

given us a new Christ-nature, which was imputed to every believer at the moment of salvation. Believers have an alternative to living in the old Adamic nature.

Believers have a new Christ-nature. It is identified by such names as: (1) "**new creature**" (2) "**new creation**" (3) "**new man**" (4) "**new self.**" **2 Cor 5:17, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, {he is} a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." Gal 6:15, "For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation." Eph 2:15, "by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, {which is} the Law of commandments {contained} in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, {thus} establishing peace." Eph 4:24, "and put on the new self, which in {the likeness of} God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth." Col 3:10, "and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him."**

The unbeliever does not have this alternative because he has not trusted in the Lord Jesus as his Savior. But the believer does have this alternative. We have no excuse for not being in fellowship with God. Why? Simply, because we have a new nature. The old sin nature can never please God, but the new nature can never sin and thus pleases God. If the new nature cannot sin, then why do we as believer's sin? We sin because we choose to live in the old Adamic nature rather than the new Christ-nature. The old sin nature or otherwise known as the old Adamic-nature produces sin and death in us whereas the new nature or the new Christ-nature gives us life.

The 1st man, Adam, brought sin and death into the human race resulting in a curse. The Last Adam, Christ, brought life and blessing to the human race. **1 Cor 15:22, "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive." 1 Cor 15:45, "So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam {became} a life-giving spirit."**