that reflected My Perfection. Now however, the world is under the bondage of sin and evil. Every person on the planet faces gaping jaws of uncertainty. The only antidote to this poisonous threat is drawing closer to Me. In My Presence, you can face uncertainty with perfect Peace!

(Revelation 22:13; John 16:33)

PROVEBIAL WISDOM FOR JUNE 2012

Proverbs 16: 6: Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil.

Proverbs 13:5: The righteous hate what is false, but the wicked bring shame and disgrace.

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THE MINISTRY'S DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please join hands with this ministry and pray for; Rose Robinson, Joe Lake Russ Holman, Janet Neil, Johanna Tyson, Margaret Lapani, Bill Schlupp, Jonathan Baker, Patty Palma, Edward Young and Family, Janet Lathrop, Greg Achinko Sr., Janelle Owens, James and Family,

Also a daily prayer for; all the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the hopeless, the lost souls, the poor in spirit, the persecuted, the hungry, the brokenhearted, the lame, the godless, the weary, the anger, the hatred, the violence, the unrest, the corruption, the greed, the fornications, the selfishness, the prideful, the coveting etc, sins of the world.

Furthermore; a special prayer for all our troops and missionaries in harms way around the world. May the Lord watch over, protect, and bless them with His never ending love, grace, and mercy.....Amen!

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It is my hope, that this month's inspired message will touch the hearts and minds of God's people in this country and abroad. I ask this prayer in the name of our Savior Christ Jesus.....Amen.