The Old Sinful Nature

1. What is Sin?

   A. Any activity or thoughts that are opposed to the will of God is sin; a transgression of God's law.

   (1 John 3:4-5; James 4:17)

   B. That sin is a barrier that separates unbelievers from God and believers from fellowship. (Romans 6:23; Isaiah 59:2)

   C. We inherit our OSN from our fathers, and that nature resides in believers and unbelievers. (Genesis 5:3; Romans 5:12)

2. The Sinful Nature – Strengths and Weaknesses

   A. The Sinful Nature can produce human good which may be morally right, but not acceptable to God. (Isaiah 64:6; Romans 8:8)

   B. The Sinful Nature has an area of weakness that produces our sin.

      1) Sins of the Mind (Matthew 5:28)

      2) Sins of the tongue (James 3:5-6)

      3) Overt Sins (Galatians 5:19-21)

   C. Human Good (and other sin) is contrasted with Divine Good as materials which will be burned away. (1 Corinthians 1:10-15)

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Old Sinful Nature referenced in the Bible:

1. Sin (Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12; 7:14; 1 John 1:8)
2. Flesh (Romans 7:18; 8:8; 13:14; Galatians 5:16-17; Ephesians 2:3)
3. Old Man (Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:5-9)
4. Heart (Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 12:34; Mark 7:21-23; Psalm 58:2-5)
5. Carnality (Romans 7:14; 1 Corinthians 3:1-3)

The Divine Solution to the Sin Problem:

1. The personal sins of all people were born by Christ on the Cross. (1 Peter 2:21-25)
2. The problem of sin was paid for and will not be judged against believers. (Revelation 20:12)
3. Human Good will be rejected before the Throne. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
4. Believers are given the ability to confess their sins to be restored to fellowship. (1 John 1:9)

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