

26. The Hatred Complex of Cosmic 2 may be summarized by involvement in the following categories of antagonism, not only toward the Word of God, but also toward the laws of divine establishment.

1. **The Sin Nature:** Motivational antagonism toward the Bible.

The believer out of fellowship is manipulated by both inner and overt stimuli from the lust patterns of the sin nature.

The sin nature is referred to in the Bible by the term “flesh” which summarizes Paul’s testimony of how he became aware of the sin nature as a permanent part of his body. He reveals this beginning in:

**Romans 7:7** - I was not cognizant of the sin nature, except through the Law. For instance, I did not understand the lust pattern, except the Law kept saying, you will not lust [ **Exodus 20:17** ].

**v. 8** - But the sin nature [ ἁμαρτία (*hamartía*) ], having taken the opportunity through the tenth commandment, produced in me the knowledge of every category of lust [ ἐπιτηυμία (*epithumía*) ]. For apart from the Law the sin nature keeps on being dead to my awareness of it.

**v. 9** - At one time, I lived apart from the Law [ **physically alive but spiritually dead** ]; but when the tenth commandment came, the sin nature became alive and I died [ **sin was activated as a known presence and Paul realized his spiritual death** ];

**v. 10** - and that tenth commandment which points to eternal life [ **compliance with the Decalogue is assumed to result in salvation** ], was discovered by me pointing to spiritual death;

**v. 11** - for the sin nature, having seized the opportunity through the tenth commandment, deceived and cheated me [ ἐξαπατάω (*exapatáō*): through the deception to lust Paul is cheated out of blessings ] and through the same killed me [ **condemnation of spiritual death** ].

**Romans 7:12** - As a matter of fact, the Law is holy [ ἅγιος (*hágios*): set apart, sanctified, perfect ] set apart to God and the tenth commandment is set apart to God [ Scripture is perfect therefore “holy” ] and righteous and good with intrinsic value.

**v. 13** - Therefore did that which is good of intrinsic value become a cause of spiritual death for me? Definitely not! Quite the contrary, it was the sin nature, in order that it might be revealed [ κατεργάζομαι (*katergázomai*): work something out until something already in existence is revealed as a reality ] to be sinful through that which is intrinsically good, making spiritual death a reality to me so that the sin nature might become utterly sinful.

**v. 14** - For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am unspiritual [ σαρκικός (*sarkikós*): “fleshly” under the influence of fleshly desires, i.e., the lust patters of the sin nature ], led astray under the dictatorship of the sin nature. (EXT)

### Principles:

1. Personal sin does not condemn the human race.
2. Only one sin condemns the human race and it is Adam’s original sin.

**Romans 5:12** - Therefore, just as through one man [ **Adam** ] the sin nature entered into the world, and consequently spiritual death through the sin nature, so that spiritual death spreads to all men, because all sinned when Adam sinned [ **Adam’s original sin** ]. (EXT)

3. The original sin of Adam is imputed to each one of us at physical birth.
4. Human life is imputed to each person’s spiritual home which is the divinely prepared soul: ψυχή (*psuché*).
5. Simultaneously, Adam’s original sin is imputed to its genetically prepared home, the sin nature: σάρξ (*sárx*).
6. Personal sin is the production of the lust patterns of the sin nature, but they are not the means of condemnation from the justice of God.

7. Personal sin is a manifestation of the sin nature's sovereignty over human life.
8. Paul discovered that the true ministry of the Decalogue is to reveal the existence of the sin nature through the perfect standards of God in the Decalogue.
9. These standards not only reveal the production of the sin nature but the status produced by the presence of the sin nature – the imputation of Adam's original sin which is the source of our condemnation.
10. The production of personal sin is promoted by the lust patterns of the sin nature and result in the believer being outside the bottom circle and its status quo carnality: **σαρκικός (sarkikós)**, therefore, unspiritual.
11. Paul summarizes his dilemma and its solution in:

**Romans 7:24** - Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from the body of this death [ condemnation ]?

**v. 25** - Grace belongs to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand with my mind I myself serve the law of God [ inside the bubble ]; but on the other hand with my flesh I myself serve the law of sin [ status quo carnality ].