

# THE OLD SELF IS DEAD BUT SINFUL HUMAN DESIRES LIVE ON

## *Galatians 5:24*

In Scripture, the *old self* (old man) represents the corrupt sinful state we inherited from Adam. The *sinful human desires* (flesh) represent our tendency to sin. In Christ, our old self was crucified but our sinful human desires live on.

### **The Old Self → Dead when we became believers**

- Romans 6:6      “Our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.”
- Romans 6:11      “So you should consider yourselves dead to sin and able to live for the glory of God through Christ Jesus.”
- Romans 6:22      “But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.”
- 2 Corinthians 5:17      “What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!”
- Galatians 2:20      “I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me. So I live my life in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”
- Ephesians 4:22-24      “Throw off your old evil nature and your former way of life, which is rotten through and through, full of lust and deception.  
Instead, there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes. You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God’s likeness—righteous, holy, and true.”
- Colossians 3:3      “For you died when Christ died, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.”
- Colossians 3:9-10      “Don’t lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old evil nature and all its wicked deeds.  
In its place you have clothed yourselves with a brand-new nature that is continually being renewed as you learn more and more about Christ, who created this new nature within you.”

### **Sinful Human Desires → Active as long as believers live**

- Romans 8:5      “Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit.”
- Romans 8:7      “For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will.”
- Galatians 5:16      “So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves.”
- Galatians 5:24      “Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.”
- Colossians 3:5      “So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual sin, impurity, lust, and shameful desires. Don’t be greedy for the good things of this life, for that is idolatry.”