

THE TWO YOU'S

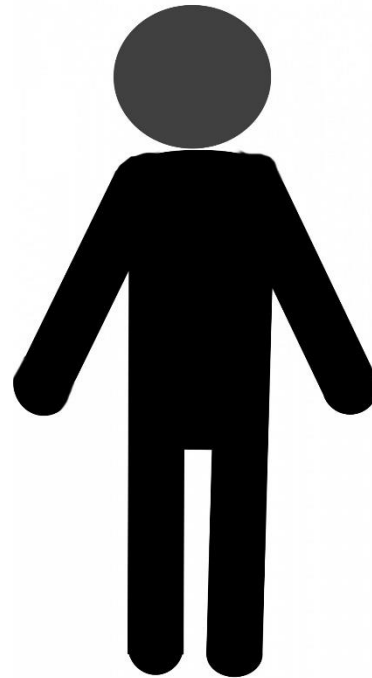
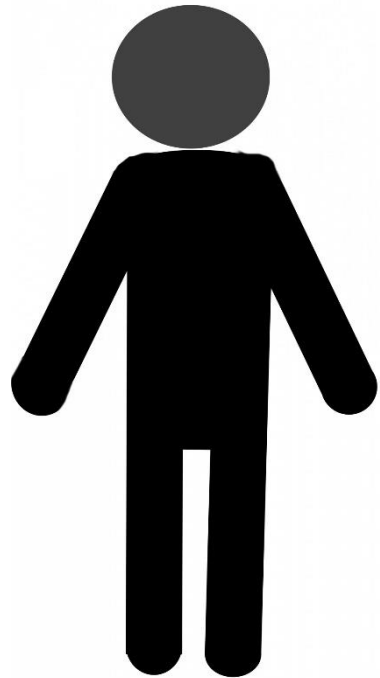
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- New Peter said: “you are Messiah” Mat 16:13-20
- Old Peter said: “This shall not happen to you” Mat 16:21-23
- Jesus said to new Peter: “Blessed are you . . . I will give you keys”
- Jesus said to old Peter: “get behind me Satan . . . You are an offence”

There are two different people living inside you

- When you pray, is it the New You praying, or the Old You praying?
- What is God's answer to the Old You? New You?

1 Peter 4:1-4

¹ Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. ³ For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. ⁴ In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.

1 John 2:15-17

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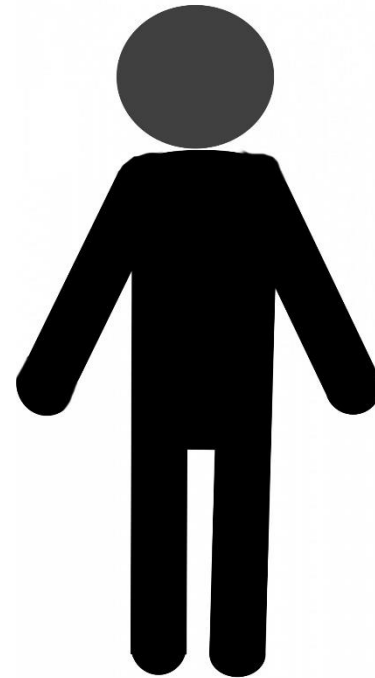
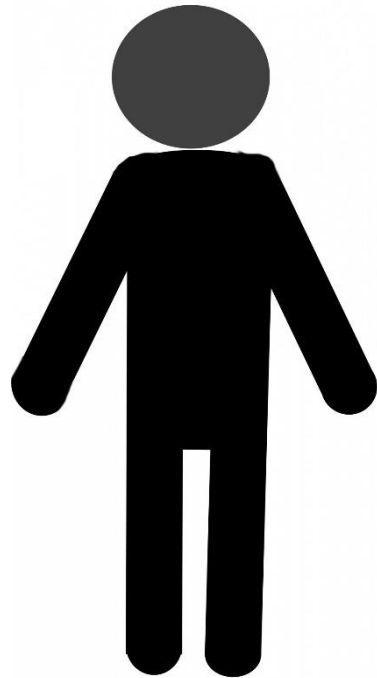
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- The old “you” is Dead in the Flesh
- The new “you” is Alive in Christ



Ephesians 2:1-3

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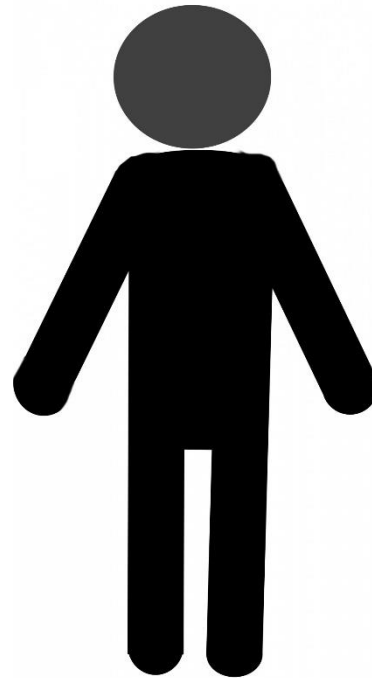
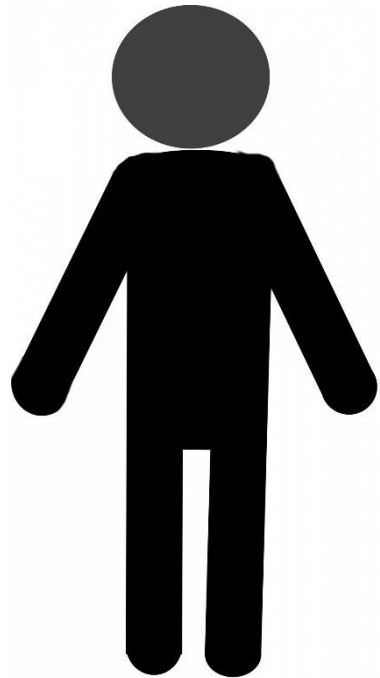
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Romans 6:12-14

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Which of the two “you”s is living your life?

- The old “you”?
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BIG problem: BOTH!

We are in a state of transition . None of us is one or the other.

Philippians 3:12-16

¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. ¹⁶ Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.

The hallmarks of the new “you”

Galatians 5:

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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Genesis 4:1-5

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the LORD.” ² Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now **Abel was a keeper of sheep**, but **Cain was a tiller of the ground**. ³ And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. ⁴ Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, ⁵ but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

You cannot use the flesh to suppress the flesh

- That is the sacrifice of Cain
- The sacrifice of Abel did not involve *labour*

Genesis 3:

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:

“**Cursed is the ground** for your sake;

In toil you shall eat of it

All the days of your life.

¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,

And you shall eat the herb of the field.

¹⁹ **In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread**

Till you return to the ground,

For out of it you were taken;

For dust you are,

And to dust you shall return.”

The world's reaction to the new "you"

- 1 Peter 4:4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, **speaking evil of you**.
- 1 John 4:6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God **does not hear us**.
- John 15:20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, **they will also persecute you**. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.
- 1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore **the world does not know us**, because it did not know Him.

Your reaction to the new “you”

- Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
- Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
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Conclusion

- You can't use the flesh to put the flesh to death
- Only the Spirit can put the flesh to death
- The only way the Spirit can put the flesh to death is by **faith**
- You have to believe that your flesh is already dead
- When Jesus exclaimed it is finished, the flesh of all believers, past, present and future, died with Christ on the cross.

IT IS FINISHED

Postscript

- *Nowhere in the Bible does it tell you to “crucify the flesh”*
- *Romans 6:6; Galatians 2:20; Galatians 5:24; Galatians 6:14 all use the past tense, **crucified***
- *Being crucified is a by-product of having faith in Christ crucified, not an activity for us to follow*