

Two Natures

"... For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." (Romans 7:14-20).

Brother Branham explained this Scripture: Let me just kinda polish it up so you can see. Paul said, "In me are two persons: One wants me to do wrong, the other wants me to do right. And every time I start to do right, then wrong hinders me."

You are an outward man which is controlled by six senses; **you are an inward man controlled by one sense which is faith.** And this faith disagrees with all six senses if the six senses don't agree with faith. But one is contrary to the other. Now, **as long as the six senses agree with the faith, wonderful; but when the six senses disagree with faith, then leave the six senses alone.**

Now, for instance here, Jesus made a statement, a promise. The inside man says that's true; the outside man reasons that it can't be true to you, **then ignore the outside man and accept the inside man.** Now, that's the same thing that Paul's speaking of. He was sold under the law to carnal sin. Every one of us is the same. **That's the reason we have the troubles we do,** of married four or five times, and this, and that, and all kinds of sin, and adulteries, and everything else along in our lives, is because of those things. We are carnal, and that part must perish; but then, **inside, we are a spirit man, soul inside, and that's faith in God's Word (Mark 11:22); then we bring our outside body under subjection to the Word by faith (Gal. 2:19-20), by accepting what God said.**

How can I take a cocklebur and make a grain of wheat out of it? It's impossible for me to do it. The only way it can be is because inside that cocklebur has been transmitted from a cocklebur to a germ called, "**wheat life.**" Then you bury that cocklebur, and it'll produce a grain of wheat, because there has been **a life of wheat** put in the cocklebur. And the life of the cocklebur has been taken out; **but the nature of the cocklebur is still sticky, and it will be until this new life has fully been developed out of the ground and raised up again.** When it comes forth, then it's no more cocklebur, but wheat. But while it's here on earth and out of the earth... a cocklebur, it's still sticky, but it's got the nature on the inside of it of wheat.

And as long as you're in this life, you're going to be sticky and have a carnal nature that's going to bother you as long as you live (*Gal. 6:1; James 3:1-2*); **but the inside of you, you're born again** (*1 Peter 1:23*). And when you're raised up, you're in the likeness of Christ and all the sin is gone from you (*Eph. 4:15-16; Rom. 7:21-25*). See? That's the thing.

May I say this? The Indians are odd people to us. And if you get to knowing them, they're all right. I remember one in Phoenix, Arizona. Billy was going down to give out prayer cards. He just was standing there and giving out prayer cards. And them people that's able to run up there and grab the prayer cards... While the well people really had a headache, toothache, something wrong with the toe, they only got the prayer cards. And there were people setting there dying with cancer and things or poor cripples that didn't get in the prayer line. I said, "Billy, go down there and ask those people what's wrong with them. And if they haven't got cancer, or some horrible disease, or something that's going to kill them, don't give them the prayer cards. Get them people up there in that prayer line that's ready to die if not helped from the Lord. Let them others just wait. Let them come in a fast line or something."

"All right, I will do it."

He goes down; there was an old Indian--and they're very odd--he wouldn't set down in a chair. They gave him a chair, but he set down on the floor in the tent. He had a hat on; he wouldn't take it off; had a feather sticking in the back of it, just setting there.

Billy walked up to him, and he passed by, and he said, "You want a prayer card?"

"Hmm."

He said, "What's wrong with you, Chief."

He said, "Me sick!"

He said, "But what's wrong with you?"

He said, "Me sick!"

He said, "But I want to know what's wrong with you!"

He said, "Me sick!"

That's all he could get out of him, said, "All right, I will be back after while." So Billy went along asking people. The old Indian kept watching them prayer cards getting thinner and thinner. Every time he'd draw them out of his pocket they were a little bit thinner. So after while, the old Indian got up, and walked over, and tapped Billy on the back to remind him he was in this too. He said, "Chief, what's wrong with you?"

He said, "Me sick!"

He said, "Well, Chief, you have to tell me. Daddy said not to give these cards to people that just had, like tummyache, and headaches, and things. 'Give them to people that was real sick.'" Said, "How sick are you, Chief?"

He said, "Me sick." He set him down again and before his cards were really about gone. A couple minutes (he kept watching them cards) he came back and tapped him again. Billy put the card on his hand, said, "Chief, go write on there, 'Me sick.'"

He got in the prayer line, and I was praying for him, and I said, "Do you believe, Chief?"

He said, "That right."

And I said, "Well, you believe that God will heal you?"

He said, "That right."

I said "You'd be a good boy?"

He said, "That right."

I met him about a week later. I said, "Are you doing all right, Chief?"

He said, "That right." Come to find out, I talked to that missionary, that old man with a white mustache, up there to the Apaches. I can't think of his name. He said, "Brother Branham, that's all he can say." Said, "I taught him to say, 'Me sick.' That's the only thing he could say, 'That right.'" So that's about it, you see. "That right. Me sick!"

Somebody told me, one time he was converted, received the Holy Ghost, and he said to him, "How are you getting along?"

He said, "Pretty good and pretty bad."

He said, "Well, how do you mean pretty bad and pretty good?"

He said, "Well, **since me receive the Holy Ghost,**" he said, "**there's been two dogs in me, and one of them a black dog and one of them a white dog.**" And said, "**They argue all the time.**" Said, "They growl and fight at one another." And said, "The white dog wants me do good; the black dog wants me do bad."

Said, "Well, Chief, which one of them wins the fight?"

Said, "**That depends on which one Chief feeds the most.**" So I think that's a good answer here. See? There just depends on the warring of the body that's in you; **it depends on which one you cater to, which nature you cater to, the carnal nature after the things of the world, or the spiritual nature after the things of God.** That does it (*II Peter 1:3-11*). [1]

“I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin“ (Romans 7:25).

All right. That’s exactly what Paul said many times over. **When I would do good, evil is present** (*Rom. 7:21*). That’s exactly what you do too. **„With your mind“, that’s your heart** (*Prov. 23:7*). Now remember, you do not think with your mind neither do you see with your eyes. **You see with your heart.** Did you know that? **Did you know your heart had another person in it besides yourself?** Science just found that out about four years ago, you know. Little compartment in the heart, **they say the soul lives.**

Your makeup is not to lie. That’s the reason you have to live again, because you were made, **created to live forever, live always.** But see, sin came in and brought death to the body. And then, when sin comes in and brings death to the body, then course, **the body has to die** (*Psalms 51:5*). **But in there can dwell Eternal Life, when this spirit is changed in you** (*Psalms 51:10*) **and you’ve got Eternal Life** (*John 5:24-29*). God will raise that body up again at the last day. He said He would do it.

He said in another place, "I think I have the mind of Christ." (*I Cor. 2:9-16*). Now, in that mind, **with the mind of Christ you serve God.** See, **the inward part, you serve God. That subconscious, there’s where faith lies** (*Rom. 10:10*).

Paul said then, "With my mind - **and I have the mind of Christ - I serve God with my mind, but with my flesh, the law of sin.**" What is it? My flesh says tonight, "You are too tired. Your throat is too sore. You’ve been out in the wind today. You shall not go to church tonight." That’s the law of the flesh. Now, **my mind, on the inside the Holy Spirit said, "You keep your promise."**

Paul said, "**My flesh wants always to yield to that.**" **Your flesh does too. But the law of the Spirit of God in the heart overcomes the flesh** (*Gal. 5:16-18*) **and makes the body obey what the heart says do.** Hallelujah!

Look, then if it will do that for a sinner, then won’t that work for sickness too? The law of the Spirit of God in the heart (*Rom. 8:1-11*) that knows that. "By His stripes we were healed," (*I Peter 2:21-25*) they stand with their power **to make that sickness in that body obey them, because it’s the devil.** There you are.

Now, **the law of sin and death works in your flesh, but the law of the Spirit of Life works in your heart.** So your heart, your spirit in your heart will make your body obey what it says do. That's exactly right. Now, that's what Paul said. Always the flesh, "I'm too tired; I'm unable; I'm not sufficient; I cannot do it." [2]

Angelic beings associate together. Oh, I hope you get that, that just dropped right down, free. Look! **And if you've got the Holy Spirit in you, then you're a candidate for association with the unseen world and the Supernatural.** No wonder people can't believe in those things, **they've never come in contact. They got nothing in here to believe with. But when the Holy Spirit comes into the heart, quickly He becomes then a twofold being: one of the earth, to die; and one in Heaven, to live** (*Eph. 2:4-7*). Amen. In his body, he's still subject to death; but in his soul, he's passed from death unto Life (*John 5:24*). In his body, he has his earthly contact with his five senses; in his spirit, **he has a contact with God through the Holy Ghost. And the Angels of God visit them, and speak with them, and they are Messengers sent from God to reveal, and to bring messages from God to the individual** (*Heb. 1:13-14*). He's out to get the first things first. You can't put the cupola on before the foundation is laid. So we got to remember that, put first things first! "*Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; all these other things will be added unto you*" (*Matthew 6:33*). [3]

We know we make mistakes, but you mustn't look at that. **It's not your mistakes, because you're always going to have them** (*Gal. 6:1*). But, you see, it's following His Rules, following what He said do. Stumble and falling doesn't have one thing to do with It. **A real true servant, if he will stumble, he will get up again** (*Prov. 24:16*). If he wobbles, **God pulls him right back in the path, as long as he's in the path of duty.** But if he's off of the path of duty, God's not obligated to him. **But as long as he's in the path of duty, God's obligated to him, knowing that he's just a man or a woman.** He's obligated to that person as long as they're in the **path of duty.** [4]

And they've heard me say the evidence of the Holy Ghost wasn't speaking in tongues--and it isn't--but I advised that person to ask God to let them either speak in tongues or prophesy, **because it's the nature.**

The first thing, I went to that person **and found their birthplace, and what sign that they were born under, and could tell what their birth was.** Which way it set in their natural nature sets them in a certain line. **Then, when they're reborn again, they're over here in another nature** (*John 3:3-8*). And then, when you find into this nature, that's the inside, in-conscience, **inside conscience...** The outside conscience moves you in one way; **that's your natural birth.** Then they'll make up something and it **puts them in a split condition.** They don't know what to do. They'll say, "The Lord wants me to do this."

The inside, "Oh, I just know it lines up with the Scripture." And they'll start to do it, and the first thing you know, **Satan on this outside will show them all kinds of defects in it.** And then they say, "Well, I guess I..." They listen to Satan. **You've got to take that inside something, that what's on the inside of you that's Scriptural.** And don't let Satan stand anywhere. That's his duty to stand there and pound at you like that. **But don't you listen to him.**

And this person that's in you, which is your birth... You are John Doe; you were born in a certain month, and you were born under a certain star; you were born under a certain thing, **and that has something to do with you. Certainly does.**

Now, that's your birth path; **that's what you are,** a natural man or natural woman. **But when you're reborn again, that's not the outside conscience.** The outside is what you see, taste, feel, smell, and hear, **but the inside of that is what you really are.** Now, this out here, Satan just tempts you and knocks you around every way here; **but down here he can't do it unless you let him do it.** For in here you've got faith (*II Cor. 4:13-15*), and faith doesn't come from the outer conscience, it reasons. But in faith there's no reason. **You've got it from God, and you know it's there.** I don't care how much it looks wrong, you still know it's right; it's **THUS SAITH THE LORD.** And there's nothing going to bother that. **Nothing can bother that;** it's moving right straight on. **Difficult means nothing to it; wades right on through it, for It's the Word.** And the Word's the Sword, and the Word cuts (*Heb. 4:12-13*). The Sword cuts Itself free from everything else. You see? Takes the hand of faith to hold that Word. That faith's got to be... [5]

This is a dying spirit in a dying body; but now, **you can't be in two bodies at one time, but there can be two natures in you at one time.** When you're born again, you're not born of physical, like the baby was; but

what's happened, **the spiritual birth has come to you** (*Titus 3:4-7*). **And while this spiritual birth is growing into your heart, of God**, there is a physical or a celestial body **growing to receive that spirit**. And when the life leaves this body, **it goes to that body**. Just as when the body is presented to the earth, the spirit comes in, and when the spirit goes out of the body, **there is a body waiting**. "For we know that after this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." (*II Cor. 5:1-3*). That's it, **the spiritual body of the people**. [1]

Like in the Book here, and the spot there we were talking **about the two Books being One**, the Book of Life. **The first Book of life coming up, was when you were born, that was your natural birth**. But then one time, way back down in there, **there was a little grain of Life**. See, there's a little grain of Life laying there which you'd wonder, "Where did It come from? What these strange things?"

I was saying this, taking for myself, like you were going to say, "William Branham, well, forty years ago, the William Branham, this and the same one tonight." And somebody back there would say, "Oh, he was a rank rascal." See? Because I was born of Charles and Ella Branham. **In their nature I was a sinner, I came to the world, a liar, and all the habits of the world laid right in me. But down in there, too, was another Nature present, see, predestinated, was in there by God. In this same body, see, two natures in there.**

Well, I only catered to one. As it growed, I gooded as a baby, "Dad-da." First thing you know, I become a liar, become everything else that's a sinner, because I raised up that way. **But down in there was a little speck of Life all the time.**

I used to remember, as a little boy sitting out on the creek bank, and I'd sit there and look around at nighttime. Pop and mom, they're gone on now to their rest. In them days they were sinners, there was no Christianity in our homes at all. And, oh, my, drinking, and parties, and carrying on; it made me sick, I'd take my lantern and my dog and go to the woods, to stay all night. In the wintertime I'd hunt till the party was over, maybe daylight in the morning. Come home, wouldn't be over, I've laid on top of a shed and sleep, waiting for daylight to break.

Then I'd think of how that times, then being out there in the summertime, get my sticks and put them down for a little windbreak, where if it rained; lay there and have the poles sticking in the water, fishing; my old coon dog laying there. I'd say, "Looky here. You know,

last winter I camped right here one night, I built a fire right here when I was waiting for my old dog here to tree, and I had a fire here. It was frozen five inches deep in the ground. **But, little flower, where did you come from?** Where'd you come from? Who come out here and planted you? And what hothouse did they bring you out of? Or what about it, where'd you come from?" See? That little flower, I'd say, "Why, it was frozen, and everything, and I built a fire on top here. Besides the freezing element, there was a heat element laying here on a big old log where I burned 'er. And yet here you are, you're alive. Where'd you come from?"

What was it? There was another William Branham. See? **A little spot of Eternal Life down there, from the genes of God, the Word of God that was placed in there.** Each one of you can think of similar things. See, It was working.

Then I looked up to the trees and I'd think, "Leaf, I seen you fall off last year, and what are you back there again? Where'd you come from? What brought you here?" See, **It was that Eternal Life working in the body.**

Now, then one day as I walked on, that Voice talking, "Don't never smoke, drink, so forth." And the young fellows and all got older. See, there was Something moving.

But yet all at once I looked up, and I said, **"I'm not the son of Charles and Ella Branham. There's Something calling."** Like my little eagle, "I'm not a chicken. There's Something up yonder, somewhere. **O Great Jehovah, Whoever You are, open up! I want to come home. There's Something in me, calling."**

Then I was born again. That little Life was laying there, the life of water was poured upon It, then It begin to grow. Now, that old life was forgiven, put in the sea of God's forgetfulness, to never be remembered against me no more. See? Now we stand justified, as though we never had sinned (Rom. 5:1-2), in the Presence of God (Micah 7:19). [6]

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]