

beginning . . .

"Latin is a language  
as dead as dead can be.  
It killed the ancient Romans,  
and now it's killing me."

# Rom 7:14-17

Sin Nature is not Paul, it exists in Paul

Cross emancipates, not reforms the Sin Nature

Willpower is defeated by the Sin Nature

Counter power to Sin Nature is Holy Spirit, not Paul

Summary 7:14-23

Right Desire

Wrong Action

Reason Why

## Review

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# The Christian Struggle

I, me

**34 times**

To Do

POIEO PRASSO KATERGOZOMAI

ποιεω, πρασσω, κατεργοζομαι

**7 times**

want, will

THELO

θελω

**7 times**

Parallels ??

**7:15-17** I do not understand

**7:18-20** I know fully

**7:21-23** I have discovered

# The Christian Struggle

**Rom. 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh;**

Οἶδα γὰρ ὅτι οὐκ οἰκεῖ ἐν ἐμοί, τοῦτ' ἐστὶν ἐν τῇ σαρκὶ μου, ἀγαθόν·

Οἶδα Oida VERB 1 sing perf act indic  
οἰκεῖ oikei VERB 3 sing pres act indic  
ἐστὶν estin VERB 3 sing pres act indic



To further explain ...

## Personal Struggle Fully Confirms Totally Corrupt Nature

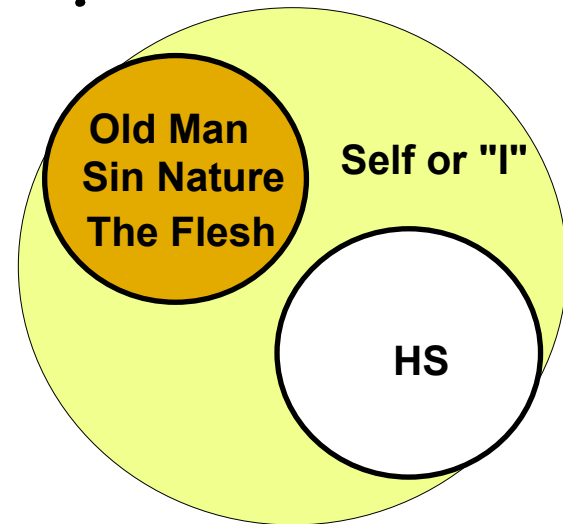
The Flesh is 100% bad.

The New Man "I" is Separate from OMSNTF.

The Flesh is in Me/"I"

Does not say "I am evil"

Does not say "There is no good in me"



**Nothing good dwells in my flesh = "The flesh is 100% bad"**

# The Christian Struggle

for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

το γαρ θελειν παρακειται μοι, το δε κατεργαζεσθαι το καλον ου



To further explain ...

θελειν thelein VERB pres act infin  
παρακειται parakeitai VERB 3 sing pres mid indic  
κατεργαζεσθαι katergazesthai VERB pres mid infin

## Resident Evil

# NOT

Good Desire  
vs Evil Desire

A.T. Robertson: "*The wishing is the better self, the doing not the lower self*".



Good vs. Evil

## Actual Good Desire Can Yield Actual Bad Activity

Intentions, Sincerity, Morality, Habits, Bible-based Standards cannot detour the S.N.

# The Christian Struggle

19 For the good that I want, I do not do,

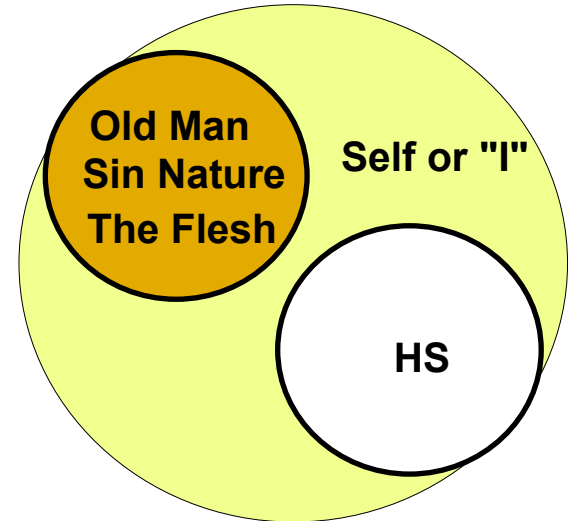
19 ου γαρ ο θελω ποιω αγαθον,

θέλω thelo VERB 1 sing pres act indic  
ποιῶ poio VERB 1 sing pres act indic



To further explain ...

I do not good which I want



**Willpower (New Man Power) is 0% effectual**



# The Christian Struggle

but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

αλλα ο ου θελω κακον τουτο πρασσω.

θέλω thelo VERB 1 sing pres act indic  
πράσσω prasso VERB 1 sing pres act indic

Contrast - ALLA

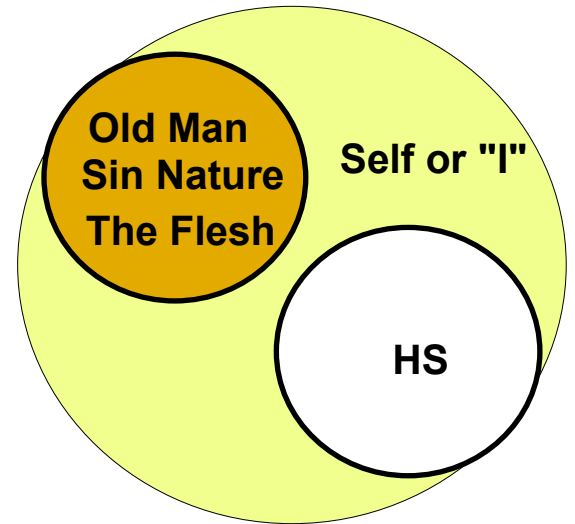
I am practicing evil

this one

which I don't want

**OMSNTF**

**is 100% effectual**



# The Christian Struggle

20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want,

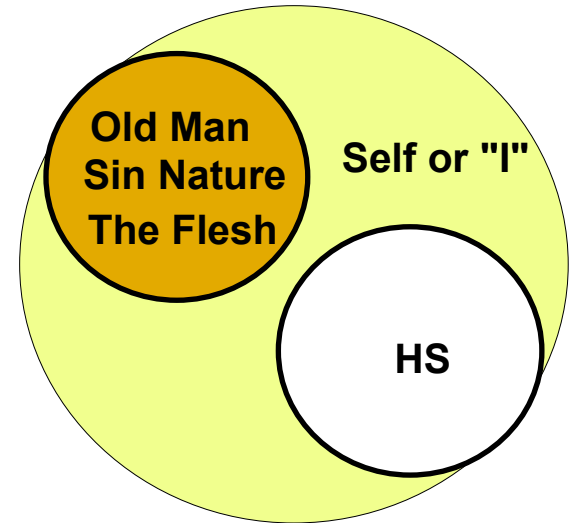
ει δε ο ου θελω [εγω] τουτο ποιω,

θελω thelo VERB 1 sing pres act indic  
ποιω poio VERB 1 sing pres act indic

(continuation...) Now then

**if**

I do this thing which I do not want



**Actual results are  
opposite of willpower**

# The Christian Struggle

I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

ουκετι εγω κατεργαζομαι αυτο αλλα η οικουσα εν εμοι αμαρτια.

κατεργάζομαι katergazomai VERB 1 sing pres mid indic  
οίκουσα oikousa VERB pres act part fem sing nom

**THEN**

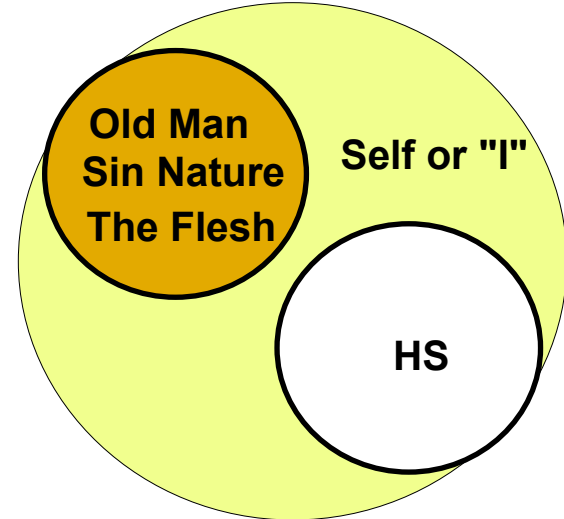
Ongoing Struggle Confirms Source of Sin

no longer (time/logically)

"I" am accomplishing it

**BUT**

The sin nature the one residing in ME



**I am not  
the source of evil**

Does not say "I" am not accountable for my sin

\*Rom 1:28-32

# The Christian Struggle

## The Struggle

**The Clash of New Nature & Old Nature**

(occurs only in ALL believers)

**The Battles of New Nature vs Old Nature**

(occurs only in carnal believers)

**The battleground is law (standards, rules + effort)**

**The Constant Defeat**

**The "CHARIS" solution**

**The victory is Grace (the Cross + faith-rest)**

*\*Gal 5:16-25*

# The Christian Struggle

## Summary

The flesh is 100% bad

Sincere Self Desire Yields Actual Bad Activity

Self Alone vs S.N. is 0% effectual

Sin Nature is 100% effectual Over Self Alone

Actual results are opposite of our best self efforts

Sin Nature dwelling in men is source of sin

The clash is occurrence of the spiritual walk

The law battlefield is the experience of the self-effort walk

The End

