

## Program 17

### The Replaced Life—We cannot Have Two Natures at Once.

We are either joined to Satan before Christ, and now through the Cross, joined to Christ. But I never never had an independent nature of my own!

What is a nature? It is our life or power source.

### The lie of Two Natures

Rom. 7:1-4—"We can only be married to one wife at a time.

1John 4:4—"He that is in this world, and He that is in us."

1 John 4:6—"Spirit of truth, and Spirit of error."

1 John 3:10—"Child of the devil, child of God."

John 8:44—"Satan was our father."

2 Peter 1:14—"We are partakers of divine nature."

Col 3:9—"We **have** put off the old man."

### The Lie of Two Natures

I have been heard it taught of years that we Christian still have the old nature, and we have to be fight to maintain our equilibrium in Christ, daily. However we can never hope to get rid of this monstrous old nature in this lifetime. They say, there is a white dog in us and at the same time, there is a black dog in us. It depends on which one *we* feed the most, to which one wins the battle. Some years ago, I actually owned a white Poodle and a black Doberman Pincher. In my case, the small white Poodle won because she was the oldest and, believe it or not, could boss the Doberman around. That is fun for me to think about, but this kind of erroneous teaching is very serious, and keeps us Christians in bondage always striving to maintain the power of the White dog.

Some years back, several friends of mine and myself went to Memphis, Tennessee to visit a huge church there. We, three house wives were sitting in the office of a well known and respected minister in that area. As I shared these union truths, the minister stopped me. "Are you saying that you believe that Christian's today can really experience union with

Christ and live without condemnation?" "Do you think that we, Christians can really get out of Romans 7 and experience the freedom of Romans 8?" I said, "yes I do." He went on to say, "Don't you know that 98% of all teachers, preacher, and theologians don't believe that we will ever be free from the "Old Nature" until we are in Heaven." "Yes, I do know that false consensus, but it is not what the Bible says, and is therefore not true." The minister was amazed at the audacity of us women. So was I!

Why would God put Romans 8 in the Bible if it were only a carrot on a stick, dangling there it tease us with an impossible freedom when in reality, we can only have that kind of freedom in the eternal future? That makes God cruel." The minister was stopped, but not convinced. Someday this truth will be common among God's people but for now there is still lots of strife when these insights are presented.

The liberating truth revealed in Romans 7 is that the human is not the culprit, but **Satan is the culprit, disguised as an big Independent I able through self-effort and self keeping to be right and do right for God.** Paul is believing the lie too in Romans 7 and living in a delusion. I always say that Romans 7 is a lie—it is truth about Paul's experience, but a lie concerning what Paul is believing. The fact is that "The Old Man was crucified with Christ, in order that the body of sin might be done away with" (Romans 6:6). If you don't believe that fact, but instead give reality to your tug-of-war experience, then you would think that it is not done away with. The tug-of-war experience is happening because we are being deceived by Satan to believe that 'our own human power' is failing to conquer sin and we ought not to fail, but even try harder. That makes me falsely think that my humanity is in itself the evil culprit because it should be holy and good, but it can't. So around and around I go spinning on the wheel of failure, frustration and defeat. The whole premise of that kind of thinking is based on a big lie, or I should say, "THE BIG LIE."

The human is a derivate being, therefore deriving our nature from the one who indwells us, because *the human has no nature of its own*. What does the word *NATURE* mean? The Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament, written by E. W. Bullinger, says, Nature is the "generative and productive power i.e. the essence." Only a deity Spirit can have generative and productive powers which the human can only derives to be his own. The human vessel was created to derives its nature or power source from the one who indwells it, either Satan or Christ, and not from itself. It is impossible for the human by itself to have and be its own generative powers.

So does the Christian still have an evil human nature able to produce evil? I think that we have successfully answered that question. The human cannot contain but one deity nature at a time. We humans have only one spirit to join with one deity Spirit making the marriage of "two becoming one being." The evil human nature supposed in Roman 7 is Satan disguised as a good and performing me.