

Eradication Teaching

Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones -- The old man is the man that I was in Adam; that is the man that has died once and forever. No where does the Scripture tell you to get rid of your old man, for the obvious reason that he has already gone. Understand that the "old man" is not there.

The only way to stop living as if he were still there is to realize that he is not there. He is non-existent; he is no longer there. Your self--your old self, has gone. Never think of yourself in those terms again. (*Romans Six, p. 65*)

David Needham -- The moment the demand for meaning becomes dominant in my flesh rather than in my deepest personhood--at that moment that "principle" is producing evil within me. When flesh determines its own meaning, it always produces evil.

Yet when that determinative search for meaning flows out of the deepest self, empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit, there is at that point nothing inside of me that is essentially evil. My flesh at that moment is a slave to righteousness. My members are yielded to God and the result is purity--holiness in both the inward and outward man. (*Birthright, p. 81*)

Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. --_The Change of Nature: when you receive Jesus Christ, are born again, and enter into God's kingdom, a tremendous change takes place in your basic nature.

I don't believe that a Christian simultaneously has two natures--an old and a new. The "new man" is a new kind of human behavior, a new humanness which we must put on to accommodate and fit our new nature. We must put off our old patterns and practices--all the things of our old life that hang on us--and put on the clothes of the new man. (*The Walk of the New Man— Study Notes, pp. 1, 2*)

Dr. Charles Solomon -- President, Grace Fellowship. When the sinner is redeemed from slavery to Satan, his basic nature is changed.

Satan, the enemy of souls, has made another critical deception in blinding the minds of believers to the truth that the old man or sin nature no longer exists in the Christian. (*Rejection Syndrome, pp. 106,108*)

Although the agent distributing the power of sin (the old man) has been put out of business through death, the energy force (power of indwelling sin) yet remains. It merely finds a new channel in the believer and works directly on and through the personality, or soul, with the permission of the will. (*Counseling With the Mind of Christ, p. 30*)

Lee LeFebre -- Director of Training, Grace Fellowship. It has been taught that the old (Adamic) life didn't really die at the Cross, but joined the new life of the believer striving for dominance of the soul. Somehow this theory assumed that the old man escaped from the grave. What a hoax to insinuate that we must struggle to overcome that which lies dead in the grave. (*Glimpses of Grace, Spring, 1980*)