

## General Topics :: Do you believe that sin is normal for the Christian?

### Do you believe that sin is normal for the Christian?, on: 2005/10/8 11:03

Ernest O'Neill believes that sin is NOT normal.

He states.

"There are thousands down through the centuries that have never believed that sin is normal. To be honest with you, those of you who believe that sin is normal, really want to sin. Now the reason you believe this is, you want the right to loose your temper or to get angry or to do your own thing or to do what you want with your life. You know that even Satan will twist the scripture for his own purposes."

### Re: Do you believe that sin is normal for the Christian? - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/10/8 13:29

A great point and one that might be completely overlooked, seemingly so simple. Didn't want to overly intrude and before long found ... that it was long indeed in response. So placed it elsewhere as a continuance of ([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id7493&forum36&35](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id7493&forum36&35)) Stop Sinning! as it seemed fitting and thank you in advance for jump starting the thought process.

### Re: Do you believe that sin is normal for the Christian? - posted by lamuskrat (), on: 2005/10/8 13:34

If I may reply:

We are not sinners saved by grace, we WERE sinners saved by grace. Now saying that, I am not implying sinless perfection. At salvation we are created "new creatures", which implies the old man (and his ways) are gone. Now Christ/ the Holy Spirit abide with us. Christ also being our Great High Priest making intercession.

That isn't to say that we aren't tempted and sometimes yield, that isn't to say that the sanctification is complete. It is saying that we are sinless immediately after conversion, yet we still reside in this world and are still free moral agents, needing to be continuously cleaned when fighting against the flesh. Warring in the flesh (Rom 6).

So to answer your question: No, I don't believe sin in a Christians life is normal, (if we are talking about knowingly/habitually committing of sin). Now sins of ignorance and possibly a sin that the Christian is warring with (has not received victory over yet, (and knows it to be wrong...seeking forgiveness at each offense), I would not call it NORMAL. As long as we are genuinely serving Christ we will constantly be at war with the sin nature, but glory be to God and the Lamb of God (our Saviour and High Priest), it doesn't have to reign (have dominion) in us.

### What Is The Normal Christian Life?, on: 2005/10/8 14:17

This is quote from What Is The Normal Christian Life? by Ernest O'Neill

"The Gospel is that not only are our sins forgiven by faith but our hearts are cleansed by faith. Not only are we free from the guilt of sin by faith. We are saved from the power of sin by faith. The error that you and I make is we think we are saved from the guilt of sin by faith, but we're saved from the power of sin by reading good books or by exercising our will power or by getting into more Bible study groups or by getting into a better church. The fact is we're delivered from the power of sin by the same simple method by which we received the forgiveness of our sins, by faith. By faith that we were crucified with Christ and completely remade. Loved ones you don't have to labor under that sinful nature. That is not the normal Christian life and it's not our right interpretation of scripture."

Re: What Is The Normal Christian Life?, on: 2005/10/8 16:06

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Amen and amen.

Oh it's so exciting to see this sort of thing in bold print.

Hallelujah!