

The Divine Solution

Consequently, the concept of positional sanctification is unique to the Church Age and is a mystery doctrine since it was not revealed to Old Testament writers.

CTL Romans 7:24 - I ... a miserable person! Who will rescue me...

That from which Paul wishes to be rescued is stated next beginning with the prepositional phrase: *ek* + the ablative singular from the noun: *soma* - "from the body."

soma is used to identify the headquarters of the sinful nature. This is the home of the first husband who is the ruler of human life. His trends, strengths, weaknesses, and lust patterns are genetically encoded into every cell of the body.

However, his command post is found in the neurons of the brain, specifically in the sinful-nature genes activated in each nuclei's DNA. This permanent presence of corruption in the human body renders it dead, as indicated by the pronoun: *houtos* + the noun: *thanatos* - "of this death." Death here refers to the body's totally depraved status which eventually results in physical death.

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Man is incapable of rescuing himself from the misery brought about by his body of corruption. Paul recognizes his inability to solve the problem and therefore looks outwardly to find someone who can rescue him.

Since all men are totally depraved and function in bodies of corruption, then the solution must be from the source of divine grace. Grace is the divine policy which manages the problems associated with our sinful nature in such a way that divine essence is not compromised. The policy of grace and how it accomplishes its objectives is initiated at salvation and it increases with the inculcation of divine truth.

In order to appreciate this concept, we need to briefly examine the subject of grace.

Principle on the Doctrine of Grace

Definition of Grace:

God's free gift of unmerited favor. All that God is free to do for mankind on the basis of the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Mankind through his own work can never accomplish or achieve the approbation, notice, or favor of God.

We are saved by grace through faith. That salvation is a gift from God, not the result of works. (Ephesians 2:8 and Ephesians 2:9) That grace is immediately increased through the imputation of 40 divine operating assets. These assets provide each believer with the potential to acquire escrow blessings in time and in eternity.

This second increase in grace occurs in direct proportion to the believer's capacity for blessing which develops from his increasing knowledge of divine truth. Maximum facilitation of the neural network results in maximum blessings from grace. Grace is never increased as a result of the functions of the sinful nature, i.e., sin, human good, or evil.

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The rescue sought by Paul is the increase of grace acquired by advance to spiritual maturity. The mechanics of that advance involve options available from the first increase of grace following salvation: the filling of the Holy Spirit and the Grace Apparatus for Perception.

The “*body of this death*” is the human body contaminated by the presence of the sinful nature in every cell. The only effectual rescue comes from perception, orientation, acceptance, and metabolization of divine thought into the soul by means of the three spiritual skills.