1. At the point of salvation, the human spirit is made alive, connecting the human soul, brain & body to God, being made a new spiritual species, with spiritual capacities and given the **divine nature of Christ.**

**2 Peter 1:3-4** seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. **4** for by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become **partakers of *the* divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

1. Who thinks that simply receiving the divine nature is sufficient to account for becoming sp. mature?
2. The old man, the body of sin is far more than a “sin nature”, it is a layered belief & behavior system
3. Gaining freedom from our human agenda, our focus on building earthly treasures to be able to focus on the Lord and live for His agenda requires that we remove the ideas/beliefs that motivate our earthly focus and pursuits.
4. After we are saved, the soul is able & required to choose moment by moment which belief & behavior system that we will believe in and use to pursue the meeting of our needs.
5. What I consider to be the neutrality of the soul is actually the freedom to choose either the human agenda based on human logic or the divine agenda based on the spiritual logic of God’s will.
6. Prior to salvation, every human being develops & habituates their human agenda and logic system deeply ingrained in layers, forming the subconscious mind out of habits & patterns of thinking.
7. When the new man and is yielded to the Spirit, it is possible to think objectively about your Old Man beliefs, motives and human logic that drives our human agenda.

**Romans 6:11** Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, while living to God in Christ Jesus.

Reckon – PMImp ***Logizomai*** (19X in Rom, 11X in Ch 4) think according to logical rules; an objective reckoning; keeping a mental record; take into account, keep in mind, count as the result of an objective evaluation; consider, look on as, regard. Pres – standing command; Mid. – look at yourself

* Using divine logic, look objectively at yourself & the human logic that continues driving you to sin
* Metaphor: old self with its human logic was crucified and the motives & logic is from a dead man

Living – PAPtc – while living (walking in newness of life vs 4) Pres Ptc. occurs at the same time as main verb

* While we are living to God, yielded to the Spirit, we are able to reckon our old logic to be dead
1. The ability to reckon ourselves from the divine perspective is only possible by the power of the Spirit
2. It is only while we are walking in newness of life (new man) & living to God that we can possibly think clearly about anything in life from the divine perspective.
3. When we are out of fellowship, we do not lose our awareness of our need for God nor the desire to be right with God (hunger & thirst for +R) therefore we are aware of our need for confession.

**Rom 6:1-23** Paul is teaching & explaining. There is a distinction between the teaching where Paul is explaining Church Age doctrines (indicatives & subjunctives) and where he is admonishing believers about mechanics (vs 11-23 ***paristemi*** imperatives). Paul explains Church Age function in the Spirit according to the mind of Christ.

**Intro Rom 6:1-14**

1. **Categorical Outline - 4 concepts**

**6:1-10** **Position** in Christ – baptized into His death, burial & resurrection

**6:4, 6** **Possibilities**/Opportunities – walk in newness of life – do away with old man – body of **the sin**

**6:11** **Perspective** – reckon, consider – yourselves as dead to **the sin** – ***he hamartia***

**6:13** **Present** yourselves – yield your body as instruments of –R or +R – slavery through habituation

1. **Aorist Subjunctives** are used to describe **future potential options & opportunities for believers**

**Aorist** – point in time divorced from time – looks at a situation in its entirety as a still picture

**Subjunctive** – mood of contingency, probability or possibility – indicates future opportunity

1. Vs 4 hina + ***peripateo*** AASubj – so that we **might walk in newness of life** describes the opportunity all believers have to live out the new man (Eph 4:24) lifestyle in the sphere of the Spirit.
2. Vs 6 hina + ***katargeo*** APSubj – **tear down, abolish - might be abolished**, describes the opportunity to tear down the old man belief system with its human agenda and focus on earthly treasures.
3. **POSITION IN CHRIST – Baptized into Christ** **Jesus**: Rom 6:3-4, 5, 7-10
4. **Baptized** – identified with Christ – Paul was a theological genius, taught personally by the Lord Himself, he understood how the entire bible, all the way through, was pointing to Christ. He understood that our justification was based on Christ sharing His own +R because of our permanent union with Him
5. Retroactive Position in Christ: in the mind of God, we were in Christ as He was dying for our sins, was being buried and raised from the dead - **Romans 6:4** Therefore we have been **buried** with Him through baptism into **death,** in order that as Christ was **raised from the dead** through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
6. Baptism of the Spirit - union with Christ, making our bodies the temple of the indwelling Holy Spirit

**1 Cor 12:13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1. The believer’s union with Christ causes us to share all that He is and all that He possesses – access to all the blessings of God, opening every spiritual **door of opportunity** to us forever.
2. **POSSIBILITIES IN CHRIST** - Our union with Christ has given us the opportunity to develop & live out the new man, while removing the influence of world by laying aside the old man belief system. Rom 6:4,6
3. **Walk in newness of life –** learn, develop & live out the truth of the new man belief system in Christ

**Romans 6:4** Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too **might walk in newness of life.**

***Vs 4 peripateo*** – AASubj – daily choices & decisions of life; **Rom 8:4** walk by the Spirit, not the flesh; **13:13** walk properly, not in drunken promiscuity; **14:15** walk acc to love, not irresponsible freedom

* At the point of salvation, developing & living out the new man is a future possibility for all bel’s

Vs 4 ***kainos Zoe*** – new, eternal, spiritual live – the same life that was in Jesus with the same thinking

**Eph 4:24** - **new self**, in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness from the truth.

**Col 3:10** put on **new self** who is being renewed to a true knowledge by the image of the One who created him

1. **Tear down the old man belief system (body of sin) programmed out of worldly ideas.**

**Romans 6:6** knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, **that our body of sin might be done away with**, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;

Vs 6 ***katargeo*** APSubj - *to render idle, unemployed, inactive, inoperative*; to deprive of its strength, make barren, Luke 13:7; to cause to have no further efficiency; to deprive of force, influence, power; *to cause to cease, put an end to, do away with, annul, abolish* – Paul later used stronger word – ***apotithemi***

Vs 6 – old man – ***palios anthropos*** – **1Cor 5:7** clean out the old leaven; **Eph 4:22, Col 3:9** take off old self;

Vs 6 – body of **the sin** – ***he hamartia –*** 26 X Ch 6-7; the worldly belief system promoting human agenda

1. Notice that **living out the new man** in Christ and **doing away with the old man** from Adam are presented as future possibilities/opportunities (aor. subj) that we must choose to pursue & develop.
2. Paul wrote Romans 57 AD (**doing away with old man**) before his visit to Jerusalem to prove to them all he was a true apostle, going back to the Jewish temple, resulting in his arrest (Act 21). He wrote Ephesians, Phil & Col 3 years later in 60 AD, after God had exposed his human agenda (Phil 3) he changed the verb from ***katargeo*** (do away with) to the much stronger ***apotithem***i (take off layers) old man beliefs & motives
3. Notice also that when Paul revisited this essential issue, her reversed the order – taking off the false ideas of the old man is placed before the learning process & putting on the new man beliefs.
4. **Walking in newness of life: learning, believing, developing & habituating Christ like relational patterns**
5. **Divine Nature**: At the point of salvation, we receive the **divine nature** of Jesus Christ - 2Pt 1:4 partakers of the divine nature (***phusis***) having broken free from worldly corruption; **Phil 2:13** for it is God who is at work in you, both to desire and to work for *His* good pleasure.
* Has anyone found that just possessing divine nature is sufficient to prepare them for spiritual victory?
* Why do we insist that the “sin nature” is sufficient to derail our Spirit powered new man life in Christ?
1. **Milk & Meat - Beliefs**: spiritual milk forms foundational beliefs in childhood stages & meat as we enter functional life in spiritual battle – **edification complex**: ideas upon ideas, layers/layers – belief system
2. **Walking in the Spirit**: order your life using the priorities the Spirit reveals – by the influence of the Spirit

**Rom 8:4** – walking by means of Spirit, not the flesh (old man beliefs); **Rom 13:13** walk properly, not drunken partying, sexual immorality, strife & jealousy; **Rom 14:15** walking in love; 1Cor 3:3 like mere men;

**Galatians 5:16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

1. **Forming spiritual, relational habits & patterns** – choices become neural pathways

**Romans 6:16** Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone *as* slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

**Rom 5:3-5** – facing adversities & loss by trusting God & truth (faith cycle) ingrains new man beliefs in the soul

1. **Doing away with the old man – the body of the sin – Eph 4:22; Col 3:9**
* *Just like the new man is the divine nature + divine principles (heavenly treasures) + Holy Spirit, the old man is the selfish nature + worldly principles (earthly treasures) + desperation from the fear of loss & death*
* *The old man belief & behavior system was formed in the soul totally apart from God or His influence*
1. **Sin Nature**: is better described as a “me centered” & self-centered nature that puts me and my needs/desires first, before God and before others.
2. **Worldly Milk & Meat Beliefs**: People centered – earn affection, approval , acceptance, approbation; **we believe that we must find what our heart craves, in the love of people, in this life, before we die**
* Motives to use human assets (beauty, brains, money) to **win the love & approval of people**
1. **Walking by human ability & assets**: using human ability to practice conditional relating with the people in our life – give to get back; expect & demand that those to whom we give, must give back equally
2. **PERSPECTIVES – DEAD TO THE SIN SYSTEM**: **Rom 6:11** Even so **consider yourselves** to be dead to the sin system, while living to God in Christ Jesus – metaphor of your old self crucified and now is dead

Vs 11 – ***Logizomai*** PMimp – spiritual logic of the ***logos*** to conclude that old man logic is dead & worthless

Vs 11 – while living (***zao***) to God – while you are walking in the new life, reject sinful logic as dead & worthless

* The old man was is dead, but his logic lives in the old program, stored in the neurons of your brain.