"Bickering, Fighting and Conflict" James 4:1-4 June 1, 2014

Where does bickering and fighting and conflict originate? It comes from the <u>sin nature</u>.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

What is Paul's definition of a Christian in Galatians 2:20? "Not I, but Christ."

The progression of conflict within you:

- Step #1: <u>Unsatisfied lust</u> (v.2a)
- Step #2: <u>Uncontrolled passion</u> (v.2b)
- Step #3: <u>Untapped prayer</u> (v.2c)
- Step #4: <u>Unanswered prayer</u> (v.3)

James' declaration of what all this means:

If you act and think this way, you have made yourself a <u>friend</u> of this world and an <u>enemy</u> to God.