

Real change 2:
what died?

Romans 6

A journey of change

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Galatians 2:20

Christianity is supposed to change us:
yet too many remain the same

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; behold, the
new has come 2 Corinthians 5: 17

It seems that I remain the same person I
always was, with the same flaws, doing
the same sins over and over again

I try to change, but no matter how hard I
try and what method I use, I can't

Our method of change

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There is a way to have real change

Lenses we view God through

Do I view God's dealing with me as
primarily judicial or relational

Luke 15: Prodigal Son

what was his motivation in going home?

did the father wait for repentance?

What difference does it make to me?

As a Christian is my heart wicked or good?

The heart is deceitful above all things, and
desperately wicked; Jeremiah 17: 9

“I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit
I will put within you. And I will remove
your heart of stone from your flesh and
give you a heart of flesh”

Ezekiel 36: 26

What is the truth about me (not how I feel)

Split personality

Do I have two natures that are at war
with each other within me?

Old Nature / New Nature

What happens when I sin as a Christian

How do we view ourselves when we sin?

But your iniquities have built barriers
between you and your God, and your
sins have made Him hide his face from
you so He does not listen

Isaiah 59: 2 (HCSB)

What do I think of spiritual warfare

Do I think this exists? Can I recognize it?

Every movement we make towards
intimacy with God and with others will
be opposed

We are born into a love story set in a
world at war

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What is the end result of a crucifixion?
someone dies!

What was crucified with Christ?

Romans 6: 1 - 11 *(ESV)*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, we too might walk in newness of life

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For the one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus

What was crucified?

Do you not know? (*know used twice*)

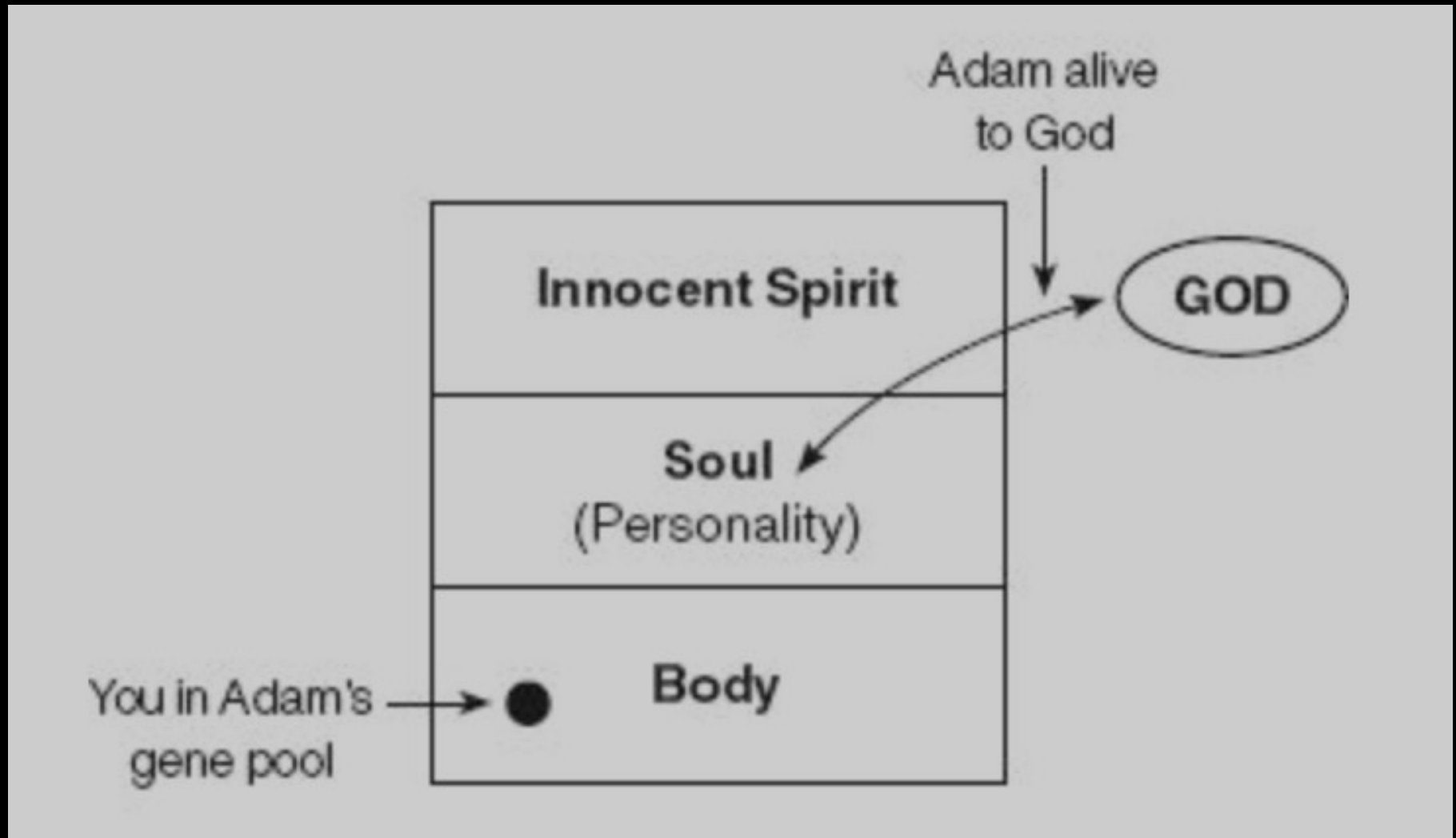
We have been baptized into His death

We have been united (joined, grown together) in His death and resurrection

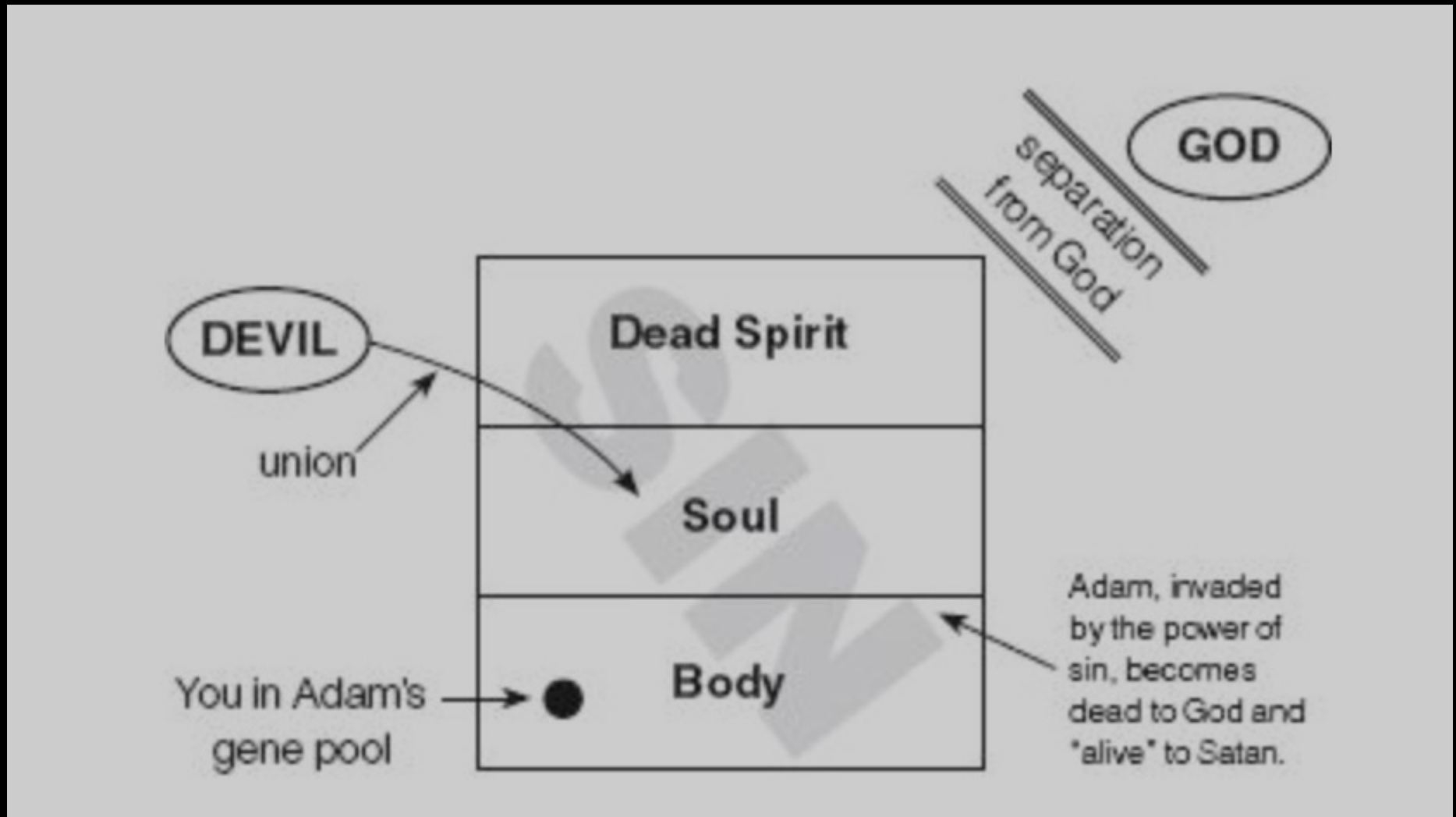
We know that our old self (old man) was crucified with him (vs 6)

What is our old self / old man?

God created us with a body, soul and spirit We were created alive to God



After the fall: we died to God Our old man: our spirit that is dead to God



Our old man:
our dead (unregenerate) spirit

The day Adam and Eve fell, their spirit
became dead to God and alive to Satan

“we know that our old self was crucified with
him” Romans 6: 6

We were crucified with Jesus (Romans 6:5 we
were united with him in his crucifixion),
and our old man was killed.

Our “old man” was buried with Jesus (6: 4)

What about our sins?

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2: 24

Our sins and our “old man” were taken into Jesus when He died on the cross, and were buried with Him in the tomb

“old man” is not “*the flesh*” or “*sin nature*” (in NIV) we read about in

Romans

Our sins are gone

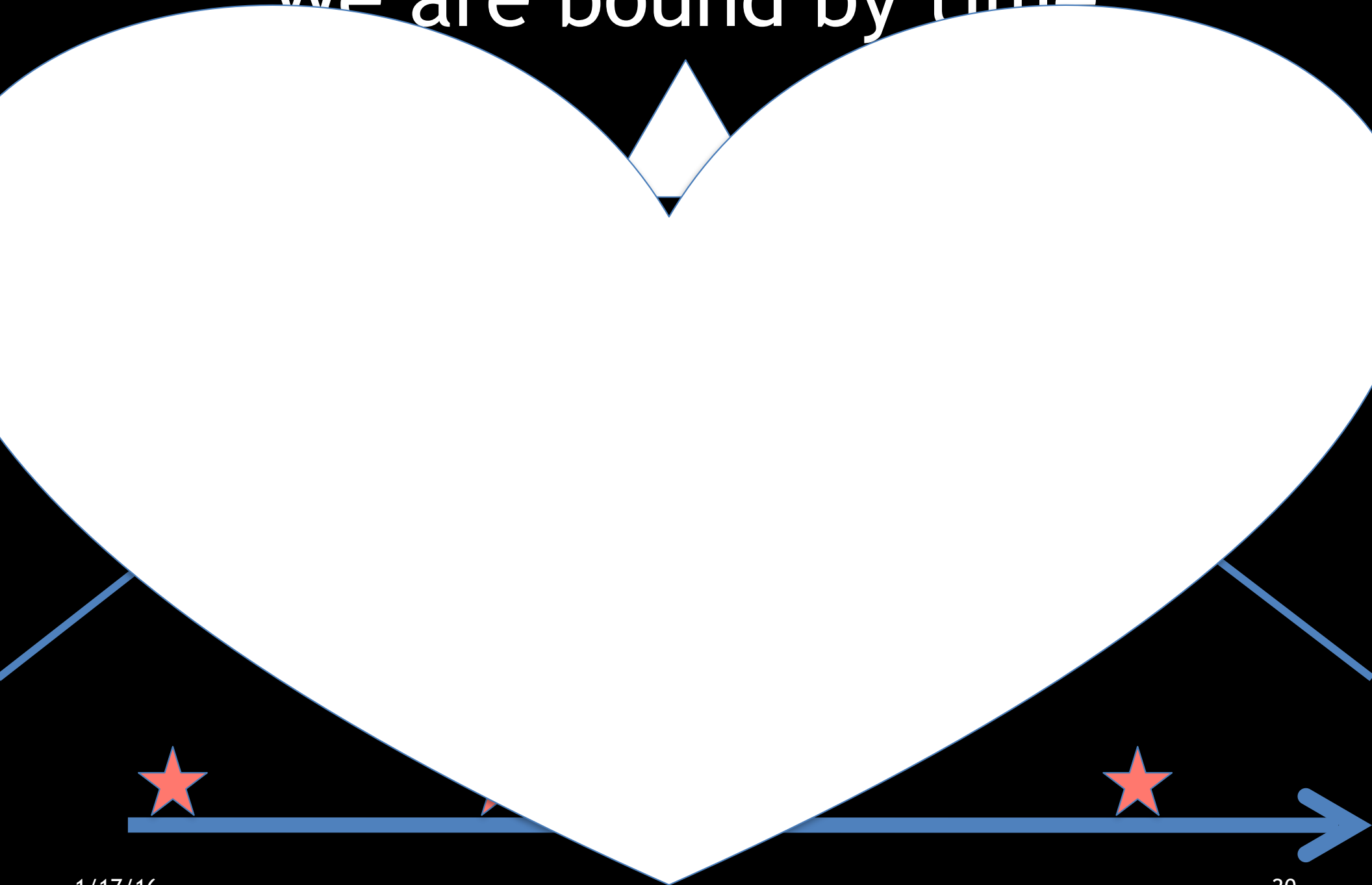
“I will remember their sins no more” Heb 8:
12

Does this apply only to the sins we
committed before we became a Christian?

What about the ones we keep committing
over and over

Do I see God as over there, on the other side
of my sins, disgusted with me?

We are bound by time



What are the implications?

If our old nature (old man / self) is dead:

Do I have two natures?

What is my heart like?

Where are my sins if they were buried?

Here's the question.....

Is this true of me, now, here, today?

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