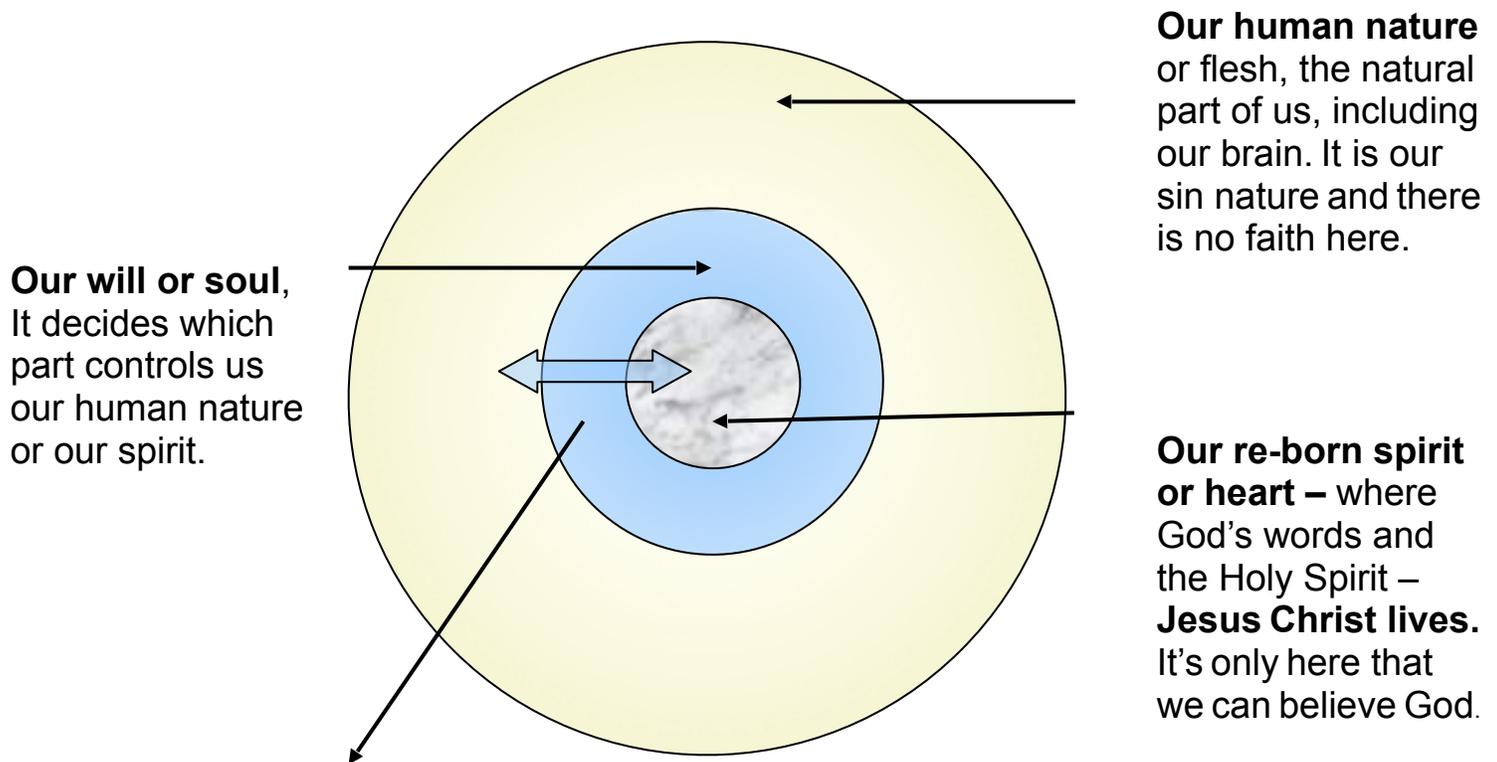


# The 3 fundamental parts of every Christian

Two opposing natures, one from Adam one from Christ, a will to choose which controls:



**Our will chooses** which of our two opposing natures governs our decisions and choices. Because that is the nature where we want to, where we will to, where we choose to, live. When our will is yielded to the natural part of us, controlled by our physical senses and the reasoning of our intellect, we are what the Bible calls "**carnal**" – we are carnal Christians. When our will is ruled by our spirit with our spirit yielded to the Holy Spirit, we are what the Bible calls "**spiritual**". Every Christian is either one or the other, carnal or spiritual.

1 Cor 3:1 **And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to infants in the Christian life.** NKJV/NLT

Who in fact are we? We are our soul. That is, we are that person corresponding to where our will is. If our will is yielded to our human nature, infected with sin (Isaiah 64:6 NLT) we are carnal people, and are the enemies of God who therefore cannot inherit eternity in our carnal state (Rom 8:5-7). If our will is yielded to, living in, our spirits and our spirits are controlled by the Holy Spirit, then we are children of God (Rom 8:14) and in this state can inherit eternity. So you see, we are our soul; it is our soul, our will, which determines who we are: How can God save our souls from the control of our sin infected human nature?

Jam 1:21 **...Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls** (God's words believed have the power to save my will from my sinful self).

Rom 8:9 **You (your souls) are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you** (and controls you)... (The Holy Spirit is received by faith).

1 Pe 1:9 (To Christians) **Receiving the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls.** Only God's words and Spirit received by faith can save our will from sin and death to God.

## **Born again Christians are slaves to our human nature until God's Spirit controls us**

Rom 7:18 (Written to Christians) **I know that good does not live in me — that is, in my human nature. For even though the desire to do good is in me (in my re-born spirit, which God calls my heart), I am not able to do it. TEV**

Rom 7:22-25 **My inner being (my spirit) delights in the rule of God (wants God's will)**

**23. But I see a different rule (self-will) at work in my body - a rule that fights against the rule (God's will) which my mind approves of; [Note: This is not referring to my natural mind or brain, which is part of my body, but the mind of my spirit, my heart, which alone can understand and want to do God's will.**

Eph 4:23 **Be renewed in the spirit of your mind** (your spirit),

Prov 23:7 **For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...**(a more important mind)

Lu 24:45 (Jesus) **opened their understanding** (translated mind above – He opened her heart—Acts 16:14) **so they could comprehend the Scriptures.]**

**I am made a prisoner to the rule of sin which is at work in my body** TEV

**24 O wretched person that I am! Who will deliver me from this body (human nature) of (sin, of self-will resulting in) death (to God)?** NKJV

## **Our deliverance by Christ comes as soon as we receive, by faith, His Holy Spirit**

**25 Thanks be to God, who does this in and by our Lord Jesus Christ!...**TEV

Eph 5:18 (How? Written to Christians) **...Let the Holy Spirit fill and control you.** NLT

Gal 3:2 TEV **...Receive God's Spirit by...hearing (more of) the gospel and believing it.**

Rom 8:2 **The rule of God's Spirit (over my will)...has freed me from the rule of sin...**

Rom 8:9 TEV **You do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead, you live as the Spirit tells you to — if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. (I can be born again, but without God's Spirit, I still belong to my human nature).**

Rom 8:13-14 AMP/TEV **For if you live according to the dictates of your human nature, you will surely die (to God). But if through the power of the Holy Spirit you put to death the evil deeds of the body, you will stay alive (to God) forever.**

**14 Because all who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.** NLT

Gal 5:16-17 TEV/AMP **...Let the Spirit direct your lives, and you will not cave in to the desires of your human nature.**

**17 For what our human nature wants is opposed to what the Spirit wants, and what the Spirit wants is opposed to what our human nature wants. These two are enemies, this means that you are prevented (by the Holy Spirit) from doing what you (in your human nature) want to do.**