



DOCTRINE OF THE SOUL

- A The real person is in the soul. *Gen. 2:7*
- B. The Essence of the Soul
1. **Self-consciousness.** Man is aware of his own existence and is able to relate to both animate and inanimate life on earth. Animals have consciousness, but not self-consciousness.
 2. **Mentality.** Self-consciousness is no good without mentality. This is the thinking part of man and is composed of two parts.
 - a. The mind or left lobe of the soul.
 - b. The heart or right lobe of the soul contains the frame of reference, memory center, vocabulary and categorical storage, norms and standards, and launching pad for application of knowledge to life.
 - c. Rom 1:20-22 and Prov 19:2 teach that all thought originates in these two lobes. The soul is the source of all basic sin. It is the battleground between the old sin nature and the Holy Spirit, Mt 10:28; Eph. 4:17-19; Ps 143.
 3. **Volition.** Man has the ability to be negative or positive to anything in life. This is why man was created to resolve the angelic conflict.
 4. **Emotion,** Lk 12:19. Not part of the soul but part of the body. This is the appreciator of the soul. Emotion responds or reacts to whatever thoughts are in the soul. Normally the emotion is dominated by the right lobe of the soul.
 5. **Conscience.** This is the evaluator of the soul. It contains the norms and standards, Acts 24:16.
 6. **The old sin nature is not part of the soul.** It is genetically formed in every cell of the human body. It battles for control of the soul through sin, human good and evil. Because we have an old sin nature, we are said to be totally depraved. Without Bible doctrine in the soul, you tend to run loose with your old sin nature's area of strength and link this activity with pride. You set up your system of standards and compare yourself to others to further your pride.
- C. The soul must be distinguished from the human spirit.
1. Heb. 4:12 - ... dividing the soul and the spirit. Originally man was trichotomous, having a body, soul, and spirit, Gen 2:7.
 2. After the fall, man is born dichotomous, having only a body and soul, 1 Cor 2:14; Jude 19.
 3. The believer, however, is said to have a body, soul, and spirit, 1 Thes 5:23. The human spirit is regenerated by God the Holy Spirit at salvation.
- D. Only the soul, not the body, is saved at the point of regeneration, Ps. 19:7, 34:22; Mk 8:36-37; 1 Pet 1:9; Heb 10:39.

1. Therefore, there is no "healing in the atonement." The body is not saved because the old sin nature resides there. In eternity the soul is given a perfect body minus an old sin nature or any human good.
 2. Those in eternity who glorify God forever will be those who had maximum Bible doctrine in the soul during their time on earth.
- E. Only the soul, not the body, was made in the image of God. Gen 1:26-27cf Gen 2:7. God is not material but spiritual.
- F. The soul is the area of the worst sins which are MAS. Job 21:25; Zech 11:8.
1. The content of the soul is seen when a person speaks. What you truly are is only revealed when you speak.
 2. Sins of the tongue reveal mental attitude sins. If you are guilty, arrogant, bitter, or full of revenge, you will talk a certain way that reveals the content of your soul.
- G. In physical death, the soul departs from the body. Job 27:8; Ps 16:10; 2 Cor 5:8.
- H. The soul does not die. Gen. 35:18, I Kings 17:21, I Sam. 28:14-19, II Cor. 5:8, Luke 16, Matt. 17:23, Rev. 6:9-11

WHAT IS SIN?

SIN is "any want of conformity unto or transgression of the law of God" (1 John 3:4; Romans 4:15), in the inward state and habit of the soul, as well as in the outward conduct of the life, whether by omission or commission (Romans 6:12-17; 7:5-24). It is "not a mere violation of the law of our constitution, nor of the system of things, but an offence against a personal lawgiver and moral governor who vindicates His law with penalties. The soul that sins is always conscious that his sin is:

- (1.) Intrinsically vile and polluting, and
- (2.) That it justly deserves punishment, and calls down the righteous wrath of God.

Hence sin carries with it two inalienable characters,

- (1.) Ill-desert, guilt and
- (2.) Pollution

The moral character of a man's actions is determined by the moral state of his heart. The disposition to sin, or the habit of the soul that leads to the sinful act is itself also sin (Romans 6:12-17; Galatians 5:17; James 1:14, 15).

The origin of sin is a mystery, and must forever remain such to us. It is plain that for some reason God has permitted sin to enter this world, and that is all we know. His permitting it, however, in no way makes God the author of sin.

Adam's sin (Gen. 3:1-6) consisted in his yielding to the assaults of temptation and eating the forbidden fruit. It involved in it,

(1.) The sin of unbelief, virtually making God a liar; and

(2.) The guilt of disobedience to a positive command

By this sin Adam became an apostate from God, a rebel in arms against his Creator. He lost the favor of God and communion with Him; his whole nature became depraved, and he incurred the penalty involved in the covenant of works.

ORIGINAL SIN refers only to the sin of Adam, committed when he was without sin and without old sinful nature. Our first parents being the root of all mankind, the guilt of their sin was imputed, and the same death in sin and corrupted nature were conveyed to all their posterity, descending from them by ordinary generation." Adam the federal head and representative of all his posterity- constituted Adam as he was also their natural head, and therefore when he fell –all men fell with him (Romans 5:12-21; 1 Cor. 15:22-45). His probation was their probation, and his fall their fall.

Because of Adam's first sin all his posterity came into the world in a state of sin and condemnation, that is,

(1.) A state of moral corruption, and

(2.) Of guilt, as having judicially imputed to them the guilt of Adam's first sin

"Original sin" is frequently and improperly used to denote the moral corruption of our whole nature inherited by all men from Adam. Only Adam committed original sin because he sinned when he was without old sin nature. This inherited moral corruption consists in:

(1.) The loss of original righteousness; and

(2.) The presence of a constant proneness to evil, which is the root and origin of all actual personal sin:

It is called "sin" (Rom. 6:12, 14, 17; 7:5-17), the "flesh" (Gal. 5:17, 24), "lust" (James 1:14, 15), the "body of sin" (Rom. 6:6), "ignorance," "blindness of heart," "alienation from the life of God" (Eph. 4:18).

THE OLD SIN NATURE OF MAN

The old sin nature influences and depraves the whole man, and its tendency is still downward to deeper and deeper corruption, there remaining no recuperative element in the soul.

The presence of OSN (old sinful nature) leads to total depravity. It is also universally inheriting by all the natural descendants of Adam (Romans 3:10-23; 5:12-21; 8:7)- The doctrine of original sin is proved:

(1.) From the fact of the universal sinfulness of men; "There is no man that sinned not" (1 Kings 8:46; Isaiah 53:6; Psalm 130: 3; Romans 3:19, 22, 23; Galatians 3:22).

(2.) From the total depravity of man: All men are declared to be destitute of any principle of spiritual life; man's apostasy from God is total and complete (Job 15: 14-16; Genesis 6:5,6).

(3.) From its early manifestation (Psalm 58:3; Proverbs 22:15)

(4.) It is proved also from the necessity, absolutely and universally, of regeneration (John 3:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17).

(5.) From the universality of death (Romans 5:12-20) various kinds of sin are mentioned:

(1.) "Presumptuous sins," or as literally rendered, "sins with an uplifted hand", defiant acts of sin, in contrast with "errors" or "inadvertencies" (Psalm 19:13).

(2.) "Secret", that is, hidden sins (Psalm 19:12); sins which escape the notice of the soul,

(3.) "Sin against the Holy Spirit, or a "sin unto death" (Matthew 12:31, 32; 1 John 5:16), which amounts to a willful rejection of grace.

The original sin of Adam cost so much – the contamination of the entire human race. Sin always costs more than it pays.

The Biblical Understanding of Sin

In the biblical perspective, sin is not only act of wrongdoing but also a state of alienation from God. For the great prophets of Israel, sin is much more than the violation of a taboo or the transgression of an external ordinance. It signifies the rupture of a personal relationship with God, a betrayal of the trust He places in us. We become most aware of our sinfulness in the presence of the Holy God (Isaiah 6:5; Psalm 51:1-9; Luke 5:8).

Sinful acts have their origin in a corrupt heart (Gen. 6:5; Isaiah 29:13; Jeremiah 17:9). For Paul, sin is not just a conscious transgression of the law but a debilitating ongoing state of enmity with God. In Paul's theology, sin almost becomes personalized. It can be thought of as a malignant, personal power that holds humanity in its grasp.

The biblical witness also affirms that sin is universal. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," Paul declares (Romans 3:23). "There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins" (Ecclesiastes 7:20). "Who can say, 'I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin'?" (Proverbs 20:9). "They have all gone astray," the psalmist complains, "They are all alike corrupt; there is none that does good, no, not one" (Psalm 14:3). Man is born into the world with the strikes of Adam with him.

Adam's original sin (AOS) is imputed at the moment of birth. The first personal sin was committed by Adam at the Garden of Eden and became Adam's personal sin, which is imputed or officially charged to entire members of the human race. The sin of one man became the sin of all men. In this life, we stand or fall with Adam (Romans 5:19).

THE HARDENING OF THE SOUL

The OSN is the source of temptation to personal sin and human volition is the cause of personal sin. Personal sin is disobedience to God and His expressed will for us.

HARDNESS OF THE HEART which is closely related to unbelief (Mark 16:14; Romans 2:5), likewise belongs to the essence of sin. It means refusing to repent and believe in the promises of God (Psalm 95:8; Hebrews 3:8, 15; 4:7). It connotes both stubborn unwillingness to open our life to the grace of God (2 Chronicles 36:13; Ephesians 4:18) and its corollary- insensitivity to the needs of our neighbor (Deuteronomy 15:7; Ephesians 4:19).

Whereas the essence of sin is unbelief or hardness of heart, the chief manifestations of sin are pride, sensuality, and fear. Other significant aspects of sin are self-pity, selfishness, jealousy, and greed.

The effects of sin are moral and spiritual bondage, guilt, death, and hell. James explained: "Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full-grown brings forth death" (1:14-15). In Paul's view, "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23, I Cor. 15:56 that is spiritual death or separation from God.

According to Pauline theology, the law is not simply a check on sin but an actual instigator of sin. So perverse is the human heart that the very prohibitions of the law that were intended to deter sin serve instead to arouse sinful desire (Romans 7:7-8).

Biblical faith also confesses that sin is inherent in the human condition. We are not simply born into a sinful world, but we are born with a propensity toward sin. As the psalmist says, "The wicked go astray from the womb, they err from their birth, speaking lies" (Psalms 58:3, 51:5).

CONVICTION OF SIN: The biblical teaching revolving chiefly around the concept of "conviction" does not cover all shades of meaning of guilt. The word sometimes entails the ideas of "exposing" and "correcting" in addition to that of "proving wrong" or "showing the guilt of."

A sinless person cannot be the object of this conviction (John 8:46; I Peter 2:22). The world can, however, notably for its disbelief in Christ (John 16:8-9). A sinning member of the Christian community can be an object of conviction, too (Matthew 18:15 and also Ephesians 5:11). Similarly a whole congregation may be reproved (I Timothy 5:20; 2 Timothy 3:16; Titus 1:9, 13; 2:15; James 2:9; Revelation 3:19).

The conviction of sin originates with the hypostasis of the Godhead: the Father (Hebrews 12:5), the Son (Jude 15; Revelation 3:19), and the Holy Spirit (John 16:7-11). It is mediated through Christian witnesses, especially preachers, as they spread and implement the word of God (Matthew 18:15; John 16:7, 8; Ephesians 5:11, 13; I Timothy 5:20; 2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 1:9, 13; 2:15). Their witness intensifies the convicting work already present through the Mosaic Law (James 2:9) and self-revelation to the conscience resulting from illumination by Christ's first advent (John 3:20).

The outcome of this convicting work varies. In one sense, it is always effective because the object invariably receives divine illumination to see issues clearly (John 16:7-8). In another sense, it is only relatively effective because the object may respond with

repentance (Matthew 18:15; I Corinthians 14:24) or rejection (Luke 3:19). What conviction does is to make clear the dire results if the guilty party persists in his wrongdoing. Without conviction he remains a victim of satanic blindness (2 Corinthians 4:4). Once convicted, he must respond with a choice to rebound or to ignore the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

THE ENSLAVEMENT TO SINS

The core of sin is unbelief. This has firm biblical support: in Genesis 3 where Adam and Eve trust the word of the serpent over the word of God; in the Gospels where Jesus Christ is rejected by the leaders of the Jews; in Acts 7 where Stephen is martyred at the hands of an unruly crowd; in John 20:24-25 where Thomas arrogantly dismisses the resurrection of Jesus.

Man is born into this world with three strikes against him; First, Adam's original sin (AOS) is imputed to every member of the human race at the point of physical birth. The personal sin committed by Adam at the Garden of Eden, which became AOS. God imputed AOS to every person born into this world because Adam represented the human race –and we stand and fall with him.

Through physical birth, we inherit a sin nature, which Adam passed on genetically to all mankind [Genesis 3:6-8, Psalm 51:5]. The OSN is passed to all members of the human race through the natural procreation.

Because the OSN is the source of temptation to personal sin and human volition is the cause of personal sin- therefore, we shall remain enslave to sin while we are in our mortal bodies.

Personal sin is disobedience to God and to His expressed will –therefore, any mental, verbal, and overt action or reaction contrary to the character and standards of God falls under the category of personal sin. Sin is always directed against God, even though they may involve wrongdoing against oneself or others [Psalm 51:4]. There is three serious strike against men: Adam's original sin (AOS), the old sin nature (OSN) and the personal sin.

SYNONYMS OF PERSONAL SINS:

Falling short –from the perfect standard and righteousness of God [Romans 3:23]
Transgression –rebellion or overstepping the Laws [Psalm 51:1]

Acting unfaithfully –human will over God's will [Joshua 22:20]

Trespasses –going on your way toward destruction and self-made miseries [Ephesians 2:1]

Lawlessness and rebellion [1 Timothy 1:9-10]

Unbelief –the unpardonable sin of rejection of God's plan of grace [John 8:24, 16:9].

The religious Jews were enslaved to three things that represent sin and one whole system of slavery:

They were enslaved to their own corruption of the Mosaic Law –a system of legalism and salvation by human works.

They were enslaved to a religious system –a union of Judaism and government – a lethal combination of dogma and politics.

They were enslaved to the Roman Empire –Judea stood in the shadow of the Roman Eagle.

As members of the human race, they were enslaved to the world cosmic system. As individual, each was slave to his spiritual and personal sin.

As slave, no member of the human race has the right or capacity to buy his freedom from the slave market. Only a freeman has the right and power to redeem a slave.

Jesus Christ came to redeem man from the slave market with His precious blood- that is His spiritual death on the Cross. He paid it in full- no sin was left out; nothing was forgotten or left behind. All the sins of all men of all time were the reason why Jesus died for us, that is to redeem us.

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THE DOCTRINE OF EVIL

A. DEFINITION.

1. Evil is the policy of Satan as the ruler of this world. Evil is the modus operandi of Satan from the time of his fall throughout the angelic revolution and down to the point when he became the ruler of the world.
2. Evil is Satan's failure to produce a system of good in mankind and society that would bring in a pseudo-millennium.
3. Evil is Satan's system by which he administers the rulership of this world. Satan cannot restrain sin, and he parlays human good into sin and evil.
4. All evil has two sources: sin and erroneous thinking, and human good (the motivation of evil). Where the sin of self-righteousness plus human good or sincerity combine, there is a saturation of evil in a nation.
5. The principle is that if Satan as the ruler of this world is not capable of ruling the world he controls, then no man can rule it either. Man cannot solve his problems by human solutions. All solutions to the problems of life depend on the imputation of God's perfect righteousness.
6. Evil is the function and innovation of that person who is consistently involved in the cosmic system.

7. Evil is the adverse trend of society. It is the destruction of society, the malfunction of society, and the removal of legitimate authority and its function under category one truth, i.e., the laws of divine establishment.
8. Just as grace and doctrine represent the genius of God in relationship to the human race, so evil represents the genius of Satan in relationship to the human race.
9. The soul is the battleground of every believer in the Church Age, especially because this is the intensified stage of the angelic conflict. What you think is more important than you realize.
10. There are two ways of thinking.
 - a. Divine viewpoint is thinking doctrine, which glorifies Christ.
 - b. Human viewpoint is thinking evil, which dishonors Christ.
 - c. Therefore, the issue is thought versus thought.
11. Recovery from sin is instantaneous through the use of the rebound technique, but recovery from evil takes a long time through spiritual growth.
12. Evil is the human good panacea which attempts to solve the problems of life apart from doctrine and divine establishment.
13. Evil is often a distortion of doctrine or a distortion of the laws of divine establishment. Satan's original sin was a distortion of doctrine. Evil distorts law and order, substituting evil, as in crime.
14. Evil comes in many forms: altruistic humanitarianism, philanthropy, religion, legalism, reversionism, socialism, political internationalism, government interference, distortion of the law, bribery in government, cutting down the military, gun legislation, public welfare, and the United Nations.
 - a. The whole idea of government trying to abolish sickness, mental illness, economic problems, frustrations, and human problems by legislation and human solutions is evil. The world's problems can never be solved apart from Bible doctrine and the laws of divine establishment.
 - b. Evil also includes the social Gospel, restriction of human freedom for the greater good, the distortion of law to solve social and economic problems; i.e., the interference of government in business and free enterprise, setting restrictive regulations, legislating car requirements, government quotas, gun legislation, catering to minorities; these are all illegal and distorted laws.
 - c. However, the greatest of all evils is religion. Legalism and apostasy are the greatest manifestations of evil.
 - d. Evil includes all systems of Christian function outside of and apart from the local church. God only ordained and authorized one institution, and that is the local church. God has ordained and authorized the local church as the only vehicle for spiritual growth in the dispensation of the Church. No one has authority over

believers in the spiritual realm except for the pastor-teacher, who must teach doctrine in the local church.

- d. This means that not only are denominations evil, but so are dependent service organizations. Most denominations last about 100 years.
 - e. Evil is what you think as an apostate, reversionistic liberal, a bleeding - heart, guilty type.
15. So the worst and most detrimental thing that can happen to a believer is to come under the influence of evil. The recovery from evil is lengthy and very painful.
16. Evil is every deviation from Bible doctrine and the laws of divine establishment.

B. ETYMOLOGY. (*The history of a word shown by tracing its development since its earliest recorded occurrence in the language where it is found.*)

- 1. Hebrew.
 - a. Noun AWEN means evil in the sense of nothingness or vanity.
 - b. Adjective RA means evil, bad, worthless (RAA comes from RA).
 - c. Noun ROA means badness of quality, evil.
 - d. Verb RAA means to be evil.
- 2. Greek.
 - a. Adjective KAKOS means evil, bad, worthless.
 - b. Adverb KAKOS means wickedly.
 - c. Noun KAKIA means depravity or wickedness; e.g., religion.
 - d. Adjective PONEROS means evil, worthless, degenerate; as a noun means the evil one (Satan).
 - e. Noun PONERIA means maliciousness, sinfulness.
 - f. PHALLOS means evil in the sense of worthless.

C. THE ORIGIN OF EVIL: SATAN.

- 1. Evil originated and existed before human history. The means by which it was transmitted from previous creature existence to human history is Satan himself.
- 2. The origin of evil is Satan's genius to devise a system to oppose God.
- 3. Evil originated in angelic creation in the greatest creature to ever come from the hand of God.
- 4. Satan has devised a system whereby people can be nice, lovely, and look good to society, and yet behind the facade of good there lurks an evil, destructive person who is often self-deceived.
- 5. Satan controls most of Christianity through his cosmic system. The thing that makes people function in the cosmic system is arrogance.
- 6. Satan's plan is related to beating Christ to the Millennium with his own the production of a perfect world. The more the world follows his plan, the greater the degeneracy which occurs. His plan seeks equality by destroying success and failure with legislation.

7. Satan's plans always look good to the stupid, but it always results in degeneracy. L. S. Chafer put it best in his Systematic Theology, Vol 2, pp. 100-1, 108-111.
8. 1 Jn 3:8, "When anyone commits a sin, he has become the agent of the devil."
 - a. The old sin nature is usually the source of temptation; volition is the only source of sin.
 - b. Your decision to sin puts you immediately into the cosmic system, making you the agent of the devil.
 - c. The works of the devil can only be destroyed by residence and function inside the divine dynasphere. We are the products of our own decisions; therefore, we bring disaster on ourselves.
9. Satan's strategy regarding nations is found in Rev 12:20; regarding unbelievers in 2 Pet 2; Lk 8:12; 2 Cor 4:34; 2 Thes 2:7-10; Col 2:8; Rev 17; regarding believers in 2 Cor 2:11; to accuse believers in Job 1:6-11; Zech 3:1-2; Rev 12:9-10. 1 Jn 2:1-2 teaches that the Lord defends us.
10. Satan seeks to frustrate the will of God with every believer; i.e., regarding what we think, Eph 4:14; where we are located, 1 Thes 2:18; and what we do, Jas 4:7-8. He especially seeks to keep us from learning and applying Bible doctrine. He seeks to destroy the believer's focus so that he gets his eyes on other people, on himself (in self-pity), or on things, logistical grace is not sufficient).
11. Arrogance is the system by which Satan keeps you functioning in the devil's world without going crazy. His system is designed to distract believers by the opposite sex, entertainment, and material success.
12. Religion is created by Satan to counterfeit the plan of God. Religion is man seeking approbation from God on the basis of his works. Satan counterfeits the following.
 - a. The Gospel, 2 Cor 4:3-4.
 - b. Ministers, 2 Cor 11:13-15.
 - c. Doctrine, 2 Tim 4:1.
 - d. The communion table, 2 Cor 10:19-21.
 - e. Spirituality, Gal 3:2-3.
 - f. Righteousness, Mt 19:16-28.
 - g. He has counterfeit gods, 2 Thes 2:3-4.
13. Satan's system of false teachers is part of his strategy. They have a phony and hypocritical facade, Mt 7:15; Rom 16:18. They use human public relations as a system of flirtation, Gal 4:17-18; 2 Tim 3:5-7. They appeal to arrogance and pride, 2 Cor 10:12.

D. CHARACTERISTICS OF EVIL.

1. Evil is a factor that the believer must face which was not judged at the cross. The believer must realize that he cannot confess evil in something like the rebound technique, because evil was not judged at the cross.
2. Human good and evil have been an issue since the fall of man, both before and after the cross. After the cross, the angelic conflict must continue in order to be resolved. The angelic conflict can only be resolved through human volition. positive volition

toward the cross results in faith in Jesus Christ, solving the problem of sin. But salvation could not resolve human good, lust, and evil, because the angelic conflict must continue with some issue.

3. Man must be free to express his volition toward salvation, and toward sin after salvation in the rebound technique. But evil must continue or there is no angelic conflict. This is because Satan must have his "equal time." Therefore, human good and evil continue right down to the Second Advent.
4. Man must not only be free to express his volition toward the cross and toward sin after being saved in rebound, but he must also be free to express his volition in the same way Christ did on the cross when He rejected, separated from, and divorced Himself from human good and evil. This takes a lot of doctrine for the believer to do this experientially. The believer's positive volition toward doctrine develops divine viewpoint thinking which rejects evil.
5. Anything not judged does not have a one-second solution. In one second, you can believe in Jesus Christ and be saved. Likewise, in one second you can confess a sin and be forgiven. But there is no one-second solution to anything dealing with evil.
6. That's why the spiritual growth must be a daily thing that goes on and on and on in order that you might be able to resist evil. The more doctrine you have, the more you reject evil.
7. All human good is the application of evil to experience.
8. One purpose of water baptism as a picture of retroactive positional truth was to teach the rejection of evil.

E. BIBLICAL DOCUMENTATION.

1. The mature believer should be able to distinguish between sin and evil and between evil and honor. Heb 5:13-14, "But solid food [sound doctrine] is belonging to the mature, the ones who because of academic self-discipline keep having their perceptive faculties well-trained with reference to differentiating between both the honorable and the evil." Therefore, the mature believer rightly divides the Word of Truth so as to distinguish between sin and evil.
2. Evil and degeneracy start with a thought.
 - a. Mt 6:23, "But if your eye is evil, the entire body is full of darkness [cosmic involvement]."
 - b. Mt 15:19, "For out of the heart comes evil thoughts."
3. Bible doctrine plus filling of the Holy Spirit; avoids thinking evil. Unconditional love from maximum doctrine in the soul eliminates evil. It takes lots of doctrine to reject evil, Prov 23:7.
4. The divine dynasphere is the only real protection against evil. 1 Cor 13:5, "The love [conditional -love] does not behave dishonorably, is not preoccupied with self, is not hypersensitive, does not think evil." "Love" refers to unconditional love. Personal love can think evil, but virtue love (unconditional love), a function of the royal family honor code, cannot think evil. It is unconditional love which defeats evil.
5. The believer in the cosmic system is constantly frustrated by evil. Rom 7:19, "For what I desire I do not do, but what I do not desire [evil], this I keep practicing." Rom 7:21. Sincere do-gooders are the major practitioners of evil. The more involved you are in sincere human good crusades, the more you intensify your evil.

6. Therefore, the believer is warned to beware of those who practice evil, Phil 3:2. Even legitimate things are mutilated or distorted. To beware does not mean to be afraid but to be alert.
7. Believers are specifically warned not to be influenced by evil but by doctrine in 3 Jn 11. "Beloved, do not be imitators of the evil but of the good."
8. Those who are under the influence of evil always have a price. 1 Tim 6:10, "The love of money is the root of all evils." It is a dangerous temptation to any poor believer to chase after money so as to neglect Bible doctrine. Actually, this verse applies to the love of any detail of life.
9. Influence by evil explains why prayers are not answered, Job 35:9-
10. Rebounding doesn't erase the influence of evil. Job 35:12, "There they cry out, but He does not answer because of the pride of evil men." This explains the pattern of building scar tissue on the soul, intensifying arrogance into self-pity, self-righteousness, and guilt, and therefore coming to believe the lie.
11. Believers are often led into the cosmic system and evil by their Christian friends.
 - a. 1 Cor 15:33, "Evil companions corrupt good morals."
 - b. 2 Thes 3:2-3, "That we may be delivered from perverse and evil men, for all believers do not have doctrine; but the Lord is faithful and He will strengthen you and protect you from evil."
12. God protects that believer inside the divine dynasphere who has positive volition to doctrine.
 - a. Prov 12:21, "No evil happens to the righteous."
 - b. Ps 37:17, "But the Lord sustains the righteous."
 - c. Ps 91:10, "No evil will befall you; you who love the Lord hate evil. The Lord preserves the souls of His mature ones; He delivers them from the hands of the evil one." Ps 119:101.
 - d. Ps 121:7, "The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will guard your soul." Prov 1:33.
 - e. Prov 2:11-13, "The wise sees the evil and hides himself, but the stupid goes on and is punished for it."
13. The attitude of the mature believer toward evil is stated in Ps 84:10. "For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand days in the cosmic system. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of My Lord than to dwell in the tents of evil."
14. The laws of divine establishment are designed to protect the citizens of the nation from evil. Rom 13:3-4 implies that the unbeliever is protected from evil when he follows establishment truth. "Do you desire not to fear the authority? Therefore, keep on doing the good and you will have recognition from it. For it [government] is a minister of God to you for the purpose of good. But if you do evil, be afraid. For he does not wear the sword for nothing."
 - a. Crime is extended by a soft society. Evil criminals must be executed. Capital punishment is designed to separate out evil crimes.
 - b. Evil in the soul is like hydrophobia; it must be removed from society. If it is not, crime rages wild in society.
 - c. Certain sins express evil, but not all sins are evil. Certain sins express crime, but not all sins are criminal. All believers are sinful, but that does not mean all believers are criminals.

- d. So by protecting against evil, the laws of divine establishment give freedom and protection for evangelization and for the teaching of Bible doctrine.
- 15. The domination of good in the client nation determines its historical prosperity, while the domination of evil determines its historical judgment, Prov 12:20; Ps 34:16.
 - a. If the nation through its law does not remove its criminals by death, the Lord will punish the entire nation for their failure. Disaster will come in one or more forms. Isa 13:11, "Thus I will punish the world for its evil. I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud, and abase the pride of the dictator." Isa 47:10-11.
 - b. The only limitation on crime is humility and respect for authority. Micah 1:12 teaches that our failure to cope with evil leads to destruction of the nation. Amos 5:14-15, "Hate evil, love good, and establish justice in the court; consequently, the Lord God of the armies will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph."
- 16. Evil is distinguished from war and disease, Jer 28:8.
 - a. Sin and evil occur in war, but war as a category is not evil. War brings national freedom. The same is true of disease.
 - b. Our Lord said there is a time for war, a time to talk, and a time to kill.
 - c. War is not sin; it is inevitable and a necessity.
 - d. Disease in itself is not sinful, though sin and evil are associated with disease. Not all people who are sick are being disciplined by God.

F. THE SYSTEM OF EVIL.

1. The **Cosmic System** has interlocking systems of arrogance in which the believer grieves the Holy Spirit. Arrogance is to the believer and unbeliever in cosmic one what the filling of the Holy Spirit is to the believer in the divine dynasphere.
2. The 26 gates of the Cosmic System:
 - a. Mental attitude arrogance is anything related to preoccupation with self to the point of sin, human good or evil. It is satisfaction with self and dissatisfaction with others.
 - b. Negative volition arrogance is related to preoccupation with self causing apathy toward doctrine. The authority of the pastor or the message is rejected.
 - c. Impulsive arrogance is any abuse of authority.
 - d. Institutional arrogance is rejection of the authority, policy, and purpose of the organization.
 - e. Blind arrogance is the arrogance of legalism. This is being partially divorced from reality. This includes self-righteous arrogance, which is failure to see in yourself what you criticize in others.
 - f. Conspiracy arrogance comes after institutional arrogance and results in a conspiracy to overthrow the purpose, policy, or authority of an organization.
 - g. Criminal arrogance seeks to solve problems through violence. It is total divorcement from reality. It includes terrorist and revolutionary activities.

- h. Crusader arrogance is the self-righteous arrogance of trying to straighten out the world. A person places his personal standards above the law or any form of establishment or authority. When criminal arrogance interlocks with crusader arrogance, there is terrorism or revolution.
- i. Psychotic arrogance is total divorcement from all reality. It is a result of bad decisions, not genetics. It is intense concentration on self. It is the emotional control of reason.
- j. Sexual arrogance is preoccupation with sex and self-gratification. It is preoccupation with the body to the exclusion of the soul.
- k. Genetic arrogance is assuming that greatness in life is inherited. Parents who seek recognition through the achievement of their children have this type of arrogance.
- l. Political arrogance is a result as well as an interlock with crusader arrogance. It is any human panacea which offers the solution to life's problems. Liberals and conservatives both suffer from political arrogance. It rejects the separation of church and state.
- m. Client nation arrogance emphasizes the laws of divine establishment and the function of government leadership in terms of arrogance versus humility.
- n. In authority arrogance, the individual fails to make the most difficult transition of life, which is going from the authority in the home to freedom in life. The home is organized humility. The parents' authority is enforced humility, and child's response to enforced humility produces genuine humility. Rejection of authority results in rejection of inward authority of the soul, and that destroys your own self-discipline.
- o. Arrogance of Ignorance. Genuine humility is necessary for the transitions from ignorance at salvation to cognizance at spiritual maturity. The arrogance of ignorance is the failure to make that transition from ignorance to cognizance in the Christian way of life.
- p. In the arrogance of unhappiness, self-centeredness eliminates any capacity or possibility for happiness. Involvement in cosmic one guarantees unhappiness and leads to erroneous ideas about what constitutes happiness. This means you expect others to make you happy. Entertainment and marriage is for people who are already happy. But with the arrogance of unhappiness, you have a martyr complex which results in trying to control people by giving them a guilt complex. This is how the weak control the strong.
- q. The arrogance of disillusion is called iconoclastic arrogance or the feet of clay syndrome.
 - (1) This begins when you put someone on a pedestal. Then when their feet of clay shows, you become disillusioned and react.
 - (2) As a result, the arrogant creator of the idol seeks to destroy the idol. This revenge seeks to gain self-respect by destroying the thing which has allegedly destroyed his self-respect.

- r. The arrogance of morality is the self-righteous arrogance of superimposing false standards of morality on others. Superimposing a false standard of morality on others is a way to feel superior over those who do not share your area of weakness.
- s. The arrogance of emotion is irrationality. Arrogant people stop thinking and so their emotion becomes their substitute for thought. This is total preoccupation with self related to emotion.
- t. In the arrogance of pseudo-generosity, a person gives because of a desire for attention, approbation, or to buy friendship or happiness. 2 Cor 9:7,11 teach that the function of genuine generosity is found in the mind.
- u. Arrogance of Christian service. Loss of momentum comes from rejection of doctrine and substituting Christian service for spirituality. Christian service becomes a distraction to momentum. **Production is a result of growth, never the means.** Perpetuation of Christian service while in the cosmic system is the arrogance of Christian service. Arrogance mistakes Christian service for growth and momentum.
- v. The arrogance of discouragement is preoccupation with self under pressure and testing. Unexplained disaster tempts the believer to feel sorry for himself. Being maligned, treated unfairly, or facing the death of loved ones are the kinds of disaster or pressure that bring this on. Mt 26:58; 1 Kg 19:10. This was Peter and Elijah's problem.
- w. Arrogance of Lust. When legitimate desire is linked with arrogance, it becomes lust. Inordinate desire is lust. Desire is not wrong, but lust is. Lust is arrogant preoccupation with one's desires.
- x. Pseudo-intellectual arrogance is the superimposition of human I.Q. over spiritual I.Q. Arrogance rejects divine viewpoint. It glorifies human speculation to the exclusion of Bible doctrine, or seeks to reconcile Bible doctrine with false philosophical, psychological, and scientific speculation; e.g., gnosticism.
- y. Pseudo-love arrogance is the attempt of anyone to duplicate the principles or function of true love while residing in the cosmic system.
- z. Permanently locked-in arrogance motivates the act of suicide which is committed by someone who no longer trusts the Lord and has superimposed his will over God's.

G. EVIL AND THE EMOTIONAL REVOLT OF THE SOUL.

1. Negative volition toward doctrine causes the believer to be changed by evil, Prov 5:13-14. Evil changes your thinking.
2. You can always tell historically when emotion takes over because there is a tremendous change in culture; e.g., in music and drama, which goes from being great, honorable, and romantic to being perverse, sick, imbecilic, and irrational. This explains why men have become soft and women have become hard.
3. Emotion has no ability to think, no standards, no honor, no morality.

4. Normal emotion responds to our norms and standards, to doctrine in our soul, to establishment principles in the soul, and it recognizes authority.
5. But emotional revolt means rejection of authority. This sets up a vacuum which sucks evil into the soul.
6. There is no question that Satan controls any believer who has no doctrine in his soul.

H. GRACE VERSUS EVIL.

1. Every generation has to choose between the grace policy of God, represented by the cross, and the evil policy of Satan. This issue has never left the human race. The genius of God has perpetuated the issue of volition throughout human history and throughout the human race.
2. Therefore, the issue before the royal family is: are you influenced by doctrine or by evil? Our parents in the Garden faced this same issue.

Prov 11:19 He that is stedfast in righteousness (shall attain) unto life; And he that pursueth evil (doeth it) to his own death.

Prov 14:22 Do they not err that devise evil? But mercy and truth (shall be to) them that devise good.

Prov 15:3 The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

Prov 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for; and by the fear of Jehovah men depart from evil.

Prov 22:3 A prudent man seeth the evil, and hideth himself; But the simple pass on, and suffer for it.

Prov 24:1-4 Do not envy wicked men, do not desire their company; for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about making trouble. By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

Eph 5:15-16 Be very careful, then, how you live-- not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. (*This is done by by the filling of the Spirit and maximum doctrine in your soul, which at the same time kills off evil.*)

II Th 3:1-3 Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

2. God provides discipline for evil and blessing for doctrine.
 - a. The end of the pursuit of evil for the believer is the sin unto death. This is the most suffering any believer can ever endure, but he deserves every bit of it.
 - b. Remember how in the beginning, when our parents partook of the "forbidden fruit" of evil, and received tremendous divine discipline. Just as what you eat from a tree becomes a part of you, so when you partake of evil it becomes a part of you. And simply by being filled with human good and evil, you bring on yourself a whole system of self-induced misery and divine discipline.

- d. **Psa. 52** is an example of God's judgment on those who are evil.
 - e. God judges evil, **Ps 34:16** – "The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the memory of them from the earth."; Isa 13:11.
4. The mandate regarding evil is found in Rom 12:21: "Stop being conquered by evil, but conquer evil by means of the good." The only way to "overcome evil with good" is to advance in the plan of God through the daily perception of doctrine.

I. PROTECTION FROM EVIL.

1. There is divine protection from evil for the positive believer.
 - a. Ps 37:16-19, "They [mature believers] will not be ashamed in the time of evil; in the day of depression they will still have abundance."
 - b. Ps 91:10,* 97:10, 121:7; Prov 2:10-14.
 - c. Prov 1:33, "He who listens to Me shall live in security, and shall be at ease without fear of evil."
 - d. Prov 16:6, "by the fear of the Lord one keeps away from evil."
 - e. Prov 19:23 "the fear of the Lord leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil."
2. The more doctrine you have in your soul, the more you will love the Lord and the more you will hate evil.
3. So the constant intake of doctrine is the only insulation from evil, because doctrine goes where evil would reside; i.e., in the right lobe (kardia), and there doctrine combats evil.
4. Bible doctrine and evil were here before we came into the world. You cannot change either doctrine or evil, but they can change you. The believer who seeks to change evil is changed by evil.

J. JESUS CHRIST CONTROLS HISTORY.

1. In spite of evil, Jesus Christ continues to control history in three ways.
 - a. Direct control based on His own divine sovereignty will be wrought more forcibly to the earth at the Second Advent.
 - b. Indirect control occurs through the laws of divine establishment. Destroying the laws of divine establishment results in anarchy and revolutions. Any people who have ever tried violent solutions have never found answers to their problems. Violence and revolution has never been the answer. God will demonstrate this at the Gog and Magog Revolution at the Second Advent.
 - c. Permissive control is God permitting evil to run its course during the angelic conflict.
2. The saturation of evil means national destruction.
3. There are three things a nation must have for survival and blessing:
 - 1) evangelism,
 - 2) spiritual growth in local churches by means of pastor-teachers teaching doctrine, and

- 3) the laws of divine establishment functioning within the framework of the government.

K. EVIL NEVER UNDERSTANDS GRACE FUNCTION, Mt 19:27-30.

1. Blind arrogance divorces the believer from the reality of spiritual things. It comes in many forms: legalism, salvation by works, spirituality by works, maturity by works.
2. So the person who assumes that the plan of God stands or falls on the basis of his behavior is arrogant and under the influence of evil. The plan of God depends on the essence of God, never on what we do. Grace is related to doctrine, never to works.
3. Rewards for the believer in eternity depend on God's policy of grace. God neither blesses in time nor rewards in eternity on the basis of arrogant standards of legalists. All His blessing is based on His grace and mercy.
4. Only people under the influence of evil try to make deals with God. When you know and love Him, you depend on His wisdom to deal faithfully with you at all times.

L. TESTIMONIES CONCERNING EVIL.

1. Jacob: Gen 48:16, "The angel who has redeemed me from all evil."
2. Joseph: Gen 50:20, "You intended evil against me, but God meant it for good."
3. David: Ps 84:10, 37:25-27, "I have been young, now I am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread. Depart from evil and do good; therefore, live a long time."
4. Job: Job 28:28, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; to shun evil is understanding of doctrine."
5. Solomon: Prov 16:6,17, "And by loving kindness (grace) and truth (B.D.) iniquity is atoned for. And by the fear of the Lord one keeps away from evil." "The highway of the upright is to depart from evil"
6. Isaiah: Isa 59:15, "And the one who turns aside into evil makes himself vulnerable."
7. Jeremiah: Jer 9:3, and 23: 16 -22,.
8. The Lord Jesus Christ: Jn 17, "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to guard them from evil."

THE FINAL MANDATE. - 1 THES 5:22, "ABSTAIN FROM EVERY FORM OF EVIL."