

Two Contrasting Spheres

The sovereign in the old sphere is "the old man." The very core of the flesh is this sinful, corrupt nature, called "the old man," which is a deep-dyed traitor that hates everything that God loves and loves everything that God hates.

The expression "the old man" is used but three times in the Bible: in Ephesians 4:22, Colossians 3:9 and Romans 6:6. It has an equivalent in the "I" of Galatians 2:20, and in the word "sin" of Romans 6. The term commonly used is "self." Through the first Adam's fall "self" usurped the throne of man's personality and has held it in its possession, control and use ever since. Every child is born into the world with KING SELF on the throne, a fact often made evident before he can walk or talk.

"The old man" on the throne determines what the whole life from center to circumference shall be. His evil desires become evil deeds; his unholy aspirations are transmitted into unholy acts; his unrighteous character manifests itself in unrighteous conduct; his ungodly will is expressed in ungodly works. The root "sin" bears fruit in "sins."

Dethronement of the Old Man— Co-Crucifixion with Christ

The vast majority of Christians stop short in their experience of the blessings of salvation with the forgiveness of past sins and with the