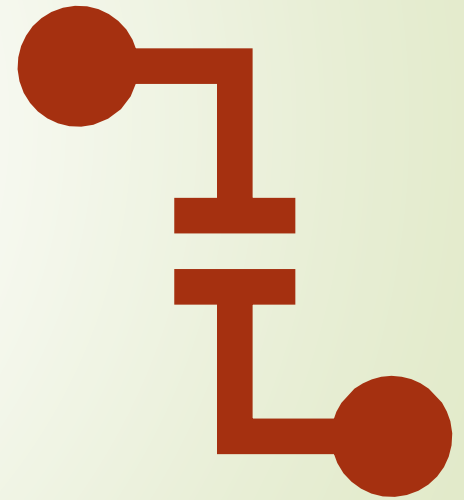



The Fleshly Work of Strife

Scripture Reading:
Romans 13:10-14

INTRODUCTION

- Salvation in 3 installments (or “tenses”):
 - Saved from the PENTALY of sin
 - Being saved from the POWER of our yet indwelling sin nature
 - Will be saved from the PRESENCE of our sin nature





➤ In our present tense of salvation, God has provided **POWER** to defeat 3 'old friends' who are now our spiritual enemies:

➤ **The Flesh (our sin nature)**

➤ **Satan**

➤ **The World System**



➤ **We've looked at 4 sexual works of the flesh:**

➤ **Idolatry**

➤ **Witchcraft**

➤ **Divisions**

➤ **Heresy**



We've looked at 2 of the 6 emotional works of the flesh:

➤ Hatred

➤ Wrath

Today, we continue to understand another ability of our indwelling sin nature by examining the work of **STRIFE**

NT Usage and Meaning of Strife

- KJV translation of the noun (9x total)
 - **Contentious – 2x**
 - **Debate**
 - **Strife**
 - **Variance**
- Vine's expository Dictionary adds
 - **Quarrel**
 - **Rivalry**
 - **Wrangling**
- **Argumentative**

NT Usage Demonstrations of Strife

- ▶ Promoting discontent with work and wages
 - ▶ I Tim 6:1-5 (cf vs 8)
 - ▶ Luke 3:14
- ▶ Promoting personalities (personal preferences)
 - ▶ I Cor 1:10-13a
- ▶ Promoting fights about The Law
 - ▶ Titus 3:8-9 (cf Rom 6:14)
- ▶ Promoting contentious preaching of the gospel
 - ▶ Phil 1:15-16 (cf 3:2-3)

Prevention of Strife (Rom 13:12,14)

- Put on the “ARMOR of LIGHT” (vs 12)
 - “LIGHT” = God’s quality of life in activity
 - Cf John 1:4 “In Him was LIGHT, and LIGHT was the LIFE of men”

- 3 pieces of the “armor of light”
 - Breastplate
 - FAITH
 - LOVE

 - Helmet
 - THE HOPE OF SALVATION

Prevention of Strife (Rom 13:12,14)

- ➔ Put on **“THE LORD JESUS CHRIST”** (vs 14)
 - ➔ **“... put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make not provisions for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof”**