

Two Creations

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PREFACE

REFERENCES USED IN THIS PUBLICATION

- **American Standard Version** (ASV or AV) is a version of the Bible that was released in 1901. It soon came to have other names, such as the American Revised Version, the American Standard Revision, the American Standard Revised Bible, and the American Standard Edition. By the time its copyright was renewed in 1929, it had come to be known by its present name, the American Standard Version.
- **Diaglott** is a two-language polyglot translation, of the New Testament by Benjamin Wilson, first published in 1864. It is an interlinear translation with the original Greek text and a word-for-word English translation in the left column, and a full English translation in the right column.
- **King James Version** (KJV) references are used throughout this publication unless otherwise noted.
- **Revised Version** (RV) (or English Revised Version) of the Bible is a late 19th-century British revision of the King James Version of 1611. It was the first and remains the only officially authorized and recognized revision of the King James Bible.
- **Wuest:** Kenneth Samuel Wuest (1893–1962) was a noted New Testament Greek (Κοινή) scholar of the mid-20th century...produced his own English translation of the New Testament (the Wuest Expanded Translation – abbreviated WET) based on Nestle's critical text.

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GOD CREATED TWO MEN (TWO ADAMS)

1 Corinthians 15:45 reveals the two Adams: *“And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam a quickening spirit.”* The first Adam had children by natural birth; the last Adam had children by the new birth. Remember Jesus said as recorded in John 3:6, *“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”* Of course, our beloved John 3:16 follows with the way of the new birth; simply believe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONFLICT – THE TWO CREATIONS

All right, perhaps we can accept that but what happens to the individual to which this new birth has taken place? This begins the mystery of the two creations. This is the meeting of a strange combination, for it is two people (spirits) in one temple (body); hence, the running battle of Romans 7 takes place. If we read through Romans 7 we see the presence of two **"I's"**. Take for example...

*“For the **GOOD THAT I** would I do not: but the **EVIL WHICH I** would not, that I do.”*
[Rom.7:19]

This conflict ends in a cry of desperation,

“O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”
[Rom.7:24]

Then it is quite clear; 2 men are side by side in the body of the believer in Jesus Christ. Now before going any further, please understand that this is a true Christian that has this 2-creation experience—not a person who has never accepted Christ as his personal Savior. There are many fanciful ideas such as the classic Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and many actual inconsistencies in the behavior of just natural people. Some people seem better, others worse; they have good days and bad days, there are apparently noble thoughts and evil thoughts. But all are the same nature if without Christ within. All are sinners, all are lost unless Christ enters their life.

So, the born-again man is a man of conflict and inconsistency; subject to faults and yet godly. Really, it explains the whole career of the Christian experience that baffles so many people. How can a person act one way one time and another way another time? The riddle is solved—2 men are present in one individual unit of humanity. Man sees one person and thinks he is so changeable. God sees two persons; and, He wants us to be conscious of two also. It is well explained by the type in Genesis 25. Rebekah, wife of one of the patriarchs, suffered with twin boys in her womb. The Lord explained,

“And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.” [Gen.25:22-23]

Each believer has this same struggle within.

It all sounds so frustrating, as if there is only trouble within us. Well, let's complete the bad news and get on to the good news. Remember we said this presence of 2 natures in a Christian explains so much that we and others see is wrong. So, think of a few of God's great people, honored by their place in the Bible. There comes to mind Jacob, David, and others whose faults are revealed. It is because they possessed two natures. Other's faults were not shown up but rest assured they had them. Even our beloved Apostle Paul had the battle, for Romans 7 is his testimony. Only Jesus had no battle with evil, for he had not sin in His nature though He had the form of Adam.

Let's bring it down to modern times; bring it to our own person. All who believe unto salvation are the abiding places of two creations of men—Adam's spirit and Christ's spirit. This includes you, dear reader, me who writes, the preacher, the most advanced Christian, the babe in Christ, the great evangelist, and the timid soul who can scarcely whisper the name of Jesus though sincerely believing in Him. All undergo God's mysterious way of this inner warfare.

Then what do we do? What is our hope? Is there any hope for us? Must we ever fail?

THERE IS A WAY

Paul, the man previously quoted who cried out in despair, found victory through Christ and expounded: it practically in Romans 8. The formula is:

1. Get anointed with the Holy Spirit, as the book of Acts 2, 10, and 19 explains, and
2. feed the new man.

Jesus said, *"the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life"* [Joh.6:63b]. The Word of God (the Bible) is the food of the new life. Read it, heed what the Holy Spirit speaks to you concerning it, gather with others who believe it. The victory comes by the Holy Spirit as seen in Romans 8, well summarized by...

"That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." [Rom.8:4]

We realize that in a materialistic, pseudo-Christian society this victory appears to be beyond our grasp. Not so, God is greater than the world. Christ is greater than the old Adamic nature in us. And, the Holy Spirit, having been received within our new heart, is greater than Satan the tempter.

God bless the new man within all of us who truly believe and may we all go on to full growth and the exciting future God has for this mystery man, and give us triumph to the end of this natural life over the old man who has no future with God.

STUDY GUIDE

1. THE SOURCE OF THE TWO CREATIONS

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." [1Co.15:22]

"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly." [1Co.15:45-48]

2. THE POWERLESS OLD CREATION

"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." [Rom7:18]

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." [1Co.2:14]

"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption." [1Co.15:50]

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." [Gal.6:8]

"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature." [Gal.6:15]

3. RECEIVING THE NEW LIFE

"Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved." [Mat.9:17]

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." [Joh.1:12-13]

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." [Joh.3:5-6]

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him." [1Jo.5:1]

4. THE OLD AND NEW CREATION—SIDE BY SIDE IN THE BELIEVER

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." [2Co.4:7]

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." [Eph.4:22-24]

5. THE ENSUING CONFLICT

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." [Mat.26:41]

"For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I." [Rom.7:15]

"Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." [Rom.7:17]

"But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now." [Gal.4:29]

6. VICTORY THROUGH THE NEW CREATION

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." [Joh.6:63]

"And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." [Rom.8:10]

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." [2Co.5:17]

"This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." [Gal.5:16]

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