

Romans 8: 6a,7,8,9a “ The mind of sinful man is death.....the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit.....

Romans 8: 12-13 “Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation -but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,”

Although sin is no longer our master, nevertheless sin continues to attempt to gain some degree of control in various aspects of our lives. Sin tries to rule us, no matter how spasmodically or temporarily. It is not to rule us, but by God’s enabling grace we are to control it and to put its expressions progressively to death.

The third phase of our new relationship to innate sin is that

- 3. We have God’s guarantee that we will one day be made completely dead to the power and very presence of innate sin.**

Romans 8: 19-25

Step one in Sanctification, then is recognizing and acting upon our new relationship to innate sin: that of death-initial death to the mastery of sin, progressive dying to the remaining power of sin, and final death to the power and very presence of sin.

This brings us to the second step in sanctification

- B. Step two in Sanctification is Recognizing and Acting Upon Our New Relationship to the Law of God” that of both Death and Life**