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Mmmm, interesting question.

I also find it interesting that there was an OT offering that was for a sin or a fault you *didn't know* you had committed. Maybe that's what was meant?

Or maybe it's to do with the fact that we often don't know our own heart, and really think, for example, that our motives for saying or doing something are of the highest...until the Holy Spirit convicts us about it!

Maybe we have sinned "wilfully" but managed to persuade ourselves that it isn't really sin, or that we have a genuine excuse, or can put the blame on someone else.

An example would be David with Bathsheba. He must have known, and somehow justified his actions; yet he couldn't have fully realised, the horror of what he'd done until Nathan faced him with it by the Word of the Lord. After that there was no more excuse - it was a case of "repent or perish".

Thank God he repented, and the Lord forgave him! But no wonder he was terrified when he finally had to acknowledge what he'd done.

A challenging thought indeed!

In Him

Jeannette

Re: Willful Sin/Unwillful Sin, on: 2007/4/1 19:02

We are all doomed, because I don't know a Christian who hasn't willfully sinned. But thank God this is not what this is talking about.

Willfully sinning is someone who has received all that pertains to Hebrews 6:1-5, received Christ's atonement etc. etc..

Hebrews 6:6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

They are falling away from the faith that once delivered them from sin and going back under their own works thus rejecting Christ's finished work.

This is what it means to willfully sin.

I've given you a thought, now you do the studying.

God Bless

Re: Willful Sin/Unwillful Sin - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/4/1 20:09

You have asked a question I have asked different people and nobody gives me a satisfactory answer! Maybe you will get one here????

Let me tell you a true story: when I worked at CPC (Crises Pregnancy Center) there were times when I would get calls from women who wanted to get an abortion and could I tell them where one can be had? I would never share that info with a caller but instead would work to convince them this is something they should not do. I would ask them "Do you know what an abortion is?" "Yes, it is killing a baby!" "What do you think God says about that?" I would ask. "Oh, I know he does not want me to do it, that it is sin, but I plan to go ahead and have then afterwards will ask him to forgive me!"

Now, do you reckon God can forgive this presumptuous sin?

Let me tell you something else, I have never met anyone who took this position and came back later and had experience of forgiveness for this sin. OR even was repentent of it.

Now, what do you think? What does the Bible say in a matter like this? Does this verse apply here?

I await your answer...

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2007/4/1 20:49

The word "sin" in that verse is in the present tense. So it means a continual sinning. Young's translates it like this.

Heb 10:26 For we--willfully sinning after the receiving the full knowledge of the truth--no more for sins doth there remain a sacrifice,

Here is a post I put on these verses on another message board.

Let's look at those verses in Hebrews 10 for a moment. I don't think they are what some people make them out to be. One stumble doesn't mean you are eternally damned. I'll give my short commentary on these verses and put them out for "destructive testing."

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Heb 10:27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

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In this verse what is he referencing to?

Deu 17:2 If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that

It hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant,

Deu 17:3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshiped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;

Deu 17:4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel:

Deu 17:5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

Deu 17:6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

Deu 17:7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

See it wasn't just a person that merely "slipped up" or stumbled. This person deliberately went out with the intention of going directly against God to serve other gods. No mistake for sure!

I don't believe this applies to the person that is struggling against sin and falls. Nor do I believe it applies to the one who backslides. This is a person that with full knowledge of what they are doing wants to break his covenant with God (circumcision of the heart being the seal) to serve "other gods."

My view on "losing your salvation" is summed up in this. "It's surely possible, but not probable." In other words, I think it can be done but it doesn't happen near as much as some people say it does.

Re: - posted by 5nva (), on: 2007/4/1 21:13

I believe Numbers 15:22-31 gives us some good understanding of willful and unwillful or intentional or unintentional sin. Some other scriptures I would suggest reading that God may speak to you about this would be Deuteronomy 1:43 and 2 Peter 2:10.

David cried out to God in Psalm 19:13, keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me; then I shall be upright and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

I wonder of the great transgression he speaks about is blasphemy. That's just a thought that came to me at one time when I was studying these things.

I hope you read the scriptures I mentioned and that the Lord speaks to you through them and you are blessed.

Mike

Re: Willful Sin/Unwillful Sin - posted by HopeinChrist, on: 2007/4/3 20:30

Thanks for all of the replies. I looked up all the scripture references posted in response and printed them out so I could get one big picture. (I'm pasting them below for anyone else who wants to read them through.)

It now seems to me that presumptuous sin = deliberately and intentionally turning away from serving God and choosing to serve another. Am I on the right track? I hadn't really tied this question into the OSAS debate but following PreachParsley's comment, I can see how it ties in. I do not believe God will stop anyone from turning away from Him anymore than I believe He will force someone to come to Him to begin with. Thanks again for the responses, I will continue to chew on this.

Hope

Hebrews 6:1-6,

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit. For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto

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Numbers 15:22-31 And if ye have erred, and not observed all these commandments, which the LORD hath spoken unto Moses, all that the LORD hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the LORD commanded, and henceforward among your generations; Then it shall be, if be committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour unto the LORD, with his meat offering, and his drink offering, according to the manner, and one kid of the goats for a sin offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it is ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their ignorance: And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people in ignorance. And if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she goat of the first year for a sin offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him. Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them. But the soul that doeth presumptuously, born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity upon him.

Deu 1:43 So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously up into the hill.

2Pe 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

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http://www.ksb.org.za/articles/secret_sins.htm

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Well said! That's the truth of the matter in a nutshell.

The worst sin, as said elsewhere, is "going about to establish our own righteousness".

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Does anyone know the hymn "Come for all things are Ready"? Seems appropriate for this thread.

*Come, for all things are ready! 'Tis a banquet of love;
Here's a free invitation from the Master above:
It is written in crimson, drawn from Calvary's flood,
From the wonderful fountain of the soul cleansing blood.*

Refrain

*Oh, what fullness in Jesus!
Oh, what gladness to know,
Though our sins be as scarlet,
He'll make them as snow.*

*Come, for all things are ready! Heaven's bounty is spread;
Take the cup of salvation, take the life giving bread:
Come, the poor and unworthy, come, though sinful and weak;
'Tis the hungry and thirsty whom the Master doth seek.*

Refrain

*Come, for all things are ready! Here's a robe, snowy white,
Fairer far than the raiment of the angels of light:
For the beauty of Jesus will thy covering be;
Only ask for this garment, 'twill be given to thee.*

Refrain

Also:

*Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.*

*Bold shall I stand in Thy great day;
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.*

The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb,

*Who from the Father's bosom came,
Who died for me, e'en me to atone,
Now for my Lord and God I own.*

*Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which, at the mercy seat of God,
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me, e'en for my soul, was shed.*

*Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.*

*When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
Ev'n then this shall be all my plea,
Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.*

*This spotless robe the same appears,
When ruined nature sinks in years;
No age can change its glorious hue,
The robe of Christ is ever new.*

*Jesus, the endless praise to Thee,
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