

dead. I cannot be attracted by that which is evil. And yet I live. And the "I" that lives includes the nature (I don't like the word, fleshly nature, because it suggests something to us that is wrong, ~~and~~ yet I do like it, because properly understood it is the correct term), the fleshly nature doesn't mean the physical, it doesn't mean the ~~body~~ bodily nature.....end of ~~M~~ M 1

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.....that this word "flesh" comes to be a good word, to signify the evil ~~that~~ nature, that nature that is selfish, that is seeking our own, the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eyes, and the pride of life. That nature is with us, it lives, it is attracted by that which is1.... "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live." I am living here with a wicked and sinful1 $\frac{1}{4}$ And what is the result to be. Am I to bring despise and shame to the name of Christ, because I whom God sees as one crucified with Christ, am seen by any who know me as one who has a sinful, fleshly nature, that is tempting me to do that which is contrary to God's will, and to which temptations there is all too much of1 $\frac{1}{2}$, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. We in America here have a tendency in religious circles to take a few conspicuous fleshly sins, and to think of them as if they were the sins that matter. They do matter. They matter greatly, and many a man becomes a castaway through falling ~~xx~~ into sin in these lines, but they are not the only lines. There are people whose life physically is as pure and clean as far as we could see and anything you would ever find, who have a spirit of pride, and of self-conceit, and of seeking their own will, that is at least as bad in God's sight as any sin of the flesh that any man ever developed. I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live. What am I going to do about it? What will the situation be? What result can I find?

Well, the verse goes on, thank God. I am not left to live my life and to try and to struggle and to seek to bring my life up to the standards that God sets out on His word, because I can never do it. I never would be3..... God did not justify us, set us before Him, as saved through Christ, and then leave us to live in our own strength, and to struggle and to strive, and to ~~xxxx~~ try, even though saved, to go on and ~~xxxx~~ win His favor in accomplishments, in deeds for Him, in a sanctified life. He did not leave us to do that in our own strength.