

**General Topics :: totaly free from sin..... is it possible?**

**totaly free from sin..... is it possible? - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2006/8/4 11:53**

Sometimes i have so many thoughts and feelings its hard to sort them all, its hard to express in words, sometimes it all seems so hard.... the christian life....following christ, no one said it would be easy, it doesnt say so in the bible. I see the opposite... its going to be hard and rough... and i see the deemand christ have.... to be holy.... totally separated from the world, pick up a cross and follow him into death to self...every day, deny myself everyday.... my will, my plans , my feelings, my mind and thoughts, love everyone.... even my enemies.... those who insult me...they who laugh at me, they who say im crazy....

i try to live in the sermon on the mount.... it burns me out, it really does.... but i do believe its better to burn out for Jesus fast than a bright big light then one that hardly shine for 30 years....

all these things i read in the word.... the high standard god has for his people.... this isnt a game a improved life...its a supernatural life....but still there is so many struggles, i feel ive just gotten thru this big thing....ive made it thru this great struggle only to find there is a whole new mountain to claim.... i look at it i get discouraged....

how can i do this?

its impossible!

i cant do this....

then i remember....it isnt me...its him in me....

so i continue, i take one step, praying, reading his word, fasting, go to meetings, meet christians, witnessing, love all, more prayer, more reading, more loving, more jesus , more jesus.

But i just hate it when i fall.... when it all comes crashing down, when i fail in some sense...i do something wrong..a wrong turn here....or a wrong turn there... i feel so low, i feel like a failure.... i know my savior restores me and loves me... but still i want to live a life that satisfies him... that he will say well done!!

i want victory now!!! some say we cant get the full victory here on earth... but i dont want to live in this constant falling... while falling i dont mean some big great sin...i mean the small things... like in getting irritated on my wife....in thinking irrational thoughts against co workers or fellow human beings... or other things...i hate it !!! i hate it!!!

i repent of this i ask forgiveness, i turn around i hate it. i pray about it, i will be free sometimes one day...one week...one month... but in the end im back...

i hate it !!!! i dont want it!!! i pray god will help me thru this... and i know his faithful, and i have bad patience...but still...this thing just breaks me, the word says we should feel peace all the time...i dont...i dont rest in him always...i want to....but i so often just wander off on my own...leaving him behind...

a man who had been a christian for 30 years said...its not a long time.... i understand that we are never finished in our walk of following him...

He is god the son, perfect in everything...im opposite... corrupt in everything... how i long for heaven... no more wickedness...no more this sinful earth, ohh i hate it, i hate being this evil thing who just cant stop being evil...

i know im born again... I know im a child of god.... i know what he has done for me...he so freed me from so many things...i truly was a slave to sin... ive done every sin there is, and he set me free...i was dead..now im alive.... i can see clearly now... i know what life is about... it isnt about me its about glorifying him!!

i just need this filling of the spirit..i need the cross fully i need to die... i feel like im crucified on the cross but one arm is free still...still out there trying to grab some sin...is it possible? to be free from all sin? as i believe and understand gods word..it is.... we can live a life without sin mastering us? i mean the small things ... is it possible to be entirely set free this side of eternity?... i do like peoples theological opinions about this..but even more i would like your living testimony, are you free? dont you get irritated? dont you think bad thoughts about people sometimes? dont you get selfish sometimes...?? dont you get materialistic sometimes?

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this is just my thoughts, id love some testimonys of your struggles and how jesus faithful as he is helped you thru... how you died...how you got filled...i know i have my own walk in him...but its encuraging to listen to other brothers and sisters ...

gods peace to you  
christian

**Re: totally free from sin..... is it possible?, on: 2006/8/4 11:57**

Bad news... you're going to have a battle inside that will war on until you draw your last breath. Paul wrote about that. Even the man who wrote most of the NT struggled just as you are.

Good news... If you have believed on the name of Jesus Christ, and repented of you sins... you are totally free from sin, and it's consequences (which is death). That can never change.

Obedience is our response to salvation, not something we do in order to gain salvation. Get that straight in your head and heart, and the rest will fall into place.

So take heart!

Krispy

**Re: totally free from sin..... is it possible? - posted by enid, on: 2006/8/4 12:44**

For my part, you sound pretty normal! We are to detest sin in all it's form. If we sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

You are yearning after God, hating sin, wanting more righteousness, seeing failure in your Christian life as seperation from God. In a sense it is, in a sense it isn't. If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Take heart, the struggle will continue, but you are not alone. God has given us His Holy Spirit to defeat that which threaten our Christian walk.

The word of God says greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. And also, God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind (self-control). Now either this is true or it isn't. It's the word of God, it's true. God bless.

**Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2006/8/4 13:12**

God's grace is suffiecent. It teaches us and gives us power. The Lord always gives us a way of escape. The problem is when we forget to look for that escape. Be of good courage, through prayer our ears can be "tuned" to hear Him. Communion with God is the key to this abundant life.

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Tit 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jam 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the

Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Jam 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

Jam 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Jam 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

**2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:**

**Re: - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2006/8/4 14:07**

Join the club brother! I know how you feel, I hate my sin! And that in itself is a testimony of how much He has changed us! The things I loved to do I now hate!

I think Krispy gave a great response.

I don't think you should take sin lightly at all and it is a very serious matter. But if you sin against God, like scripture says, we have an advocate. Don't let the times you fall weigh you down forever. Confess to God and keep moving on with Him and he will transform you and change you even more!

**Re: totaly free from sin..... is it possible? - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/8/4 15:06**

Praise our Lord Jesus Christ and His lovely saints here.

Surely all will pass, and at the Cross, all is and will be forgiven.

Hmmhmm, let us enjoy HIS grace, praise HIM when we have victory over sins, praise HIM when we fall and find forgiveness, praise HIM for all the good in our life, and praise HIM for all the not-so-good as well, praise HIM for all that we have and praise HIM for all our lack, praise HIM.....praise HIM 24/7..when we are busy praising HIM, we find freedom from sin ...}

**may I suggest a book Christian?, on: 2006/8/4 15:56**

(of course the Bible, yes.)

but also "The Life of Brainerd", by Jonathan Edwards.

John Piper does a better job than I can explaining who David Brainerd is, and the influence his printed journal have had on beleaguered saints, including myself.

(The book is readily available on ebay or amazon)

<http://www.desiringgod.org/library/biographies/90brainerd.html>

May God bless you, you're not alone, I struggle and pray, contend and overcome, fall, get back up, confess, weep, pray, seek sanctification, but all in all, let's just fix our thoughts on Jesus, together.

I say this again, May God bless you is my prayer,  
barte

**Re: totally free from sin..... is it possible? - posted by Gery, on: 2006/8/4 18:56**

Dear Christian

I speak as a man that does not have all the answers, but these that I share give me hope! May we continue in Him.

Three things come to mind:

1) 1Jo 2:1 My little children, I write these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Be careful to say we have an Advocate because we sin, it is so easy to say we can sin because we have an Advocate! John wrote to us that we "may not sin." That was his aim. And he said "IF" anyone sins. Not WHEN but IF. There's a big difference!

2) Mat 1:21 And she shall bear a son, and you shall call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.

The emphasis of this promise is not on a son, but on Who He is, and what He does!  
JESUS SAVES His people FROM their SINS!!!

3) PAUL wrote of the New Testaments believers as SAINTS not SINNERS! If I am still just a sinner, saved by grace, what am I really saying? Is it Biblical?

An Artist is known for his art, a carpenter for his carpentry, and a sinner?

Hereby, I do not say that it is impossible to sin, of course you can, you have a free will.

Tell me, If a train leaves for its destination, does it plan to ever go off the rail? But if an accident should take place on the way, it is a disaster! And the utmost must be done to find the fault. Aeroplanes have black boxes, to investigate WHY? And to make sure it does not happen again.

Luther said: it is not how many times we fall or how many times we don't, but how fast we get up after we have fallen that counts.

Examine yourself, whether you be in the faith, the New Testament says.

A great man of God (still alive) explained it thus: It is like a glass full of stones. When you add water you can fill the glass to the brim, but in order to get more water in, you have to take more stones out.

And in the same way, we should cleanse our lives from sin (stones), in order to get more of the Holy Ghost.

Ask God to search and examine you. When He shows something, deal with it. Do not rest until there is victory. If you cannot look back and say that you have overcome, there is a major problem. Lust, anger, gossip, hatred, envy, unfriendliness, etc, etc, etc.

I am fighting this battle, my dear friend. The deeper God works the more subtle sin becomes. God puts me in situations to test me. Often I marvel at His power in me and the things I overcome, but so often He shows me my heart again. Deep rooted selfishness, criticism, pride, oh that God would free me, for His sake. The giants of the past seem to be small compared to our own hearts, the SELF! I have a fellow-Christian that I pray with and open my heart up to. I bring my sins to the open with him, because I know my heart is deceitful and I can so easily make excuses for myself. I believe that there is a life that few possess, we should strive with all our might to enter that life and rest. Jam 5:16 Confess faults to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous one avails much.

Do you know a righteous man, a truly righteous man of God? Get him to pray with you, fight with you, share your heart and mind often! What did the disciples do in the upper room before Pentecost? Did they cleanse their lives? Opened their hearts? Became honest about who they were? How else could they have been of one accord? I believe God dealt with them thoroughly

May God truly help us and lead us in the way everlasting, until His return.

In Him  
Gery

Mat 5:6 "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness! For they shall be filled."

**Re:, on: 2006/8/4 18:58**

Quote:

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Yes. By the grace of God, yes.

**Re: - posted by W\_D\_J\_D, on: 2006/8/4 22:18**

Leonard Ravenhill was true indeed when he said people are more afraid of holiness than sin.

Mat 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Mat 19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Mar 10:27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

Luk 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Luk 18:27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

2Pe 2:12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand and not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

2Pe 2:13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

2Pe 2:14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

2Pe 2:15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

Verse 14 in particular...."that cannot cease from sin".....One of the biggest lies in the church today is..... "We cannot cease from sinning till the day we die."

God forbid! Let us go from victory to victory!

Ciao all and God bless u all!

**Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2006/8/4 22:42**

thats how i see it, thats how i understand it....did jesus die on that cross just to forgive my sins? no!! he came to undo what adam did...so in theory it could be possible for all humans never to sin again..... it is a possibility..isnt that what christ did on the cross? now i know there are struggles tests and trails...there are a devil..there are flesh.... there are all those things but god is greater than all those things... i mean did he just do half the work at calvary? he fixed the sin problem to get us to heaven but as long as you are on earth your preetty much in for a ride of sin...is that whats it about? no it cant be like that..there must be a holy life... not as in never sin again... but as in its possible not to sin again..... ravenhill said something like that... did jesus go to the cross and hell just for me to run into walls? maybe we have to but there is a hole here...i cant seem to fill it... something missing in this.... im struggling im having very hard times sometimes...and thats a p

art of the christian walk... but if there are no victory over sin this side of eternity.... then whats all the struggle about? if we cant win then why keep fighting... thats just stupid... so there must be a victory!!! there must be... someone must have had it.... as earlier said there arent many of them around... but there must be some men and women so holy of god they have totally entered in in victory over sin, in jesus christ, isent that what he came to do? ive heard people say to me...do nt set the bar to high...you might get disapointed....i havent told them what i was thinking when they said it... but ive placed my bar in heaven... jesus is my bar...i dont wanna stop before that... can anyone understand what i mean? i sin they sin we all sin... we confess we repent we sin we confess we repent..... is that all? somehow im missing the victory part in that....there must be more.... i pray you will show me and all others who seek your face to show us all things lord....show us all things...

gods peace to you all  
christian

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/8/5 8:07**

I read most of the posts here in reply to your questions and I agree.

I have one question for you: is there still a 'tiny' sin in your life that you have not confronted and dealt with that is bogging you down? Is the Holy Spirit wanting you to do something that you are resisting? This can make you feel like you are being defeated ALL the time. ("let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us," HEB 12:12)I do not believe the LORD wants you struggle ALL the time. There is a huge difference between struggling with sin and fighting against the enemy. One comes from within our spirit and the other from without. Know what I mean?

Hope this helps...

Blessings,  
ginnyrose

**Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2006/8/5 11:20**

Re:totaly free from sin...is it possible?

Dear brother,

There are sermons on this website preached by Ernest O'Neill pertaining to the questions you are seeking answers to. There are many others as well; however, I myself have been blessed listening to the insight God has given this humble man who explains sanctification, etc with simplicity and gentleness.

Also, a few verses of helpful reminder my brother are from the King James Version:

The entire chapter of Romans 6, and Hebrews 3:7-4:6, just to name a few...

Let us all serve each other well brother in a way that is pleasing to Christ Jesus...

The sermon titled "A Heart Cleansed By Faith", by Rev Ernest O'Neill:

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid8225>) <https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=8225>

The sermon titled "A Clean Heart", by Rev Ernest O'Neill:

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid8222>) <https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=8222>

Please pray for me that God will bless me with ears to hear His truth and the willing boldness to carry it out no matter the cost.

For what else truly matters to His servants except those things that truly matter to The Holy God of Israel...

God continually blesses His children,

richie

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2006/8/5 14:58**

Good comments and wisdom from everyone. I am loving it more then ever when the saints look seriously to Godliness!

I believe this is true...

Quote:

-----you're going to have a battle inside that will war on until you draw your last breath.  
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However, this conflict with sin in your flesh, is quite a different matter then having a conflict with Christ in your heart, over the fierceness and resoluteness this fight requires. Many Christians I know think their double-mindedness is the battle itself, but I believe they are mistaken. We must be pure in heart in regards to our engagement to Christ, before we can ever begin confronting the corruption of sin, both within our members and in this hateful world. In spiritual warfare, violence is a virtue!

Quote:

-----The things I loved to do I now hate!  
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Recently I had a conversation with a dear trusted brother. We were confessing sins to one another. At one point he tried to console me by reminding me that even Paul sinned...indeed he said that if Paul were on the Earth today he would find struggles with many of the sins we face.

All of this may be quite true, but I did not find consolation or comfort from it. I find myself having a new heart...one that can only be consoled in purity. This is the vexation of Godliness brethren...it hurts us to sin. Telling us that we must continue sinning does not comfort the New Creation, but instead agitates us, spurring us further into the heart of Jesus Christ.

Yet sinlessness as the supreme goal, is often a metric that can become quite spiritless if we attempt to measure by our own rulers. No wonder we can become sour, if we spend all our time looking for lemons! Instead, I like how Oswald Chambers differentiates human prudence from Christ's purity. If we would be pure of heart we must abide in the only pure heart.

So, for my contribution to the discussion of this thread, let me gently offer this: We do not find purity by seeking desperate and spasmodic moments of sinless triumph, but we seek disciplined and seamless abiding in Christ's everlasting triumph that invariably leads to true inward purity. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. Obedience sees what reason can only imagine.

That is why I love this...

Quote:

-----lets just fix our thoughts on Jesus, together.  
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How wonderful and beautiful are those in Christ!

MC

**Re: totaly free from sin..... is it possible?, on: 2006/8/6 9:00**

Ho Compton! Great post, bro.

Quote:

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... 'before we can begin' we must have DECIDED to follow Jesus; we must have DECIDED to stop sinning *IN PRINCIPLE*.

Recently, I've been trying to decide what James' famous words mean for my own inner (and outer) life - how I determine what is sin to me....

James 4:17 Therefore  
to him that knows to do good, and does not, **to him it is sin.**

This immediately begs many questions about how we spend our time, especially if the definition of not sinning, is 'to do good'!!!

A part of me asks 'where did that come from?' And is immediately turned to Matthew 5, 6, 7 and onwards for the example of Jesus.

I have been fascinated recently to read Tyndale's introduction to his New Testament, in which he describes the clauses in the sermon on the Mount, as a 'covenants' which God offers us: eg, *if we will be merciful, He will be merciful to us* (Matthew 5:7 Blessed the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.)

For me, this has completely turned round my attitude to 'well-doing'. My charismatic background led me to think that unless the Holy Spirit moved on me to prompt a certain action, I should regard other urges as suspect.

According to Tyndale, this is not so.... we already know what we should do, and we should get on with it, taking the example of Jesus and His teaching as our template for action. I don't mean *not* trusting God, and inviting the Spirit's guidance, but actually, taking the offensive against godlessness in a general way.

Recently, I discovered 1 John 4:11 - 13:

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

I realised it fits Tyndale's exhortation exactly, and rather than depending on an awareness of the Holy Spirit *beforehand*, promises to confirm His part in our lives *afterwards*. Amen!

Surely this is also a confirmation of His favour - which He could not bestow, if we were still 'sinning'.

I've also realised recently that under the Old Covenant, 'sins' were very specifically defined. There was no confusion in people's minds over what constituted a 'transgression'. I think one of the reasons we struggle with what we *think* is sin, is that we don't understand God expects us to *live* IN HIM. This goes back to Compton's point precisely. Double-mindedness is not about whether to sin or not, it's about whether to 'engage' in a real way with salvation itself - or not.

Quote:

-----we seek disciplined and seamless **abiding in Christ's everlasting triumph that invariably leads to true inward purity.**  
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Wow! I like this a lot, because it ties in perfectly with the verse which dragged me through (literally) years of potential condemnation:

Hebrews 10

14 **For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified**

15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

16 This the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, **I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;**

17 **And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.**

18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,



20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

This kind of freedom from sin doesn't mean we never wish we had done better, but, it certainly comforts the inner man with His word that He EXPECTS us to overcome, and is giving us the means to live and walk in His light, nothing doubting