

**THE NATURE OF MAN**

**I. PURPOSE**

Because of Adam's disobedience death passed upon all. With death came sin. Sin caused man to become a natural mined being with a limited amount of time on earth. Man's nature became temporal as all earthly things are. And by nature, men became the children of wrath. Mankind is by nature sinful, because of the power that Satan has over the flesh. The flesh is not subject to the laws of God (Elohim), neither can it be. The only hop for man is a change in his human nature. In today's lesson we learn that the nature of man is altogether sinful and can only be changed through the blood of Jesus Christ (Yahshua, Messiah).

Memory Verse: Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

**II. BACKGROUND TEXTS FOR DISCUSSION**

A. Source of human nature

1. The lie of Satan caused the fall of man. Gen. 2:7-17; Gen. 3:1-5.
2. Satan controls the minds of fleshly men. Acts 26:16-18; Romans 7:21-23; Eph. 2:1-3.

B. Actions of human nature

1. The works of the flesh are clearly expressed. Gal. 5:1-21.
2. The activities of the natural mind are directed by the Devil. John 8:44-45; Romans 8:1-8. 1 John 3:1-8.

**III. CONCLUSIONS AND REVIEW**

- A. How can we tell if a person is not of God (Elohim)?