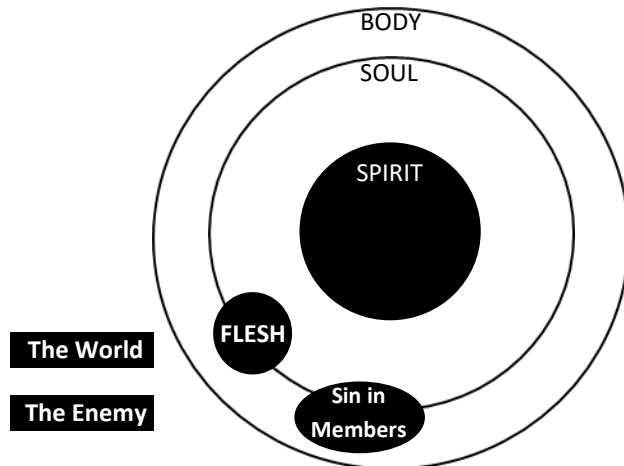


Sin in Members

In Galatians 2:20 and again explicitly in Romans 6:3-11, Paul states that the old man was crucified with Christ. Additionally, Romans 6:3-11 states the believer is baptized into Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Consequently, Paul says in Romans 6:6 that the believer is "no longer a slave to sin," and in Romans 6:7, he is "freed from sin," and in Romans 6:11, should "consider yourself to be dead to sin."

The Old Man (Unregenerate Spirit) was Crucified with Christ



Because the old man is spiritually dead and thereby wholly separated from God, sin dwells within and rules from the old man's spirit.

Sin rules in the old man's physical body with sinful lusts and desires to sin.

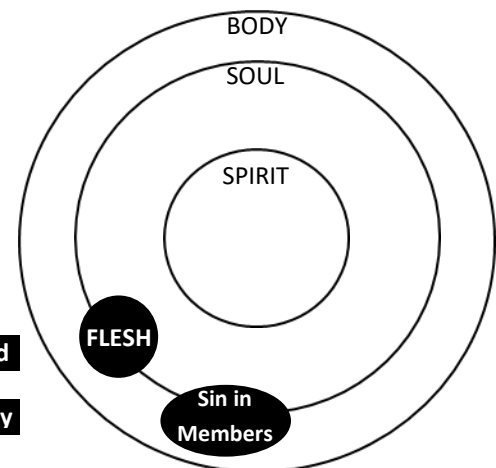
The enemy has access to influence the old man through the spirit that is dead to God and alive to sin, through sin in members, through worldly influences, and through the lusts of the flesh, which desires to remain in control (reign).

The New Man (Regenerate Spirit) is One Spirit with Christ

The old man's unregenerate spirit was crucified, buried, and resurrected to a new life in Christ. The soul and the body were not crucified with Christ. Sin is still in our body and an avenue for temptation from the world and the enemy.

The believer is indwelt spiritually by Christ and is no longer a slave to sin. Romans 5:17 says that the believer now "reigns in life through Christ." Sin used to reign in the spirit; now, Christ reigns.

Whereas the old man was a slave to sin, Romans 8:12 tells us that we are not obligated to sin or "live according to the flesh."



Put to Death the Deeds of the Body by the Spirit

Often the believer tries to overcome sin through will power. Romans 8:13 tells us that the believer is to "put to death the deeds of the body by the spirit." Because willpower has failed, many assume that sin still has mastery over them. This is not true because you are one spirit with Christ who "died to sin once for all"—for you! Also, because our body still has sinful desires, some conclude that they have a sinful nature. Paul explicitly said that sin is "in his members," clarifying that while he has sinful desires, those desires were not of his new nature, but of his unregenerate body. "Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, our Lord!" (Rom 7:25)

Flesh Against Spirit: These are in Opposition to One Another

The war is not between the old man's nature and our new nature in Christ. "For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another." Gal 5:17