

## OUR DARK SIDE

Romans 7:14-24

INTRODUCTION: Do you think I have a dark side? Mark Twain once said: “We’re all like the moon—we have a dark side.” Have you ever wondered why our children so quickly pick up every bad word we say and every bad thing we do so quickly? Have you ever wondered why you, a strong Christians have so much trouble controlling your tongue or your temper? Sin is like a worm, it begins in our heart and works out through a person’s thoughts, words, and actions: Matthew 5:16-20. All of our sin problems come from a problem we have in our hearts.

### I. MAN’S REBELLION!

The root of our problem, the root of our dark side is revealed in the first book of the Bible: Genesis 2:7-9; Genesis 2:15-22. Adam and Eve had complete freedom to eat from any tree in the Garden of Eden except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Mankind chose to do the one and only thing God had commanded them not to do: Genesis 3:1-6; Genesis 3:14-24. God created man and woman to have eternal fellowship with Him. Adam and Eve had a free will and could choose to trust and obey God or to not trust and obey God. Death means separation. The day Adam and Eve ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil they were separated from God. They were separated from God by being cast out of the Garden and now they could not get to the Tree of Life and they began to die physically. The good news is that in the New Jerusalem the Tree of Life will be there: Revelation 22:1-5. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10: As we believe the lies of Satan we perish: Romans 1:18. One of Satan’s favorite lie today is that there is no absolute truth: John 17:17; John 14:6. We like Adam and Eve can believe God’s truth or Satan’s lies: Genesis 3:6.

### II. YES, YOU AND I HAVE A DARK SIDE!

Every since Adam and Eve choose to believe Satan’s lie and reject God’s truth all their offspring have a dark side, a sinful nature or depravity. Romans 5:19; Psalm 51:5; Proverbs 16:25. It is a fearful thing that people can be consumed by their own lusts. Only the grace of our Lord can keep us from self destructing. Proverbs 22:15; Luke 9:23-26. If we do not deny our dark side we will wind up denying our Lord: Luke 22:31-34. Pride always goes before a fall. If we are to deny ourselves we must come to the point of trusting God’s Word: Luke 14:33; Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 6:13; John 3:19-21.

### III. CHRIST AS OUR LIVES IS OUR ONLY ANSWER!

There are three truths we all must come to know: 1.) I was born with a sinful nature! Romans 7:18. 2.) God does not want to reform your sinful nature! 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 5:24. 3.) Victory only comes as Christ becomes your life! We might ask: “If it is true that my old nature was put to death when I became a Christians who do I still sin?” Crucifixion is a slow death and I must not only believe it to be true but I must daily die to self by taking up my cross and allowing Christ to live His life through me! Romans 7:24-25. Jesus Christ came not only to save you but to become your life: Galatians 2:20.