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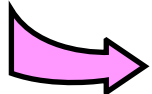
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I find **then the principle** that evil is present in me,  
the one who wants to do good.

euriskw ara ton nomon, tw qel onti emoi poiein to kal on, oti emoi to kakon parakeitai:

Consequent thinking of previous verses vs 15-20

 I am willing, wanting vs 15 I don't understand

 Yet, I don't Practice vs 18 I know fully

 I come to a conclusion vs 21 I discover

"The principle" **nomov** the law

**1** Mosaic Law

Rom. 2:14-15

Rom. 7:21-23

**2** principle

Ro 8:2

**3** rule, standard

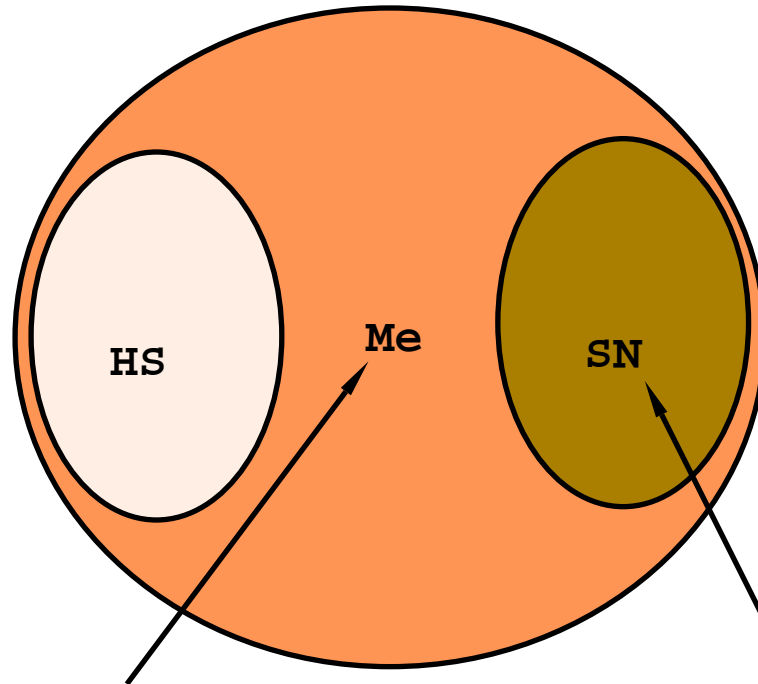
Ac 16:4

He 7:16

**Want to do Good & Evil Conduct in the same person !!**

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## The two Natures of Christians



**The one wanting good**

vs 15,16,18,19,21,22,23,24

**The one doing evil**

vs 15,16,17,18,19,20,21,23,24

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**For** I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,

sunhdomai gar tw nomw tou qeou kata ton esw anqrwpon,

**P** To explain more ...

Concur - SUN (together with) + HEDOMAI (to see)  
to enjoy oneself, take delight, take one's pleasure  
HEDONIST

In the inner man

Rom. 7:22; 2Cor. 4:16; Eph. 3:16

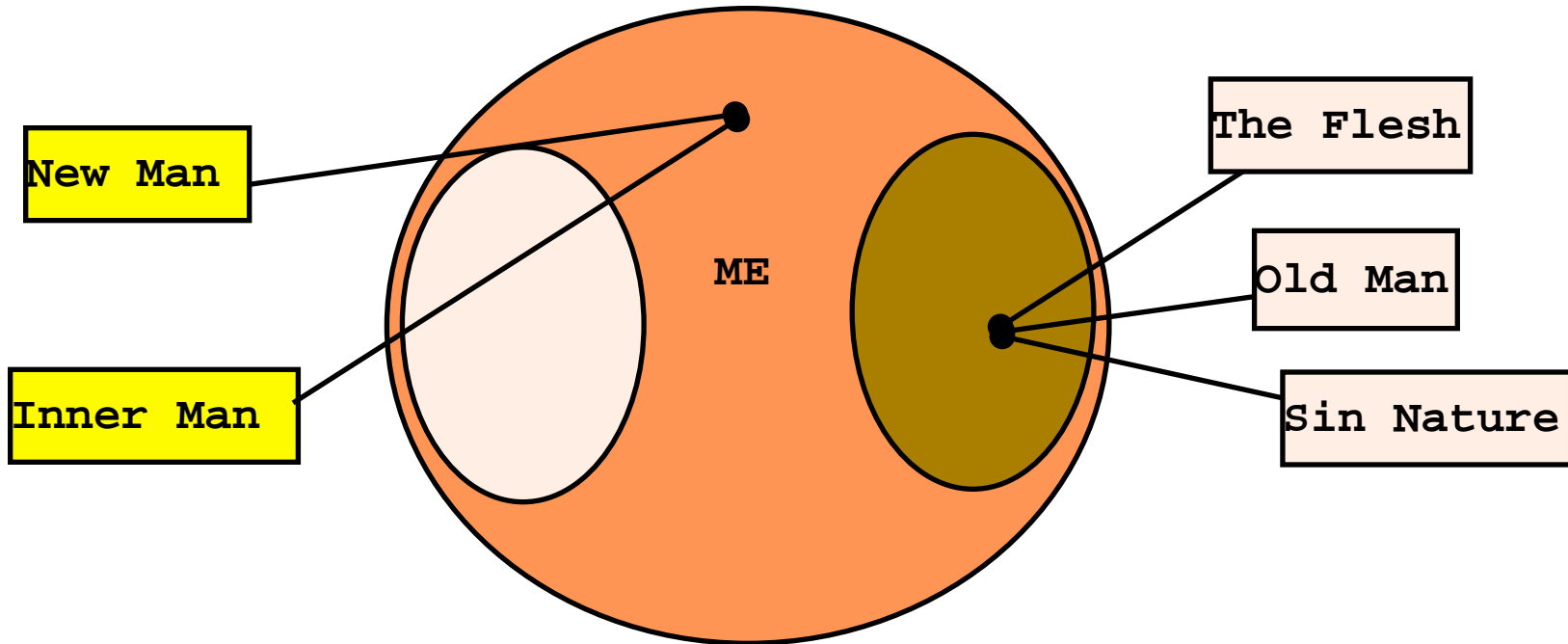
The law of God

- 1 Mosaic Law
- 2 principle
- 3 rule, standard

New Man (100%)  
Very positive  
response to DVP

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## Multiple Names to Each Nature



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But I see a different law in the members of my body, ...

bl epw de eteron nomon en toiß mel esin mou

I see (eyes open)

Different law      HETROS / ALLOS  
Another of different kind

- ① Mosaic Law
- ② principle
- ③ rule, standard

In the members of my body

Location of evil



# Romans 7:21-24 Wretched I Am!

... Waging war against the law of my mind ...

antistrateuomenon tw nomw tou nooß mou

To soldier + against

Phil. 2:25; Philem. 1:2

**ἀντι-στράτεύομαι**, f. -σομαι, Dep. *to make war against*, τιμι Xen.

στρατιώτης **soldier** = 26

στρατηγός **captain, commander; chief magistrate** = 10

στράτευμα **military campaign; army** = 8

στρατεύω **to serve as a soldier; to wage war** = 7

στρατεία **warfare; fight** = 2

στρατιά **army** = 2

συστρατιώτης **fellow-soldier** = 2

ἀντιστρατεύομαι **to war against** = 1

στρατολογέω **to enlist soldiers, enlist as a soldier** = 1

στρατόπεδον **army** = 1

① Mosaic Law

The law of my mind

② principle

③ rule, standard

Principle of my inner mentality(new man)

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... and making me a prisoner  
of the law of sin which is in my members.

kai aicmalwtizonta me en tw nomw thβ amartiaβ tw onti en toiβ mel esin mou.

"on the other hand"

Taking captive

αἰχμαλωτεύω, *to take prisoner*, N.T.; and αἰχμαλωτικός

Luke 4:18; 21:24; Rom. 7:23; 2Cor. 10:5;  
Eph. 4:8; 2Tim. 3:6; Rev. 13:10

**me** Closed, circular, prison !!

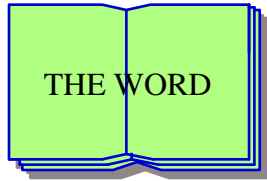
Into the principle of the sin nature

- ① Mosaic Law
- ② principle
- ③ rule, standard

The one(sn) existing in my members

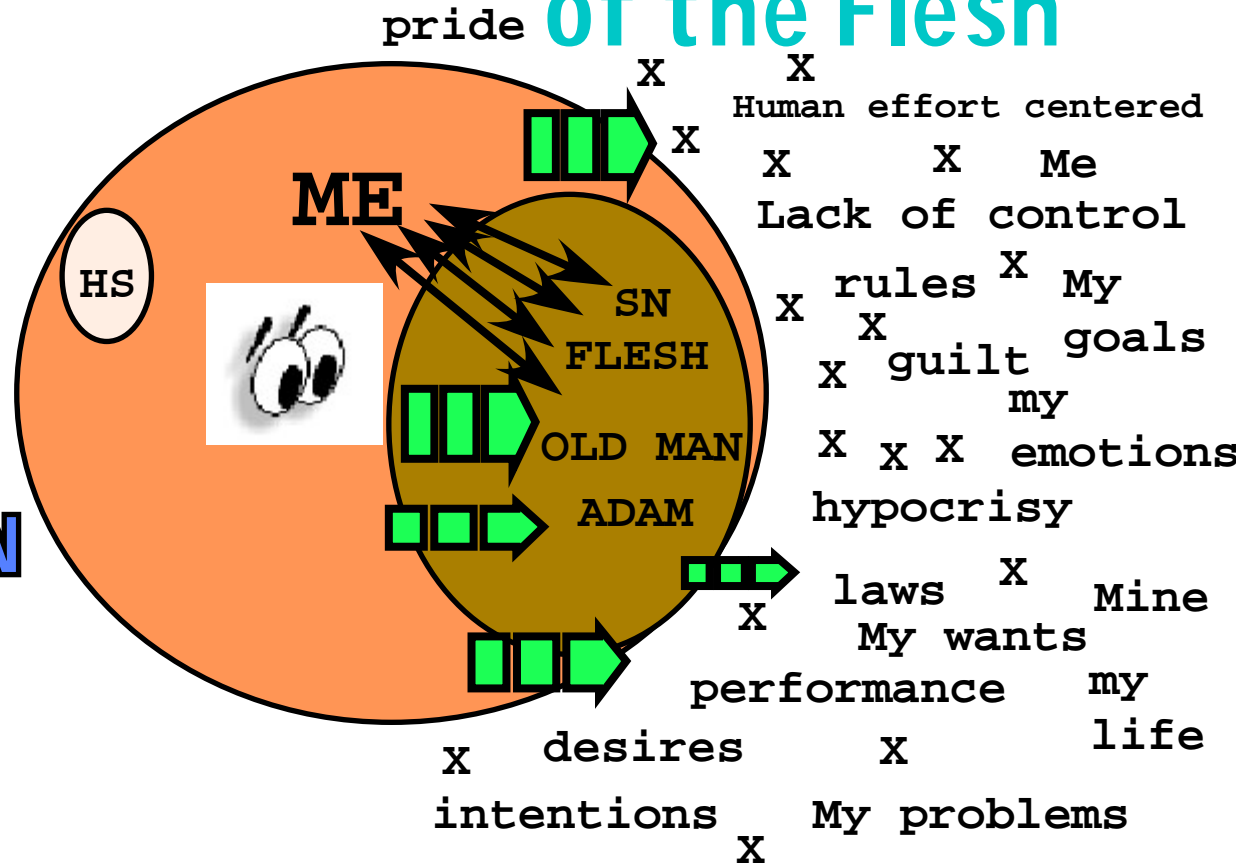
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## The Battlefield of the Flesh



THE WORD

FRUIT



**CARNAL MAN**  
focuses in  
fleshly  
things.

# Romans 7:21-24 Wretched I Am!

Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

Tal aipwroß egw anqrwpoß: tiß me rusetai ek tou swmatoß tou qanatou toutou;

**TALAIPOROS Tal aipwroß**

**τάλαι-πορος**, ov, prob. a form of **ταλαπείριος**, *suffering, miserable*, Aesch., etc.:—Adv. -ρωσ, Thuc.

Rom. 3:16; 7:24; James 4:9; 5:1; Rev. 3:17; Psa. 69:20

## Climax of Distress!

**WHO ME (VERB)**

Will set me free **HRUSETAI ruomai**

Matt. 6:13; 27:43; Luke 1:74; 2Cor. 1:10; Col. 1:13;  
1Th. 1:10; 2Th. 3:2; 2Tim. 3:11; 4:17

**From this body of this death (separation)**

**Paul identifies the location of the evil**

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Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

carib de tw qew dia Ihsou Cristou tou kuriou hmwv.

## CHARIS carib

To/by God thru Jesus Christ the Lord of us

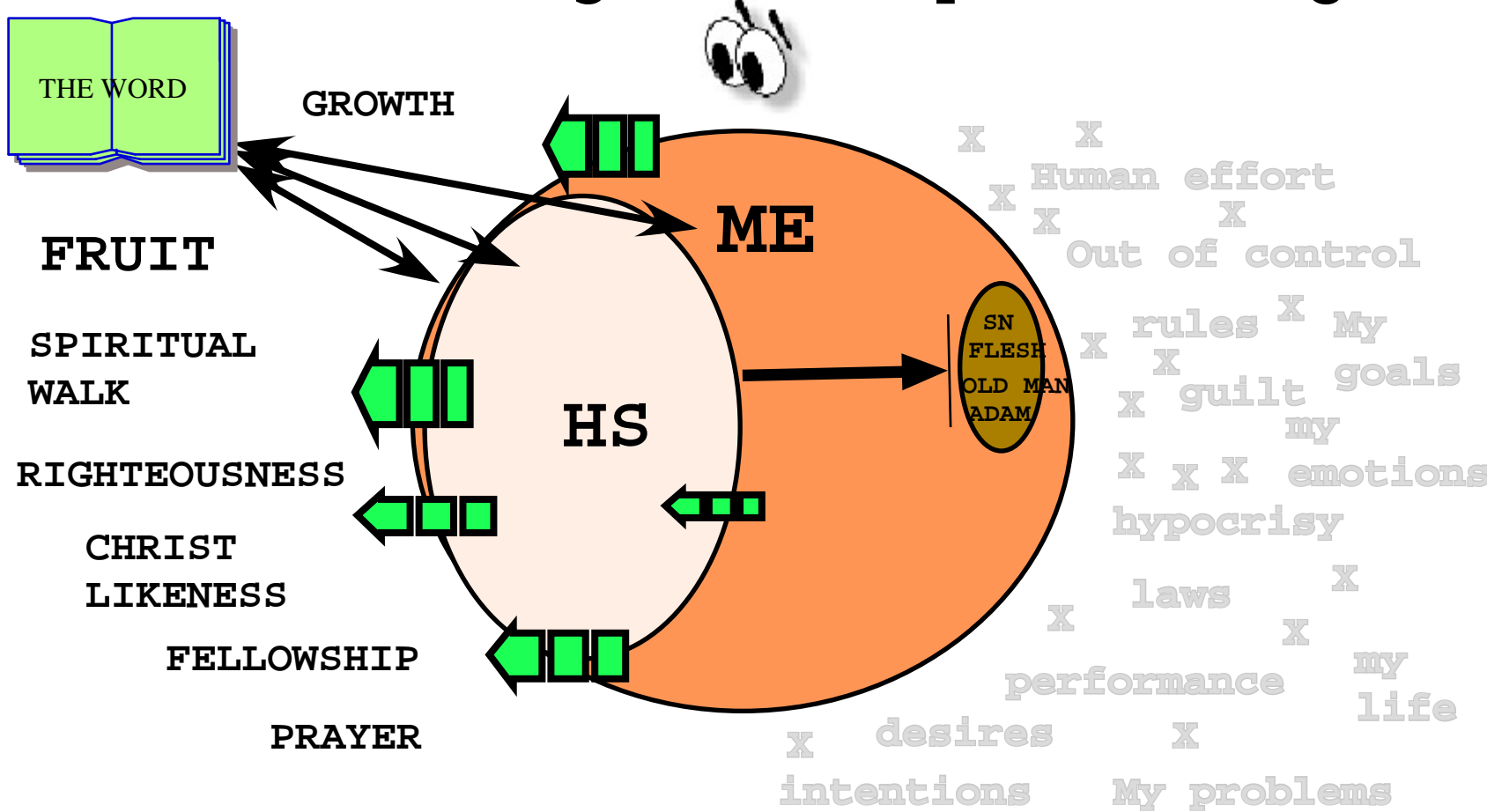
# Climax of Realization!



*Paul's turning point is to look outside himself and his efforts, but to look to Jesus Christ and His resources and assets.*

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**SPIRITUAL MAN** eyes rest in spiritual things



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## Grace CHARIS cariß

- 1 Grace Is God's Operating Principle \*Eph 2:4-9
- 2 Grace Is The Opposite Of Merit/law \*Rom 4:4; 6:14
- 3 Grace Is Not Leniency\*Rom 3:24; 1Jo 2:1
- 4 Only Faith & Grace Are Compatible \*Rom 4:16,Heb 11:6
- 5 Grace Is Most Seen In Salvation \*Rom 3:24; 5:20
- 6 Grace Has Already Been Manifested \*Tit 2:11
- 7 Grace Is Never Exhausted \*Jo 1:16
- 8 We Are To Grow In Grace \*2Pet 3:18
- 9 Grace Is The State In Which We Live \*rom 6:14

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... **So then,** on the one hand I myself with my mind  
am serving the law of God, ...

... Ara oun autoß egw tw men noi doul euw nomw qeou ...

● Consequent thinking of previous verses vs 21-24

TWO FLAGS !! EMPHATIC CONCLUSION

I (new man) serving the law of God

- ① Mosaic Law
- ② principle
- ③ rule, standard



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... But on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

... Th de sarki nomw amartiaß.

The flesh "*is serving*" principle of sin

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## The Three Spiritual Laws

1. Resident in all believers is an evil entity alongside desire to do good.
2. There is a objective expression of the mind of God within all believers, ie the inner man.
3. The believer lives in state of opposition, he may engage in warfare or capitulation,  
and be taken captive into the principle of the flesh.

**The End**