

### **THE PASSIONS OF THE OLD SIN NATURE (OSN)**

Last week, Paul introduced two different operational aspects of the Old Sin Nature (OSN):

(Gal.5:24). "Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh (OSN) with **its passions and desires**."

**Passions** (tois pathema)

**Desires** (tais epithumia)

<b>This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of Passions of OSN.</b>
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#### **1. The Greek root word for passions is (pathos) [The affections of mind or passionate desires].**

The Greek **root** word for pathos is pascho (passion or **suffering passion**) of **Christ**. (Acts 1:3; Heb.13:12)  
The "paschal" lamb. (1 Cor.5:7).

Therefore we understand there can be two interpretations of pathema:

- The affections of the mind or passionate desires - sinful passions (Rom.8:5-8; 1 Thess.4:5; Gal.5:24)
- The suffering of Christ or suffering for Christ (Phil.1:29).

The Greek word pathema is always plural except in one scripture text:

**(Heb.2:9)** "But we see Him who was made a little lower than angels, namely, Jesus (His Incarnation), because of **the suffering** (to pathema/ asn) **of death** (The Cross) (John 1:29) crowned with glory and honor (resurrection-ascension), so that by the grace of God He might taste (geuomai/ a.m.subj 3ps) death for everyone." (huper+abl.sm of substitution/ pas +abl.sm) [Every member of human race who believes the gospel of Jesus Christ)."

#### **2. The unsaved person has only one nature. He / She are called the "natural man".**

(1 Cor.2:14) "But the natural man (psuchikos anthropos) does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised."  
(Rom.8:9)

Because of the fall of Adam, spiritual death and the OSN reign over the unsaved.

(Rom.5:21) "That as **sin reigned in death (AOS)**; even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

(Rom.6:12) "Therefore do not let **sin (OSN) reign in your mortal body** that you should obey its lusts."  
Gal.5:16-17)

(Rom.7:5) "For while we were in the **flesh** (te sarx/ OSN), **the sinful passions** (ta pathema ton hamartia), which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death."  
(Rom.3:20-24)

(Rom.1:26-27) “For this reason God gave them over to **degrading passions** (atimia pathema) [vile or inordinate affections]; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desires toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.” (Rom.1:18-32) Today the world calls this behavior an alternative life style.

God describes it as - suppressing truth in unrighteousness (Rom.1:18), knew God but did not honor Him as God (Rom.1:21a), became futile in their speculations and foolish hearts darkened (Rom.1:21b), exchange the glory of God for intellectual idolatry (Rom.1:22-23), God gave them over to degrading passions of hearts (Rom.1:24-27), exchanged the truth of God for lie (Rom.1:25), did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer because of depraved mind (Rom.1:28-32).

“Because the mind set on the flesh (OSN) is **hostile towards God**; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so.” (Rom.8:7; 13:14)

### 3. The Church Age Believer must be taught how to be victorious over the lustful passions of his / her OSN.

(1 Thess.4:4-5) “That each of you know how to possess his own vessel **in sanctification** and honor, **not in lustful passion** (epithumia pathos), like the Gentiles who do not know God.”

**QUESTION:** What divine power has God given every Church Age Believer over their OSN? (Gal.5:16-17; Rom.8:1-17)

**QUESTION:** How do you possess your vessel in sanctification?

- (Gal.5:16) (peripateo/ p.a.impv.2pl)
- (Gal.5:25) (stoicheo/ p.a.subj.1pl/ 1cc)

### 4. Lustful degrading passions is a mindset of a worldly life style (Rom.1:26; 7:5; Col.3:5-10).

How does the CAB change his/ her life style from sinful passions to godly living? (Titus 1:1; 2:12)

In (Col.3:5), Paul lists Greco-Roman cultural idolatrous sexual sins. Paul used pathos (passions). It was used to describe the erotic passions of demonic sex in the pagan temples (phallic cult). (Col.3:5-7)

(Col.3:5a) “**Consider** the members of your earthly body **as dead** (nekroo/ put to death/ **a.m.impv.2pl**).” (Rom.6:11)

(Col.3:8a) “But now you also **put them all aside** (apotithemi/ **a.m.impv.2pl**/ command).”

(Col.3:9) “And do not lie (pseudomai/ p.m.impv.2pl) to one another, since you have **laid aside** (apekduomai/ a.m.ptc.nplm) the old self ( palaios anthrpos) with its evil practices.”

(Col.3:10) “And **put on** (enduo/ a.m.ptc.nplm) the new self (ton neos) [Current Positional Truth] who is being renewed (ton anakainoo/ p.p.ptc.asm) [Experiential Positional Truth] to a true knowledge (epignosis) according to the image of the One who created him.” (Rom.8:29; 12:2; Eph.4:22-24)