

# OUR DIVINE NATURE



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We all begin life with that old rebellious sin nature in control and knowing how this old rebellious nature responds in our attitudes and actions toward those we come in contact with and everything we say and do, enables us to understand how different the divine nature is from the old sin nature or the old self life and worldly attitudes.

All of God's promises are written out plainly in God's Word and can be claimed and received by those who believe in the work of Christ on the Cross because His Atonement sacrifice paid the cost for any sin we had committed. These promises include all of God's perfect gifts, whether it be spiritual or physical healing, financial blessings, inner peace, divine protection, or any other gift. Romans 8:17 WEY *"If children, then heirs too—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ."*

These promises are ours to claim and enjoy—but there are conditions to be met to receive them. 2 Peter 1:3-4 NIV, *"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires [earthly cravings WEY]."*

When we have been converted from the old sin nature that we had to a divine trusting nature that we need, it enables us to claim, receive, and enjoy God's promises. Without the divine nature, we cannot

see the divine inheritance waiting for us through a believing faith in Christ. With the Holy Spirit within, He will open our spiritual eyes to see what God is ready to give.

Satan has deceived millions to reject God's Word and to not trust on the Atonement Blood of His Son, so they do not receive, nor enjoy, all the promised blessings that God wants to give them. Taking a stand against the devil means making a decision to take a stand as Ephesians 6:10 tells us, to *"be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might"*—which is possible only if the divine nature is in our heart.

When the Holy Spirit is in control, we will first confess our sins through faith in the Blood of Christ and then we will be in a position to accept the promises as true and to apply them as written. God will forgive our sins since atonement has been made for them.

1 John 1:9, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

After we confess our sins, we next surrender our life to God. AV Romans 12:1-2, *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*

When we make a final decision to give our life to God—without any thought of ever taking it back or out of His hands—then the Holy Spirit is in our heart, so we can believe the Word that says we have that divine nature within our hearts. It is not something we feel, but it is something we believe.

We can then apply the promise in Romans 6:11, *"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves (or count yourselves) to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God through Jesus Christ our Lord."* This position of not being interested in worldly desires and activities is accepted by faith in Christ and acted upon. Then it is maintained every moment through every day by that same faith.

At this point, we are in the will of God, but we can still expect to be tempted and to meet various tests of varying intensities. They may come from any direction or from anyone, maybe a co-worker, a friend, a relative, a boss, or anyone.

Responding in the new way by the divine nature, means we do not put any of those relatives or friends ahead of God's divine will and Word. Any request from anyone—for us to do something that would defile our conscience or move us outside of God's will—must be totally refused and rejected—just as Daniel defied a government law and continued to pray to his God.

Government laws and mandates have become more active recently in trying to force vaccinations or medical help on everyone, so we must pray for protection from them. We just want to trust God in faith for our protection and good health for ourselves and for our children. There will be many things to meet when our life is fully consecrated to God. NIV 1 Timothy 2:1-2, *"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."*

There will come a time when money is involved—it is then that we will see how opposite the financial plan of the sin nature is compared to the financial plan of the divine nature. When a money issue is met, we have to make the choice to place God ahead of any laid-up source of supply, or any other false place of trust. No matter what is involved or how serious the debt, God's Word must always come first.

Any compromise will cause problems. Satan is a defeated foe when the will of God is accepted. If our commitment to God is real, and the divine nature is in our heart—then we can meet things according to God's Word. Faith in the Atonement of Christ brings victory over the power of the devil. 1 John 3:8 NLT *"The Son of God came to destroy these works of the Devil."*

Satan has convinced many that the Christian life is difficult, and he will picture many discouraging things, but living by faith is easy—not difficult—and is simply a choice to give God first place in our heart.

Our eyes must always be on the Word, and our faith in the Son, as we make an unwavering decision not to allow anything to come between us and God.

We are not to worry about anything, whether it be our temporal needs, possible problems in the home or workplace, or how we feel physically because we place all things before God in a prayer of faith and leave it there, knowing that He hears us when we pray. Philippians 4:6-7 WEY *“Do not be over-anxious about anything, but by prayer and earnest pleading, together with thanksgiving, let your request be unreservedly made known in the presence of God. And then the peace of God, which transcends all our powers of thought, will be a garrison to guard your hearts and minds in union with Christ Jesus.”*

As we read God’s Word, believe it, and act upon it, it is easy to obey it since we know that it is God’s Word, and it is what He wants us to do.

2 Timothy 3:16 (KJV), *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”*

For example, we take Exodus 20:15 that tells us *“You shall not steal.”* We know it is wrong to take something belonging to another and we don’t do it. But other sins that we often ignore are even more serious.

1 Samuel 15:23 tells us, *“Rebellion is as bad as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as bad as worshiping idols.”* The prophet said that God rejected Saul because the king rejected the Word. He ignored what God wanted him to do.

The sin nature took control, which is always rebellious, stubborn, and self-convinced. We cannot afford to turn our heads and ignore what God has written in His Word for our instruction in righteousness. It is then that the sin nature will take control.

That would be rebellion which is a serious sin, but so is fear and unbelief. Job said in Job 3:25 NKJV, what *“I greatly feared has come upon me, And what I dreaded has happened to me.”* Fear is opposite of faith—fear is unbelief in action. When Satan has us to be fearful, we are to confess and forsake that sin before God in prayer.

Philippians 4:6 NKJV Tells us to, *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”* Since fear is unbelief, we can only have victory in Jesus when fear is replaced by faith.

The prophet said to Israel in Isaiah 30:1 NKJV *“Woe to the rebellious children,” says the LORD, “Who take counsel, but not of Me, And who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, That they may add sin to sin.”* The divine nature follows God’s plan in faith, but the sin nature follows the world in unbelief.

Isaiah 30:9 NIV, *“These are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the LORD’s instruction.”* Then the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, said in Isaiah 30:15 *“In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.”* It is a choice to live by the sin nature in rebellion and self or to accept the divine nature in obedience and faith.

The peace of God is the result of the divine nature in control. This peace “surpasses all understanding,” as Philippians 4:7 tells us, and it comes only through a real and acting faith in the Atonement of Christ. When we are in union with Him, He stands between us and the devil. Every worry, trouble, fear, and request are placed at the feet of Jesus. Matthew 11:28 (KJV), *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”*

The sin nature looks for its own way out of problems, but the divine nature places them before God in prayer in faith, for the victory He promises. If we face a need of any kind, Jesus says in Matthew 6:31-33 (KJV), *“Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

Depending on any thing, any person, any pill, prescription, policy, or some kind of financial assets, instead of trusting in the living God by faith, is idolatry. That serious sin of rebellion, when we are placing, or we have made it convenient for ourselves to place

our trust in anything besides the God who wants to give us all things, freely. If we have that divine nature within, we will give our life to God and trust Him in faith for all the answers to prayer we need.

If we profess to be a child of God, then we will have to live like we are His child. Matthew 18:3 AV *“Verily I say to you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”* A child goes to a parent when there is anything they need. They do not ask a neighbor to ask for them, but the child goes right to the parent for whatever is needed. God requires that we do the same.

Any trial, trouble, or temptation we go through is a test of faith 1 Peter 5:10 WEY *“And God, the giver of all grace, who has called you to share His eternal glory, through Christ, after you have suffered for a short time [or after being tested and tempted in various ways, and met it successfully], will Himself make you perfect, firm, and strong.”*

Forgiveness of sins is through our faith in the Blood of Christ—who calls us to share His righteousness through that same faith in His perfect sacrifice. The gift of the Spirit is the divine nature in our heart—and He enables us to trust God in faith.

We cannot allow any one, any thing, any law, or any laid-up cash to come between us and our trust on God because Psalm 46:1-2 tells us, *“God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.”*

The sin nature rebels and worries and fears, but the divine nature trusts and believes and endures in faith—knowing full well as Romans 8:31 tells us, *“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”*



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