

## **The Enemy Within**

### *The Sin Nature*

- I.** During the Millenium Kingdom the sin nature will still exist.
  1. Perfect government (1 Tim. 6:15).
  2. Ideal environment (Amos 9:13).
  3. Curse reversed for animal (Is. 11:9).
  4. Exterior spiritual enemies gone.
    - 1) Satan bound (Rev. 20:2).
    - 2) World system destroyed (cf. 1 Cor. 7:31; 1 Jn. 2:15).
  5. Still, humans will rebel against God (Mt. 13:41; 5:28-29).
- II.** The term *sin nature*.
  1. The term *nature*: an inner force that drives person, the propensity to think and act a certain way.
  2. The term *nature* is used in Scripture to describe the way humans behave (Rom. 1:26-27; Eph. 2:3; cf. Jam. 3:7).
- III.** The origin of the sin nature of mankind—Adam’s trespass.
  1. Adam knew what he was doing (1 Tim. 2:14; Gen. 2:11-12).
  2. Adam’s willfully determination to act lawlessly (1 Jn. 3:4) bent his previous innocent nature (Rom. 5:19).
  3. Adam passed this bent nature to all his progeny (Rom. 5:19).
  4. Adam’s trespass caused all humans to be condemned, spiritually dead—separated from God (Rom. 5:18, 20-21).
- IV.** Our sin nature.
  1. At salvation the sin nature is not “washed away”, all Christians still have the propensity to sin (1 Jn. 1:8).
  2. We received a sin nature as part of conception (Ps. 51:5).
  3. The sin nature is within us (Rom. 7:17).
  4. Before salvation the sin nature was the source of spiritual death (Rom. 6:23).
- V.** The only means of ending spiritual death is salvation—being born again (Rom. 5:21).
  1. Re-born (Tit. 3:5).
  2. At this second birth we are given participation in a new nature—the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4).
    - 1) New inner drive.
    - 2) New desires (Phil 2:13).