

## You Died to the Power of Sin

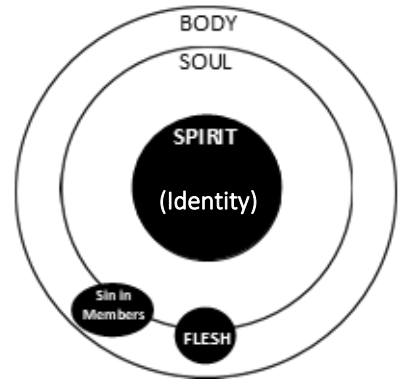
Most believers understand what it means to be born again, but not everyone understands how new birth changed us and our relationship to sin. Most people do not know there is a big distinction between “sin” as a noun (state of being) and “sins” as a verb (acts). Therefore, some believers think their hearts are still “desperately sick.”

### Born Dead in Sin (Unregenerated Spirit)

Our spirit is the source of our identity. Everyone is either a child of God (saved) or a child of wrath (unsaved). Ephesians 2:1 explains that everyone is born dead in their sin, separated from the life of God. Because our spirit is the source of our identity, **sin is personified and is a noun.**

Obviously, we are not physically or soulishly dead at birth. **We are born spiritually dead to God, and the power of sin rules our spirit.**

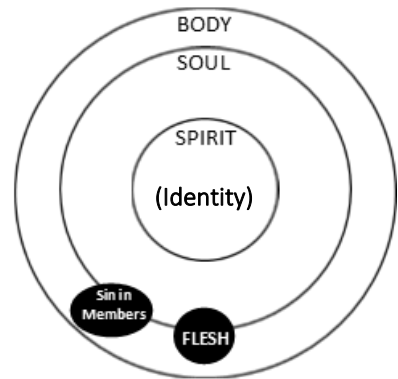
- The heart [of an unsaved person] is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9



### Born Again Dead to Sin (Regenerate Spirit)

The moment you confessed Christ is Lord, your dead spirit was crucified and buried with Christ. Then, you immediately were resurrected in Christ with a new spiritual life—the very life of Christ. **The believer is indwelt spiritually by Christ and is no longer a slave to sin, with a “desperately sick” heart.**

- I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you. Ezekiel 36:26–27



It is also important to know that your soul and body were not crucified with Christ. Our bodies still have sinful desires that Paul calls “sin in our members.” Sin in our members is like a sliver in you. It is in your body. It causes you pain, and it makes its presence known to you. But the sliver, like sin in your members, is not you! **The good news is your new spirit never desires to sin.**

### The Truth about Sin from Romans Six (Note: These verses refer to sin as a noun.)

- The old man was baptized into Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection. (Romans 6:3-11)
- You can know that your spirit is no longer a slave to the ruling power of sin. (Romans 6:6)
- You can know that you died and are freed from the power of sin. (Romans 6:7)
- Since you are freed from the power of sin, consider yourself dead to sin. (Romans 6:11)
- You are a new creation with a new heart that doesn’t desire to sin because Christ’s spiritual life is now your spiritual life. (Romans 6:11)
- Now, by the indwelling power of Christ, we can say “no” to temptations! (Romans 6:1-2, 13-14)