

2. How can you use **EPHESIANS 2:1-9** to help a non-Christian understand his sin nature and his need for salvation?

3. **2 CORINTHIANS 10:5** tells you to *take every thought captive to obey Christ*. Since many thoughts come into our minds uninvited, how can a Christian obey this command?

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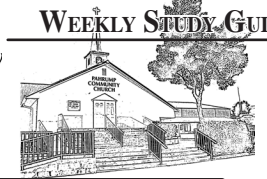
## PERSONAL APPLICATION

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1. Pastor Keith concluded this message with three simple elements that are the keys to living a Christ-like life. Which of these do you need to work on most?
2. What steps will you take this week to improve in this area?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

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# God Expects You to Nurture the New Nature

Introduction: **1 TIMOTHY 3:1-3**; **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**.

*God tells you how to nurture the New Nature:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
what you \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_. **JAMES 1:22-25**
2. Set your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_. **COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**
3. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself \_\_\_\_\_ to sin  
but \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. **ROMANS 6:6-13**
4. \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_. **GALATIANS 5:22-25**
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
how to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sinful nature.  
**ROMANS 13:13-14**
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
to your \_\_\_\_\_.  
**ROMANS 13:13; COLOSSIANS 2:6-7; 1 JOHN 2:3-6; EPHESIANS 2:8-10; ROMANS 6:1-4**

7. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself in \_\_\_\_\_ !

1 TIMOTHY 4:15-16

8. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ .

PHILIPPIANS 4:13; JOHN 15:5-7; PSALM 119:97;

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17; MATTHEW 28:20

Conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_ the new nature and  
\_\_\_\_\_ the new nature to \_\_\_\_\_ .

GALATIANS 5:25

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## STUDY QUESTIONS

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1. Read 2 PETER 1:3-11. Verse 4 sets the *divine nature* given to believers in contrast to the *evil desires of our sin nature*.

Answer these questions from the perspective of a Christian with a new nature:

a. God has given us *all things that pertain to life and godliness* (v.3), so why do Christians struggle to live by the new nature?

b. If I already *partake of the divine nature* (v.4), why must I *make every effort to supplement [my] faith* (v.5)?

c. Since God is perfect and I have the nature of God within me, in what sense are these new-nature qualities *increasing* (v.8)?

2. Use 1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-15 to explain GALATIANS 6:7-9. (Try to use the concepts of sin nature and new nature in your explanation.)

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Read ROMANS 8:8. Does this verse teach that a non-Christian can never please God? Explain and defend your answer.