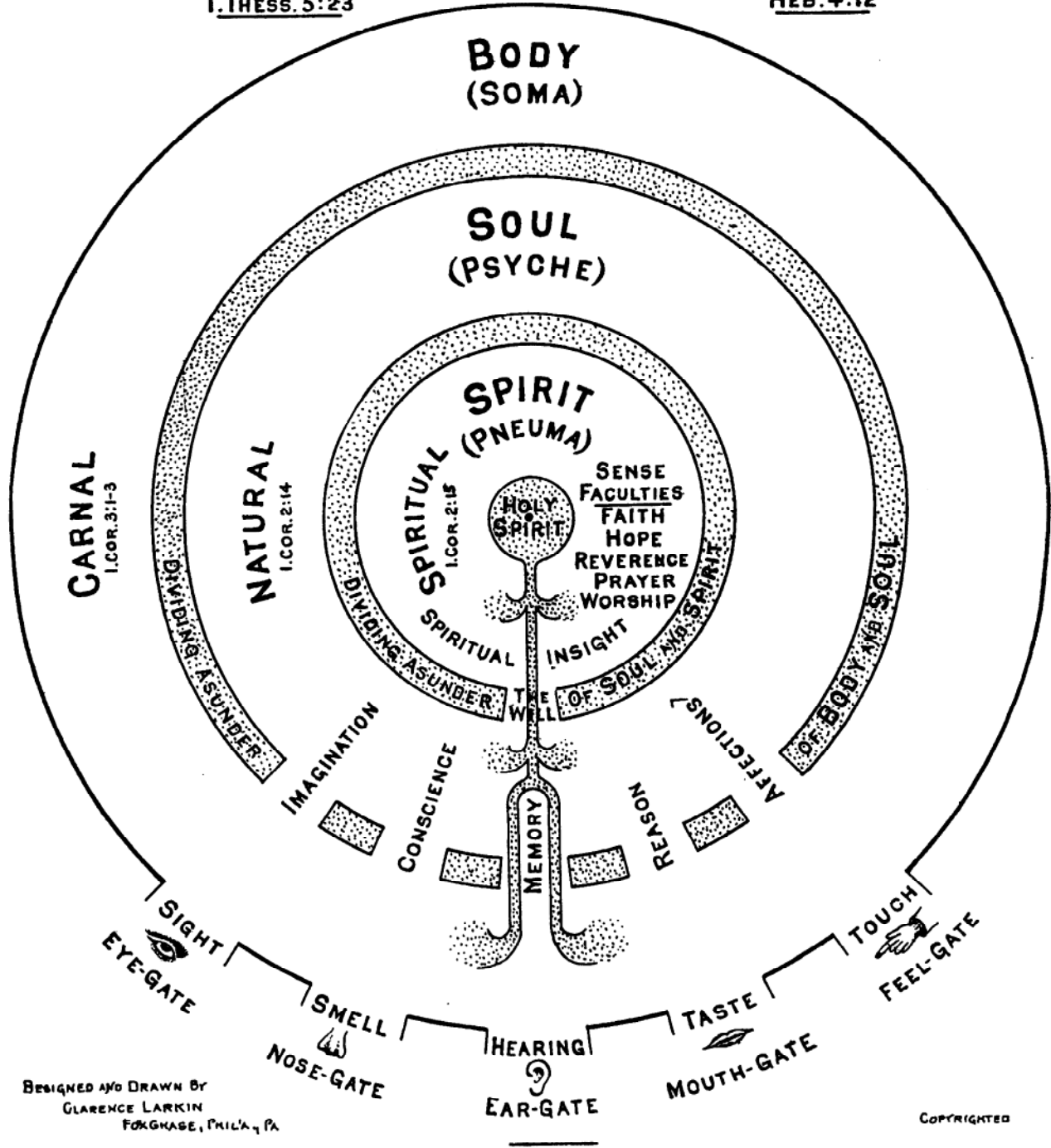


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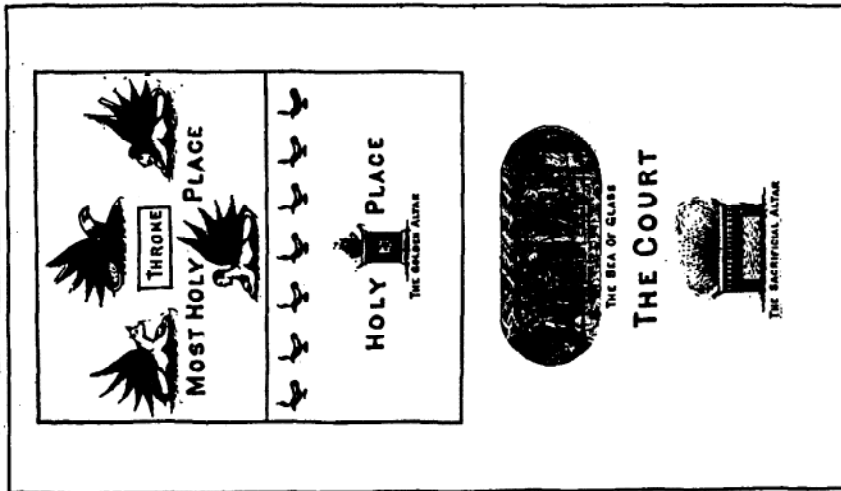
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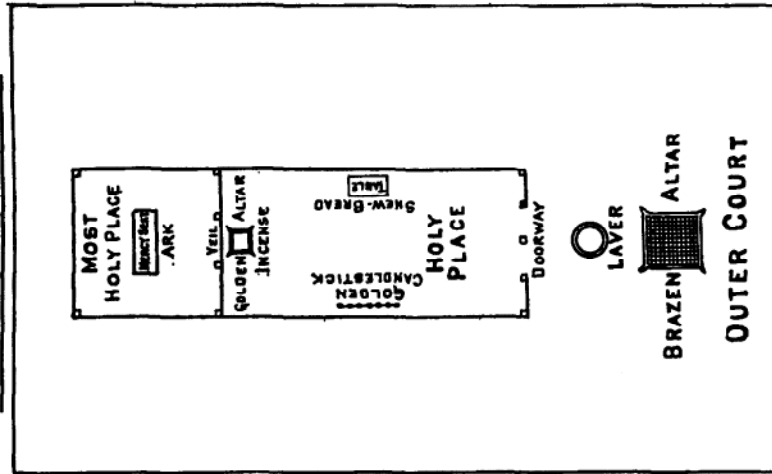
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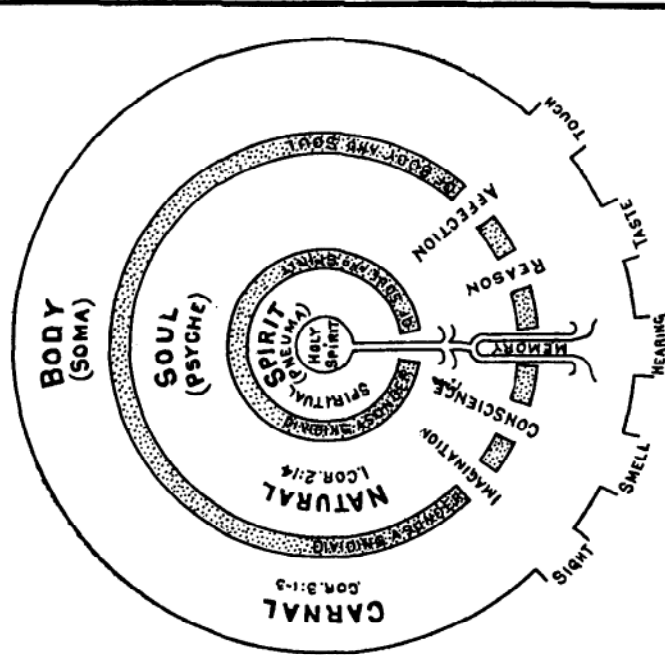
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## The Old Nature and The New Nature in Scriptural Comparison and Contrast

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### I. THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "THE OLD NATURE."

#### THE TERM: THE OLD NATURE.

The term "The Old Nature" as used in this analysis, Refers to the Old, Original, Hereditary, Adamic, Fallen, Depraved Human Nature of Man. The Old Nature is every Man's Possession by Generation, Nature, Birth and Inheritance; and Paradoxically the Old Nature is not only Possessed by the Natural Man, but it Possesses, by Inherent Claim, Prerogative and Power, every Natural Descendant of the First Man: The First Adam.

### II. THE DESIGNATION OF THE OLD NATURE.

1. NOTATION: This Refers to the Various Names by which the Old Nature is known. The Pauline Epistles form the chief basis for our Study for the Reason that those Epistles form a distinct, important curriculum upon the theme: "THE OLD NATURE."
2. ENUMERATION: The Designations for the Old Nature Appear to be SIX in Number. This may be by Divine Design, for SIX is the Number of the Natural Man in Scripture. Man came into Being upon the Sixth Day, and Six has been the Hall-mark of Humanity throughout the Ages.
3. SPECIFICATION: The Names of the Old Nature.
  - (1) THE FLESH: Rom. 7:18, 8:5 Cp. Jno. 3:6.  
NOTE: The word "Flesh" is Subject to Various Usages in the Scripture. Sometimes the Term Refers to:
    - A. The Mortal Bodies of Men or Animals: Gen. 6:12-13; 7:15-16; Jno. 1:13; 17:2; 1 Cor. 15:39, 50; 2 Cor. 4:11; Phil. 1:23-24.
    - B. Even the Earth-Body of Christ was termed "FLESH": Rom. 8:3; 1 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 1:2; 9:8; 11:14; Eph. 2:15; Col. 1:22 Cp. Jno. 1:14.
    - C. The Specific Sense in which it is used in the Pauline Epistles: It Describes Human Nature in its Corporeal Embodiment, Signifying the Sinful Condition of the Human Fleshly Nature in Contrast to the Divine Spiritual Nature Imparted to Believers: Rom. 7:18; 8:4-5; 13:14 Cp. Jno. 3:6.
  - (2) THE NATURAL MAN: 1 Cor. 2:14 (In Contrast to the Spiritual Man).
  - (3) THE OLD MAN: Rom. 6:6; Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:9 (In Contrast to the New Man).
  - (4) THE OUTWARD MAN: 2 Cor. 4:16 (In Contrast to the Inward Man).
  - (5) THE CARNAL MIND: Rom. 8:7 (In Contrast to the Spiritual Mind).
  - (6) SIN: Rom. 6: Referring not to sins, or acts of transgression, but to the old nature that prompts or incites the soul to commit sins.

### III. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE OLD NATURE.

1. THE OLD NATURE IS OLD: Belongs to the Realm of "THE OLD MAN," Related to "THE FIRST MAN": Eph. 4:22; Rom. 6:6; Col. 3:9 Cp. 1 Cor. 15:45-48.
2. THE OLD NATURE IS WHAT MAN POSSESSES BY THE OLD CREATION: Rom. 5:12-19.
3. THE OLD NATURE POSSESSES NO INHERENT GOODNESS OR ATTAINED RIGHTEOUSNESS: Rom. 7:18; Eph. 2:1-3; Col. 2:13.
4. THE OLD NATURE IS ABSOLUTELY REPELLANT, DISPLEASING AND ABHORRENT TO GOD: Rom. 8:8 Cp. 1 Cor. 1:29.
5. THE OLD NATURE IS THOROUGHLY WORTHLESS IN ITSELF AND VALUELESS TO GOD: Rom. 7:18; Jno. 6:63.

### I. THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "THE NEW NATURE."

#### THE TERM: THE NEW NATURE.

The term "The New Nature" as used in this analysis, Refers to the New, Imparted, Spiritual, Heavenly, Holy, Divine Nature Bestowed Graciously and Gratuitously upon every Man who by Regeneration or the New Creation, Comes into its Possession; and Paradoxically, the New Nature is not only Possessed by the New, Spiritual Man, but it Possesses, by Divine Claim, Prerogative and Power, every Spiritual Descendant of the Second Man: The Last Adam.

### II. THE DESIGNATION OF THE NEW NATURE.

1. NOTATION: This Refers to the Various Names by which the New Nature is Known. The Pauline Epistles form the chief basis for our Study for the Reason that those Epistles form a distinct, important curriculum upon the theme: "THE NEW NATURE."
2. ENUMERATION: The Designations for the New Nature Appear to be FIVE in Number. This may be by Divine Design, for FIVE is the Number of Grace according to the Scripture. Five Marks the Divine Volition, Action and Benefaction in the Regeneration and Re-creation of Humanity throughout the Ages.
3. SPECIFICATION: The Names of the New Nature.
  - (1) SPIRIT: Rom. 8:9, 16; 1 Cor. 2:12 Cp. Jno. 3:6; 2 Pet. 1:4.  
NOTE: The word "Spirit" is Subject to Various Usages in the Scripture. Sometimes the Word Refers to:
    - A. The Character of Man: Man Possessing an Invisible Character or Spirit that is Known or Manifest through Action: Rom. 8:15; 1 Cor. 2:11; 4:21; 2 Cor. 7:1 Cp. Ps. 78:8; Prov. 14:29; 16:18; 25:28.
    - B. The Members of the God-Head: The Father (Jno. 4:24), The Lord Jesus (1 Cor. 6:17; 2 Cor. 3:17-18), The Holy Spirit (Jno. 14:16-17).
    - C. The Specific Sense in which it is used in the Pauline Epistles: It Describes a Spiritual Operation and Relation by which God Communicates His own Life and Nature to Man; and this Gift is termed "Spirit" or the "New Nature": Rom. 8:4-16 Cp. Jno. 3:6.
  - (2) THE SPIRITUAL MAN: Rom. 8:5-6; 1 Cor. 3:1; Gal. 6:1 (In Contrast to the Natural Man).
  - (3) THE NEW MAN: 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10-11 (In Contrast to the Old Man).
  - (4) THE INWARD MAN: 2 Cor. 4:16; Eph. 3:16 (In Contrast to the Outward Man).
  - (5) THE SPIRITUAL MIND: Rom. 8:4-6; 7:23-25; 1 Cor. 3:1 (In Contrast to the Carnal Mind).

### III. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW NATURE.

1. THE NEW NATURE IS NEW: Belongs to the Realm of "THE NEW MAN," Related to "THE SECOND MAN": Gal. 6:4; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 7:6 Cp. 1 Cor. 15:45-48.
2. THE NEW NATURE IS WHAT BELIEVERS POSSESS BY THE NEW CREATION: Rom. 8:15; 2 Cor. 5:17; 6:15.
3. THE NEW NATURE PROCEEDS FROM THE ONE WHO IS INHERENTLY GOOD, RIGHTEOUS, DIVINE: Rom. 8:9.
4. THE NEW NATURE IS TRULY ATTRACTIVE, PLEASING AND ACCEPTABLE TO GOD: Col. 1:10; Phil. 2:13; 2 Thess. 1:11; 2 Tim. 2:4.
5. THE NEW NATURE COUNTS ALL THAT PERTAINS TO THE OLD NATURE, WORTHLESS AS REFUSE: Phil. 3:3-9.

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6. <b>THE OLD NATURE IS UNALTERABLY NATURAL, FLESHLY, SENSUAL AND SINFUL:</b> Rom. 8:7 Cp. Gal. 5:16; Eph. 2:2-3; Rom. 1:18-32; 1 Jno. 2:16.	6. <b>THE NEW NATURE IS UNALTERABLY DIVINE, SPIRITUAL, HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS:</b> Rom. 8:9, 4-6; 1 Cor. 2:12-16; 1:30; Phil. 3:9.
7. <b>THE OLD NATURE IS UNCHANGEABLE IN CHARACTER.</b> It is therefore Impossible for the Old Nature to Undergo a Spiritual Transformation: Jno. 3:6 Cp. Rom. 6: -7; Gal. 6:8; Eph. 4:22; Titus 1:15.	7. <b>THE NEW NATURE IS PROGRESSIVELY CHANGEABLE IN CHARACTER.</b> It is therefore Constantly and Progressively Undergoing Transformation: Jno. 3:6 Cp. Rom. 12:1-3; 2 Cor. 3:18; 4:16; 1 Thess. 5:23.
8. <b>THE OLD NATURE IS SPIRITUALLY BLIND, OBLIVIOUS AND WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION AS TO THINGS DIVINE:</b> 1 Cor. 2:7-14; Eph. 4:18.	8. <b>THE NEW NATURE IS SPIRITUALLY APPREHENSIVE. IT DISCERNS AND UNDERSTANDS THE THINGS DIVINE:</b> 1 Cor. 2:8-12; Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 2:16.
9. <b>THE OLD NATURE IS PRONE TO DECEITFULNESS AND SELF-DELUSION:</b> Eph. 4:22 Cp. Mk. 7:20-23; Jer. 17:9.	9. <b>THE NEW NATURE POSSESSES NO CONFIDENCE IN THE OLD NATURE; Distrusts it altogether:</b> Rom. 7:18; Phil. 3:3-4.
10. <b>THE OLD NATURE IS LAWLESS. BOLSHEVIK. ANARCHISTIC.</b> It Resists the Word and Will of God: Rom. 8:7; Gal. 4:29; 5:17.	10. <b>THE NEW NATURE IS LOYAL, SUBMISSIVE. SURRENDERED.</b> It Conforms to the Word and Will of God: Rom. 8:5; 12:1-3.
11. <b>THE OLD NATURE DISDAINS AND DESPISES SPIRITUAL TRUTHS AND THINGS:</b> 1 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 8:5.	11. <b>THE NEW NATURE APPRECIATES, DESIRES AND VALUES SPIRITUAL TRUTH AND THINGS:</b> Rom. 8:5; 1 Cor. 2:9-13.
12. <b>THE OLD NATURE CAPTIVATES, DOMINATES AND ENTHRALLS THE NATURAL MAN.</b> Reigning within the Natural Man, it makes Man a Slave to Satan and to the Law of Sin: Rom. 6:16; 7:23; 8:5; 7:5.	12. <b>THE NEW NATURE CAPTIVATES, DOMINATES AND CONTROLS THE SPIRITUAL MAN.</b> Reigning within the Spiritual Man, it Makes Man a Servant unto God and Brings Him under the Rule of the Spirit of Life: Rom. 6:11-14; 5:21; 8:1-4; 7:6; 6:22.
13. <b>THE OLD NATURE IS SUBJECT TO SENSUAL HUMAN CULTURE AND WISDOM:</b> 2 Cor. 1:12; 1 Cor. 1:17-22; 2:1, 6-8, 18; 3:19-20. Note: James 3:15.	13. <b>THE NEW NATURE IS SUBJECT TO SURPASSING DIVINE CULTURE AND WISDOM:</b> 2 Cor. 1:12; 4:6; Eph. 1:15-19; 3:14-21; Col. 1:9-10; 2 Tim. 3:15-17.
14. <b>THE OLD NATURE IS ANTAGONISTIC TO THE NEW NATURE:</b> Is Contrary to it; Rebels against and Denies it the Right to Control the Life: Gal. 5:16-17; 4:29; Rom. 7.	14. <b>THE NEW NATURE IS ANTAGONISTIC TO THE OLD NATURE:</b> Is Contrary to it; Rebels against and Denies it the Right to Control the Life: Gal. 5:16-17; Rom. 7; 2 Cor. 10:3.
15. <b>THE OLD NATURE REIGNS IN THE LIFE OF THE UNBELIEVER:</b> Rom. 6:12, 20, 21.	15. <b>THE NEW NATURE REIGNS IN THE LIFE OF THE TRUE BELIEVER:</b> Rom. 6:11-14, 17, 21.
16. <b>THE OLD NATURE PRODUCES "WORKS OF THE FLESH":</b> Gal. 5:19-21.	16. <b>THE NEW NATURE PRODUCES "THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT":</b> Gal. 5:22-24.
17. <b>THE OLD NATURE CONFERS WITH FLESH AND BLOOD:</b> Gal. 1:15-16.	17. <b>THE NEW NATURE REJECTS THE COUNSELS OF FLESH AND BLOOD:</b> Gal. 1:15-16.
18. <b>THE OLD NATURE "WALKS AFTER THE FLESH."</b> Rom. 8:4-5.	18. <b>THE NEW NATURE "WALKS AFTER THE SPIRIT":</b> Rom. 8:4-5.
19. <b>THE OLD NATURE PAMPERS THE FLESH:</b> Rom. 8:5.	19. <b>THE NEW NATURE CRUCIFIES THE FLESH:</b> Gal. 5:24.
20. <b>THE OLD NATURE IS DESTINED TO PERISH:</b> Rom. 6:23; 7:5, 24; 8:6.	20. <b>THE NEW NATURE IS DESTINED TO PERPETUATION:</b> Rom. 8:11, 23.
21. <b>THE OLD NATURE IS NATURALLY RELIGIOUS.</b> It Possesses an Affection, Desire and Satisfaction in the Outward, Seen and Heard in Religious Forms, Ceremonies, Pageantry: Col. 2:16-23; Gal. 6:12-13.	21. <b>THE NEW NATURE IS DIVINELY SPIRITUAL.</b> It Possesses a Love, Desire and Satisfaction in the Spirit and the Spiritual. It Worships God in Spirit and in Truth: Phil. 3:3; Jno. 4:22-24.
22. <b>THE OLD NATURE POSSESSES AN AFFECTION FOR ECCLESIASTICAL POPULARITY AND POSITION, HIGH PLACES AND LIBERAL HONORARIUMS. IT SEEKS TO PLEASE THE WORLD AND THE WORLDLY AND POSSESSES AN EAR FOR LIBERAL PRAISE:</b> 2 Tim. 4:10; Phil. 3:17-19; 1:15-16.	22. <b>THE NEW NATURE POSSESSES LOVE FOR THE WORD AND WORK OF GOD; IT PLACES NO VALUE UPON THE THINGS HIGHLY ESTEEMED BY MEN. IT SEEKS TO PLEASE GOD AND DESIRES ONLY HIS PRAISE:</b> Gal. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:4, 9-10; Col. 3:1-4; 1:24-29.
23. <b>THE OLD NATURE RECEIVES A WAGE:</b> Rom. 6:23.	23. <b>THE NEW NATURE RECEIVES A GIFT:</b> Rom. 6:23.
24. <b>THE OLD NATURE IS UNDER CONDEMNATION:</b> Rom. 5: -7;	24. <b>THE NEW NATURE IS FREE FROM CONDEMNATION:</b> Rom. 8:1-4.
25. <b>THE OLD NATURE CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED:</b> Rom. 3:20.	25. <b>THE NEW NATURE ATTESTS OUR JUSTIFICATION:</b> Rom. 8:9.
26. <b>THE OLD NATURE LEADS TO CORRUPTION:</b> Gal. 6:8.	26. <b>THE NEW NATURE LEADS TO LIFE EVERLASTING:</b> Gal. 6:8.
27. <b>THE OLD NATURE SHOULD BE DENIED AS TO ITS DESIRES AND DEMANDS:</b> Rom. 6:11-13; 6:1-2.	27. <b>THE NEW NATURE SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR AS TO ITS NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS:</b> Eph. 4:23; 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Tim. 3:16-17.