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And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness.—Isa. 35-8

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REASONS WHY THE OLD MAN MUST DIE

Romans 6:6. "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

There are many Bible names given to the sin that is born within us. Some of these are the carnal mind, law of sin, old man, and root of bitterness. The term 'old man' is found three times in the Scripture. He is the son of the devil that was imparted to Adam in the Fall in the Garden. This fallen nature is entailed on the entire human race. The roots of bitterness proceeding from the old man may flatter, boost and rejoice the heart. The bitterness may not come constantly. It may manifest itself but rarely in this life, but through eternity its gall, bitterness and remorse will be beyond our imagination.

There are at least four reasons why the old man must die:

1. *Jesus Provided For His Death on the Cross*

Not only were our sins nailed to the tree but also our carnal nature met its death. The body of sin was destroyed and all we need to do for either sins forgiven or carnality destroyed is BELIEVE GOD through the precious name of Jesus. The route leading to this perfect faith for deliverance may be short or long. It may be grasped easily or the way may be rough and rugged. In nearly two dozen years in the ministry I find that all come to a place of complete submission, humility and surrender before settling down to simple faith in him. Faith appropriates the atonement which furnishes the dynamite that blows all sin with its every root and branch from the whole being. Very few reach the place without travail of soul that looks much like death. The devil never gives up easily the heart he has possessed. Battles will be fought before or afterward. Many who seem to attain this wonderful experience easily, will afterwards be hounded by demons suggesting doubts, evil thoughts and even try to instill infidel ideas and blasphemy. The only shield in such battles is the same never-failing faith which delivered in the beginning.

2. *The Old Man Is Not Subject To God's Law And Is Beyond Redemption*

Carnality or the old man is enmity against God. It is a deadly poison filled with the virus of hell. Jesus prayed that the disciples might be sanctified and freed from this nature. Our regenerated hearts are to be purified in this life and be preserved blameless until the coming of the Lord.

The old man may change his appearance but he is the same deceitful son of the devil whether in the gutter, pulpit, or pew. In fact carnality in sheep's clothing is by far the most dangerous. The drunkard may cause much suffering and death, but Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness whose end shall be

according to their works.

Take warning, dear reader, the devil would far rather fill pulpits in holiness churches and camp meetings than be chaplain in lodges. I say, "Look out for a horn or a hoof." Beware of flattering, pleasure seeking and restless preachers. Some men constantly warn against radical preaching and are so fearful their fellow ministers (who constantly expose the old man) will not keep in the Spirit. Much of such talk is fearing that the old man will be exposed. Such ministers seldom weep, pray and warn against the prevailing lukewarmness, social functions and gaily dressed demoralizing craze which is doing ten thousand times more damage than the few radical preachers who (may?) be getting a little too extreme, or occasionally seem so earnest that the half-baked fear for them.

3. *The Old Man Is the Great Cause of Backsliding*

Most backsliding takes place among the carnal babes in Christ. Here is where one must believe in and practice suppression if he keeps saved. "Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation." Carnality is bent on sinning and is only defeated in the unsanctified life as it is kept suppressed, held down and gagged. John Wesley declared but one in thirty stood in a regenerated state unless constantly seeking holiness of heart and life. Sooner or later enemies outside and inside prove too much. It is enough to have only outside enemies, beside having something in a carnal heart that hates God. The sinner has one mind—the carnal mind. The regenerated have two minds—the carnal and the mind of Christ. They war one against the other. Unless the mind of Christ casts out the carnal mind this virus of hell will spread his poison in the nature until the child of God will be overcome and backslide.

In this state, sorrow, pain, disappointment and blunders of others often prove stumbling-blocks to backslide the babe in Christ referred to in 1 Cor. 3:1-4. Babes in Christ all right but yet carnal, which is demonstrated by envy, division and strife. Even promotion of others sometimes floors these babies though they are fifty years old. They will contend for their rights just as a little boy for his piece of candy. Souls should hug the cross until carnality is gone and "This mind which in Christ Jesus" reigns supremely. He will then be able in honor to prefer others.

Deep rooted pride argues for one's rights. Sanctification kisses the hand that smites. Self-righteousness demands attention and prestige. Perfect love gives it. Progress to the carnal and worldly is all human and gets its reward and satisfaction from humanity. Progress to those who are hid with Christ in God is: dead to this world, dead to reputation and best jobs and leading pastorates and best paying camp meetings, and gets its rewards from divinity and that usually after life's work is ended.

4. *The Old Man Is Producing a Hireling Ministry*

Jesus declared that they care not for the sheep but come for to steal and to kill and to des-

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A scholastic ministry which is so far fallen and compromised that it can preach holiness and at the same time associate with and flatter the carnal and proud worldlings in the church is dangerous. In fact, it looks like it is either done to in favor or excuse spiritual weakness.

Paul spake wisdom but not the wisdom of this world. Had the princes known the wisdom Paul used they would not have crucified Jesus. Neither would the carnal and backslidden today slaughter the Word and make it easy-going for the compromising, and hard on the saints.

"If ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual and devilish." Oh, the homes both of ministers and laymen where strife and confusion make up part of the daily life, some of whom are in responsible places but play policy and politics and wilt their better half with their withering words. Nor is it kept at home. Many who should respect and look to these hirelings for examples of love, know well enough to obey the whip cracked over their heads or lose the same.

A hireling ministry will show partiality in spite of policy played. It will get rid of those it wants out of the way, even though it must play the most deceiving policy. Time and again these hireling folk have turned color as quickly as a chameleon. Such are also like the eel which can glide backward as fast as forward. Time and again we have seen these slippery deceivers cornered and exposed but to our amazement slip, slide, glide and change color until the very committee hearing their case was captured.

Please do not expect holy men and women to believe the restless, restaurant runner, midnight radio fiend, Sunday funny page newspaper lover is enjoying heavenly peaceableness.

Conclusion—There is no cure for this disease—this bat-winged fowl of hell—except death on the cross. Carnality must not be strangled a bit. It must be killed. It must be crucified, nailed to the cross until dead. It must then be buried. If not, sooner or later, it will come to and continue its deadly work in the heart and life.

Romans 6:6 must be preached. Revivals must break out in which the old man will be dragged out, exposed and held to the cross until dead and buried. No pity dare be used. He is an enemy of divinity and humanity and must be eradicated.

Do not get frightened when an honest seeker begins to get pale and deathlike. Just firmly hold them to the death route. Keep the altar nurses away from them. Thousands have been petted and nursed past the place where the old man should have died. Earnest folk who have never died themselves know nothing about praying through and holding such seekers to the line. Pride, jealousy and other deadly roots and shoots of the carnal nature are deeply rooted and it

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