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Even though believers are clothed with the new self, our battle with sin is real because our unredeemed flesh gives sin a foothold

Important Biblical Truths

The believer is to live a life of newness, obedience and holiness (Rom 6:4, 17-18; Eph 4:24)

Fighting sin is a current earthly reality for believers (2 Cor 5:2-4; Rom 6, 8:13, 23; Gal 5:17-18)

Our bodies have not yet been redeemed (Rom 8:11, 23; 1 Cor 15:42-50; Phil 3:21)

**This
unredeemed
part of us is
called “the
flesh”**

Scripture terms: flesh (Rom 7:18; 25), your mortal body (Rom 6:12), the members of your body (Rom 6:13), the body of this death (Rom 7:24)

Our literal, physical, flesh-and-bones body (Martyn Lloyd-Jones)

“Mortal body” is contrasted with our future glorified bodies (Phil 3:21; Rom 8:23)

Flesh is distinguished from indwelling sin (Rom 7:25)

What is “the flesh”?

“the seat of sinful passions” (Douglas Moo, *Romans 1-8*, p. 499)

“the seat and throne of” the power of sin (John Owen, *Works*, Vol. 6, p. 166)

Is “flesh” limited to our physical bodies?

It is the “this-worldly” part of our being. It is “the believer’s form of existence in this world and still has part in “this age.”” (Moo, *Romans 1-8*, p. 399)

Is “flesh” limited to our physical bodies?

In Rom 6:19 “Flesh is here used as a synonym for humanness, or mortality...The flesh is the human faculty influenced by sin, and as long as believers remain in their mortal bodies, sin still has a beachhead, a place to launch its attacks” (John MacArthur, *Romans 1-8*, p. 349)

MacArthur also explained that our flesh is our “unredeemed humanness”

Our flesh—a
beachhead
for sin

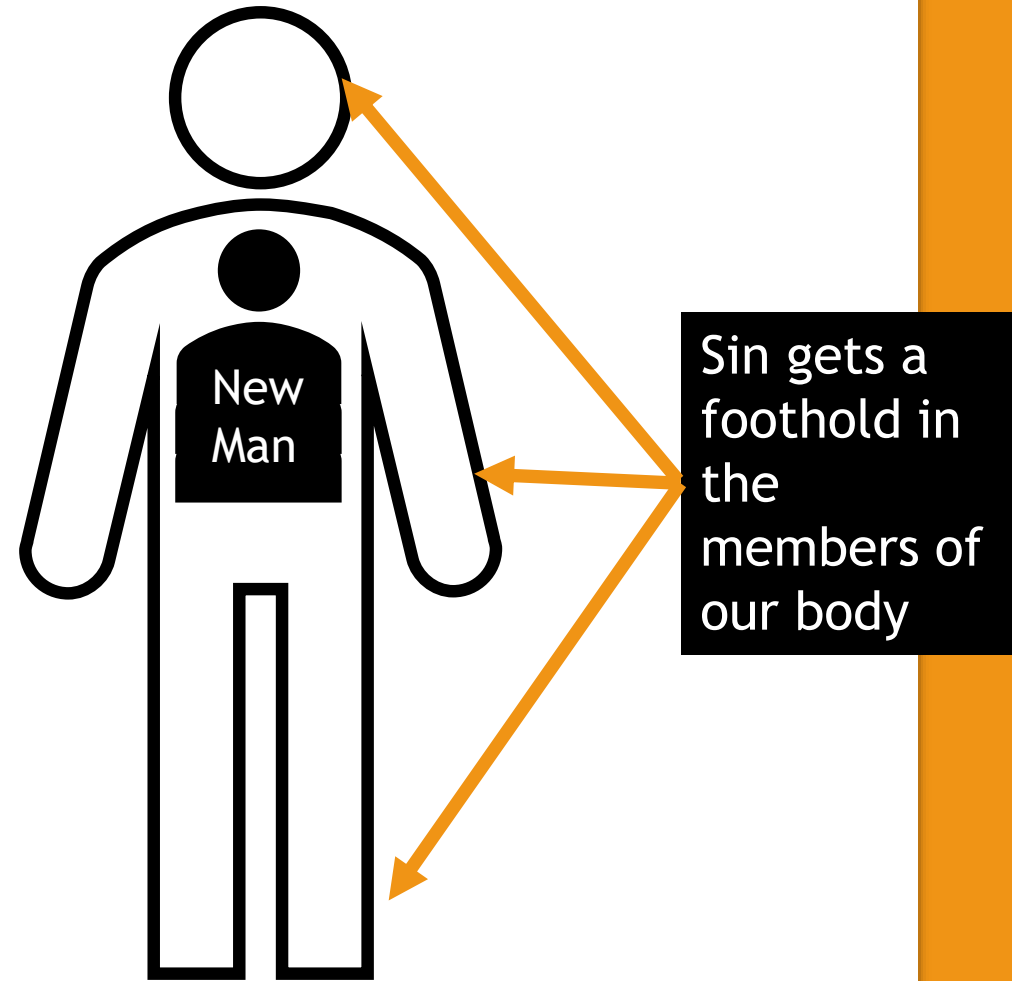


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Every believer does still sin in this life (1 Jn 1:8-10)

Our flesh provides a beachhead for sin to launch its attacks (Rom 6:12-13; 7:18; 20-21; 24-25)

Our flesh as
a beachhead
for sin



The true believer's perspective on God's law

**It brings me joy to do that
which brings God joy**

(Rom 7:22)