



Scriptures and Doctrine :: "Do you sin?"

"Do you sin?" - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/29 10:00

Quote:

KrispyKrittr wrote:
Do you sin, Nile?

Krispy

The short answer: **NO!!!**

I'll answer possible refinements of the question for clarity.

1. Are you sinning right now?

No. =)

2. Do you plan on sinning again?

No.

3. Do you anticipate sinning again?

No.

4. Is there any commandment of God that you know you do not keep?

No.

5. Do you sin every day?

No.

6. Is your conscience perfectly pure?

Yes.

7. Have you repented of all known sin and conformed your life to the revelation give to you?

Yes.

8. Have you sinned in the past?

Yes.

9. Have you sinned in the past month?

Yes I have unfortunately. This is not a light matter. Within the past month I have rebelled against God and fallen from Grace. I have since repented and turned back to God. There are many causes for fall like this...my faith is new, I am immature, I lack wisdom, I am surrounded by ungodliness, and I am still learning the fundamentals of God. Once my sure foundation is laid, the likelihood of falling away is much much less. (Remember that Peter had flat out denied Christ shortly before preaching the sermon on Pentecost.)

10. Do you love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself, thus fulfilling the law and committing no sin?

Yes.

How would you (being anyone) answer these questions?

Nile

Re: "Do you sin?", on: 2007/8/29 10:04

Glad everything is going so great for you. How's your pride?

Krispy

Re: "Do you sin?" - posted by HopePurifies (), on: 2007/8/29 11:07

Hmm. I asked myself these questions and realized what a terrible terrible trouble I'm in. I thought I'd share that with you .

First- I answered 1,2, and 3 with No's. I thought this because I didn't think I was doing anything sinful really. However then I got to question 4. And then everything fell to pieces for me. Because I do not love God with all my heart. I didn't pray this morning and I haven't received the grace to love God despite the counsel I've received from other Christians. Therefore in actuality the answers for 1,2,3 were incorrect!

So 5 is true for me... of late. 6. No. Which means I have no power before God. 7. YES (as of now). 8. Yes. 9. Yes, and it is inexcusable. I am also a young Christian with a weak foundation (great sermons about that on this site though!). 10. No.

So. These questions have shed a great deal of light on me, showing me that I have been not living a grace-filled, Spirit-filled life. I am going to repent, and pray. If this thread is still active, I will update you in a week or two, hopefully with victory.

If we confess our sins He will cleanse us our sins. :-)

I really hope that instead of justifying yourself you would really let these questions sink in, and recall the scriptures for those times when your answers aren't what they should be... In Jesus is everything pertaining to life and godliness.

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2007/8/29 11:08

At first, I was going to ignore this, I don't doubt some have.

But, maybe regrettably, I changed my mind.

Krispy, that was unnecessary.

Pride is a struggle we all have, whether we realise it or not.

As it is, I don't know of anyone who has 'arrived, whatever that might be.

Maybe it is a place of total humility.

So, sadly, we just continue to be us, until the light goes on inside and we see what God wants us to be, we stop fighting it, and surrender.

God bless.

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 11:16

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How was that unnecessary? You're assuming I was implying something that I wasn't.

Pride is the root of everything sinful. If we've conquered sin, then we've conquered our pride. But some have pride in their sinlessness... which is sin after all.

So it's a legitimate question.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/8/29 11:54

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Re:, on: 2007/8/29 12:05

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moral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindl
ers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of
the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Paul warned the Galatian Church

Quote:
----- Galatians 6:7Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8The one who sows to please his sinful nat
ure, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9Let us not become weary in doin
g good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up

Paul warned the Church is Ephesus

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-----Ephesians 5:3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because th
ese are improper for God's holy people. 4Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5
For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of
God. 6Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. 7Therefore do not be p
artners with them.

John warned his readers

Quote:
-----1 John 3:7Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8He who
does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the dev
il's work. 9No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of
God. 10This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of
God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

and of course Jesus warned

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-----Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

Now, it is quite a dangerous thing to say that "all of our sins are covered".. although that can be a true statement.

In Christ - Jim

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 12:27

I agree with Jim (I hear the Twilight Zone theme song playing! lol)

Yes, we are covered, but we must never use that covering as a license to sin. I know what Logic meant, but it does need some clarification.

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Pride is put to death just like the other sins. I take no pride in this. I didn't set myself free =)

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 13:07

So you've conquered pride in your life? You no longer struggle with pride?

Thats a serious question. I'm not trying to bait you or anything. I am trying to understand your thinking.

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Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/8/29 14:51

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I will then clarify:

Christians are not responsible(liable) to their record of the sins committed.

We are not charged with sin because **Rom 4:8** Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute (be charge with) sin.
Or:

That person's sin will not be held against him by the Lord.

If we are accountable for our sins, then we will not stand on the day of judgment.

As one modern hymn says (in bold) my point well:

Only by grace can we enter. Only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavour, but by the blood of the Lamb
Into your presence you call us, you call us to come
Now by your grace we come. Now by your grace we come

Lord, if you mark our transgressions who will stand?

Thanks to your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb

Re: "Do you sin?" - posted by HomeFree89 (), on: 2007/8/29 14:56

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Yes, good question.

First, when I say I "fell from Grace" I mean that God offered me grace to overcome my sin, but I refused it.

What is it I am saved from? Hell? Chiefly, I am saved from the power and domination of sin. Seeing as I became once again a slave to sin ("For you are slaves to whom you obey"), yes I did lose my salvation.

As far as I am concerned, that is all that matters.

However, others will ask the question (which I believe to be less important), if I died in the midst of this sin, would I be justified of it? That is, did I lose my justification before God?

Although my conviction on this is not watertight (I acknowledge may be wrong), I believe yes, I lost my justification before God.

I can hear the objections already, "What?!?! That means that if you sin one little sin, like a lustful look or an angry thought, and you happen to die in the middle of it, you'd go to Hell!? That's bogus!!"

I don't think it's bogus at all, I think it's a clear message of God revealed in scripture.

Sin is serious.

Yes, one sin will send you to hell.

If you get saved and live cleanly for a long time, but then happen to sin right before you die, guess what: **that's a really really bad thing**. There's a reason we are told to **finish** the race well. Paul even describes himself as being able to fall away in 1 Corinthians 9:

But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, **I myself should become disqualified**.

One sin corrupted all of the universe and doomed an entire race.

Is one sin I commit less heinous?

God will justify no one that rebels against Him. That is sin: to rebel against God.

Our God is merciful, and even though one may sin, there still remains hope in Jesus:

1 John 2:1

And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Why should it be surprising that it is possible to waver back and forth between God and the world? Especially if one's de

dication to God and faith in Him is weak? To do so is extremely careless and extremely dangerous, but it is none the less possible. So it is with Christians who waver between God and sin.

That is the message I see in the Bible.

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 16:05

Well, Nile... I don't say this in a condescending way at all, but brother, you are in error. I don't believe you understand the good news, my friend.

You do not lose your salvation when you sin, nor do you lose your justification before God. I'm not sure exactly where the root of your error is, but it seems to me that there is some misunderstanding of grace.

I would recommend you read the letter to the Galatians.

It seems to me that among those who believe we can reach perfection in this life, what we see here in your post is the natural result... if you don't live up to this "law", you lose your salvation. In other words, you're earning your salvation, or rather you keep your salvation by your good works.

This is not **grace** salvation. Brother what your trusting in is your works.

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Krispy

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/29 16:26

sigh

Krispy, there's a small army of straw men in your post. You might want to read my post again.

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According to Webster's Online Dictionary:

Legalism.

1. Strict conformity to the letter of the law rather than its spirit.

No, that is definitely not what I am promoting.

Re: - posted by HopePurifies (), on: 2007/8/29 16:30

Hey Krispy,

I think you misread his post.

Let's say you're a smoker. And you smoke every day. Then you say "I want to quit smoking". So you buy a nicotine patch. The nicotine patch saves you from smoking. But then you say, well, I'm going to smoke anyway because my friends are here and they are smoking. Did you accept salvation from smoking? No, therefore you lost it.

If that nicotine patch was Nile's works, he would indeed be wrong. But time and time again, we have said that it is the grace of God that keeps us from sin.

Obedience is not legalism! Legalism is not loving God, and trying to abide by the rules without the love. The justification part is a different issue from salvation. So you could call him on that if you want to discuss it elsewhere.

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The message of James is that we are justified by a faith that WORKS. You cannot have faith without works and get into heaven.

Re: - posted by TonyS (), on: 2007/8/29 16:39

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God Bless,
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Krispy

He meant salvation from sin. If you sin, you lost salvation from sin. Because you sinned. Very simple.
As far as justification (heaven or hell), like I said, fire away.

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/29 16:57

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There is a far cry difference between what you and I consider to be a Christian.

James 1:26

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridled his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

It is impossible for someone to walk closely with God and "cuss when the heart attack hits them".

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/29 17:02

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Proverbs 19:16

*He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul,
But he who is **careless** of his ways will die.*

Re: - posted by TonyS (), on: 2007/8/29 17:10

Â“*For in that He died, He died unto sin once: But in that He Lives, He lives unto God*”
Rom 6:10

Christ's death not only paid the penalty of human sin, but it was used of God to break the power of the indwelling sin in the believer's life.

As in the hymn, 'Rock of Ages' "be of sin the double cure, saved from wrath and make me pure"

A double cure for there was a double problem in essence; first was man's lost condition, and secondly the necessity for the believer to walk pure before God. Christ on the Cross-defeated sin once for all. Paul uses the term Cross to explain the entire redemption process, the Cross, the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the Exaltation of our Lord.

"ONCE" - what was accomplished at Calvary was so complete, total and absolute it will never be repeated. When a believer is unclear what is meant by "it is finished", and until the believer understands the Cross as it relates to sanctification yes the "works" road as I have stated is a hard one to travel.

The narrow way a difficult one? Yes of course, as we are not in our glorified state. Yet made more difficult unnecessarily by us when we try to add to what is already finished.

Re: - posted by LoveHim, on: 2007/8/29 17:41

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who is careless?? the unbeliever. anyone who professes Christ and is careless about his life should really examine whether he was in the faith. a truly born again believer will struggle with the flesh (as Paul describes in Romans 7 and Galatians 5). sometimes they will give into sin and they will confess their sin and repent. that does not constitute losing their salvation every time they sin. if that is the case, then brother many of us on this site have lost our salvation hundreds of times. please reflect on what I am writing to you. I am not trying to explain away sinning, for we shouldn't. just that sometimes we do. love ya man.

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/29 18:03

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Yes good point. That is a great verse! There is yet hope for even the worst of sinners.
I may have spoken wrongly when I said we have no relationship with Him if we sin. I'm not sure what the right wording is, but I think the idea is the same.

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Yes, I do need to look at the context for that one, I know it the least. I have read the context before, of course, and I'm not sure I misapplied it, but I will look into it. Thanks for the reproof.

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Right, I agree.

I posted those last two scriptures trying to show that it is possible to not be saved even if you don't "down right forsake Christ". That is, even men who "name the name of Jesus" will be cast into Hell. Because, of course, their naming is in vain and without works to prove it real (as James talks about). Also, men may claim to follow Christ, but become careless and doom themselves in their careless sin.

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Right. I would say, yes, many, including myself have lost their salvation many of times (although I'm sure how many for myself, seeing as I haven't had salvation that long)...if one continues to waver between God and sin, it is a sign of a severe lack of maturity in Christ.

Re: - posted by cmis, on: 2007/8/29 18:07

The tithe yes it is 10% of every dollar. Do I sin, yes I sin this is my sin.

I am a murderer,
But I tithe
I am a fornicator
But I tithe
I am a deceiver
But I tithe
I am a liar
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The Lord knows the way that you take, and when he has tested you, you shall come out as gold, as pure Gold.

Where Sin abounds Grace does much more abound. Has his word changed, no it has not. We fail but he remains faithful, all things shall pass away but his Word shall never pass away.

You can pay your tithes and still end up in hell, obedience is better than sacrifice.
Tithes does not save you, a reformed and regenerated heart does.

It's too late the request was made and the answer was given.

Did I post this on the right thread?

Hallelujah, thank you Jesus for all of your glory and all of your praise, makes me want to say, thank you Jesus :-(

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 18:46

As a man thinks so is he.
Where your treasure is there your heart is also.
edit: Does an unregenerated heart hold on to the world and everything in it? I don't think so
Eph 3:20
according to the faith that is in us.
By their fruits you shall know them.
Love not the world nor the things of the world.
A man cannot serve two masters both God and money.
The love of money is the root of all evil.
What do we hold on to? What we love.

I don't know about anyone else, but I am educated way past my obedience. I am a human man saved by God's grace. When I look at His holiness I can see enough rottenness in myself, at the best I can do, even though I tithe.

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 20:09

someone said:

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moe_mac wrote:

And what things pours out of that reformed and regenerated heart?

Looks like a good title for a new thread doesn't it?

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/8/29 22:23

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Just because you are fighting or arguing with your wife, does not mean that you lost your marriage atr that moment. Adam did not loose his relationship with God in the garden, otherwise he wouldn't have hid from God, he would have jus t stuck his nose up at HIM at say, "who cares what you say or think"

Furthermore, God still sought for Adam, proves that the relationship was not lost.

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Notice the "**sinning**"
is voluntary prestant active plure.

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This is talking about those who do not seek His guidance in their affairs in this life.
Notice that HE **never** knew them.

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/30 6:24

Logic, you missed the points I was making. I'll try to be more explicit next time.

Quote:

Nile wrote:
Quote:

You are forgetting that one does not lose his relationship with Christ because of one sin, because it is the relationship that one has with Christ that saves him.

Adam lost his relationship with God "because of one sin".

If you see my previous post, I said that the wording here is not perfect. Basically what I'm saying, is that Adam was damned, the universe thrown into chaos, and the human race cursed because of just one sin, regardless of whatever sort of "relationship" he had with God.

Quote:

Nile wrote:
Our relationship with Christ is based on faith.

This is the same as the last one. When I said "relationship" I was thinking a saving relationship.

Quote:
-----Nile wrote:
If we sin, it shows that we have no faith, thus no relationship.

Same thing.

Quote:

Logic Said:
Notice the "sinning"
is voluntary present active plural.

Christians who still have a relationship with Christ do not keep sinning voluntarily with many sins.
This isn't rocket science: The verse is talking about living a life of sin.

I'd consider this eisegesis, inserting things into the text that aren't there.
Jesus said, "Go and sin **no more**." Not, "Go and *sin less*."
I find no place in the Bible where Christians warned against "many sins" but instead "any sin". I'd be very interested in seeing them if there are any (and maybe there are).

You hit the nail on the head with "living a life of sin", you just don't have the proper definition of "living a life of sin".

If you rebel against God and sin, guess what - you're living a life of sin. One sin casts your whole character and countenance against God, it affects you as a whole, not only in some isolated way. You have once again become a slave to sin, neglecting the salvation of God.

Look at the converse and tell me what you think: Is it possible to rebel against God in body, soul, and spirit, to cease to love God with all your heart, to commit cosmic treason, to neglect the grace of God, to call God a liar, to shame the name of Christ, to turn from Him, to have no faith in God, to be guilty of all the points of the law (remember, if you break one, you are guilty of them all), to become once again a slave to sin and a servant of the devil, loving the world and despising God (this is what happens when you sin, see Matthew 6:24)...and you are all the while not "living a life of sin"?

*Then what in blazes **is** living a life of sin?!?!?*

Quote:

Logic Said:

This is talking about those who do not seek His guidance in their affairs in this life.
Notice that HE never knew them.

You're implying I was implying things that I wasn't. This and the following verse were in response to:

Quote:

It is only when one down right forsakes Christ with impunity and does not care about it, that is when one loses the relationship with Christ.

As is clear by reading my original post and my later post, where I expound on it:

Quote:

Nile Said:

I posted those last two scriptures trying to show that it is possible to not be saved even if you don't "down right forsake Christ". That is, even men who "name the name of Jesus" will be cast into Hell. Because, of course, their naming is in vain and without works to prove it real (as James talks about). Also, men may claim to follow Christ, but become careless and doom themselves in their careless sin.

Even though you misunderstood me, thanks for pointing out the apparent errors!

Nile

Re:, on: 2007/8/30 7:25

John 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the **sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name*

Roman 8:15 *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of **adoption**, whereby we cry, **Abba, Father**.*

Galatians 4:4-6 *But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the **adoption of sons**. And because ye **are** sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, **Abba, Father**.*

Ephesians 1:5 *Having predestinated us unto the **adoption of children** by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will...*

If someone is saved, they are a child of God. This means that God is our Father.

What a horrible and sinister example God would be to all of us human fathers if He operated in the manner in which you are representing Him here on this thread, Nile.

Think about this... I have four sons. All were born with a sin nature, so at times, they are disobedient toward me and their mother. When they are disobedient the relationship is strained, and we do not enjoy the closeness that we normally enjoy. But **never** do they cease being my children.

God uses human relationships as examples and metaphors for how He operates within His Kingdom. Weddings, for example. The Marriage Feast of the Lamb. The example of a husband and a wife.

And He uses the relationship of a father with his child.

Luke 11:13 *If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

My best friend has an adopted son. His son enjoys all the rights and privileges as my friend's son as my own flesh and blood sons enjoy with me. Even though at times this boy may act up and disobey... my friend doesn't run down to the court house and sever the relationship.

You're saying that God expects us to stick with a situation that He Himself isn't willing to do. I don't buy that. Not for a minute.

When I sin (let's not get 'PC' and call it fail), my relationship with God suffers... it's not as intimate until I confess to Him and make it right... but never once do I ever stop being saved, or being His adopted son. Scripture says that when we sin we have an advocate... Christ Jesus. It's because of Jesus that we are able to stay in relationship with God the Father.

And **that** is the difference between us and Adam. Adam needed to do sacrifices for the atonement of his sins. That's something that lasted until Jesus died on the cross... the final sacrifice. I don't claim to understand how God dealt with people in the OT if they died with some sin that was hanging out there they forgot to sacrifice for. But in the NT Christ died once and for all. Period. And when we accept His sacrifice, and we're **truly** born again... the Holy Spirit is given to us, and our desire to obey Him becomes stronger than our desire to sin.

But Paul makes it clear that we will struggle with our flesh. But **"in Christ"** is the key phrase all through the epistles that Paul wrote.

There are some excellent sermons by Chuck Smith on the Book of Hebrews that you should listen to. They are available on this site, I believe. I think what you are doing is you are picking out three or four passages and zeroing in on them while ignoring the whole. Scripture interprets scripture. You need to read everything in the context of the whole NT, not just in the context of a paragraph or chapter.

I was treading lightly on this thread because I wanted to be sure that I understood what you were saying, Nile. Over the past 24 hours it has become quite clear what you are saying... and I love you so much, but you're in error. Your understanding and exegesis is out of balance on this issue, and it's important that you come to a true understanding of salvation. You are not enjoying the best possible relationship with God as Father if you're afraid that the moment you fail Him He turns His back and walks away from you.

That is a relationship built on fear, not love and trust.

What kind of Father would you think me to be if I abandoned my children everytime they failed? I wouldn't be a father, I would be a tyrant.

I am glad that when I fail God, my Father comes to me through the Holy Spirit and shows me my error and convicts me, and when I repent my Father listens to Christ as He represents me before the throne. My Father does that because I am His adopted son, and He wants me, and loves me. And I am so grateful to Him for that. I love and trust my Father because He never leaves me or forsakes me. (Hebrews 13:5)

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/8/30 9:18

If I, as a Christian and child of God, willfully (voluntarily) commit lust once today, am I condemned to hell?

Re:, on: 2007/8/30 9:21

Why would you willfully do that?

Do you mean that the thought comes into your mind when a women passes by and you rebuke it and call on Christ to cleanse your mind and conscience

or

you entertain the thought that comes into your mind and indulge in it rather then rebuke it even though you know it is sin, from hte enemy, and offensive to God.

In Christ, Jim

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/30 10:32

Quote:

richardf wrote:

If I, as a Christian and child of God, willfully (voluntarily) commit lust once today, am I condemned to hell?

If Christ can't save you from lust, why do you expect Him to save you from Hell?

Look, we need a radical redefining of our terms: Salvation is not a get out of Hell free ticket, it is the grace of God that brings godliness and sets us free from the power of sin!

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/30 10:53

Quote:

-----When they are disobedient the relationship is strained, and we do not enjoy the closeness that we normally enjoy. But never do they cease being my children.

The Bible says he who sins **is a child of the devil**.

There is a sense in which we never cease to be children of God, and in that sense, even the heathen are children of God. So in a very real sense, we stop being God's children when we sin. This is straight up basic scripture.

Furthermore, your analogy just falls apart when you look at the garden of Eden. When Adam was disobedient, more happened than just a strained relationship.

Quote:

-----You're saying that God expects us to stick with a situation that He Himself isn't willing to do. I don't buy that. Not for a minute.

Huh? No. -HE- will never abandon us, but -WE- can abandon Him. God will always offer forgiveness to us, just as a father will to a child. But if a child refuses forgiveness and abandons his father, the father cannot **force** his child, that is his offspring, to be his son. If you're saying that, then everyone would be a son of God, because God would force it upon everyone.

Quote:

-----Scripture says that when we sin we have an advocate... Christ Jesus.

Yes. I have never denied it, but have affirmed it. This is not a license to sin, but a promise that you may return to God and have Christ as your advocate IF you do sin. But you are still free to forsake Him.
It sounds like you're saying OSAS. If we're going to talk about OSAS, it might be better to make a new thread.

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Thanks :-)

but...

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What kind of Father would you think me to be if I abandoned my children everytime they failed? I wouldn't be a father, I would be a tyrant.

...it seems like you still don't understand what I am trying to convey.

This isn't about God turning His back on us, it's about us turning our back on God. I have no fear that God will disown me! I trust and love God more than I ever have. I don't live my days in fear, "Oh no, what if I sin!" hehe, it's funny that people always think that is the natural outcome if you don't believe in OSAS.

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Well amen. I totally agree.

The only place I might slightly disagree is, "because I am His adopted son". I have a different understanding of this, which is that I don't believe we are full fledged adopted sons of God until Jesus returns. Till then, we are His children being trained to be His sons. We may stop this training at any time we wish though. That is not to say that God will not strive with us for our salvation though, as He does with all men.

Don't get hung on this difference though, it's mostly just semantics.

Hopefully after reading this post you will understand my position better.

Thanks for the dialogue :-)
Nile

Re:, on: 2007/8/30 11:02

Quote:
-----What kind of Father would you think me to be if I abandoned my children everytime they failed? I wouldn't be a father, I would be a tyrant.

To paraphrase Paul Washer...

Lets say Im your pastor and your 14 years old and I am coming home from preaching at 1am when I see you on the street corner with some hoodlems doing things you shouldn't be doing. I would stop and make you get in the car and take you home, but I wouldn't be mad at you, I would be mad at your father. I would say "Sir, you are a derilict father to let your child be out doing these things". I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT GOD IS NOT A DERILICT FATHER....

Jim says, to take it one step farther, if the same boy was out at the same time a week later, I would completely question if the boys father was fit to care for him any longer. SI readers, is your God an unfit and derelict father?

In Christ - Jim

Re:, on: 2007/8/30 11:25

Nile, I think I understand what you're saying. This dance of trying to figure each other out can take awhile... lol.

I dont believe committing a sin, losing the battle... failing, seperates us from God and His salvation.

I do believe that living a lifestyle of sin and not feeling any remorse for it, or showing no repentence is a dangerous place to be. I think we seperate here tho, because I believe if someone is doing this... they probably were not truly saved anyway.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/30 12:46

Quote:

-----Nile, I think I understand what you're saying. This dance of trying to figure each other out can take awhile... lol.

Yes, it can! :-P

Quote:

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My main point on this, is that if you are not saved from your sin, then you're salvation, whatever it is, is not worth that much.

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I would say agree with you that most who go back to a life of sin never knew God.

I think we differ mainly in what we consider a lifestyle of sin.

And essentially, all I'm saying is this: If you're sinning, that's a lifestyle of sin. If you're not sinning, that's not a lifestyle of sin. I don't think the quantity or quality of the sin matters. I also believe you can repent at any moment and turn to back fully.

Gotta run to class,
Nile

Re: - posted by Lkid, on: 2007/8/30 12:51

maybe i'm wrong, but the problem with nile's view that i see is that there is no hope, as shown in the bible. In Nile's view we can only hope that we don't sin at the time of death, obviously you would hope to not sin at all, but if you really look at how our lives play out, and nile, i think you admit you are not perfected yet, we do sin. We do battle with our flesh. So you will have to hope that you don't sin on your death bed. That doesn't sound like a great hope or any kind of assurance to me.

Instead of looking forward to going to be with Jesus after death, we would be very hesitant about death.

Aren't we instructed in 1 Cor 3

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

This speaks for itself i think.

Also sin is missing the mark. So, unless we are perfectly doing God's will at death, nile, you are saying we go to hell? Sin is not just commission but also omission. This may be getting too hypothetical, but what if you die in a car accident, on the highway while on the way some place, when God would have had you doing something else, if only you had prayed and sought God's will for that day/hour/whatever? Your missing the mark of God's will at that moment.

Re: - posted by LoveHim, on: 2007/8/30 13:17

brother nile,

dear brother, i appreciate your desire to serve God and your wholehearted commitment to Him. like yourself, i am a younger believer in the Lord. i have only been a disciple of Christ for 8 years. how long have you been a disciple of Christ??

i think the reason why some of us wrote what we wrote to you was because some of us have been down this road that you are talking about. i personally have walked the hard road of feeling like if i sinned, i lost my salvation and that i would have to repent and then God would come back into my heart until the next sin. but you know what?? God showed me that at i am His son and that He has planted His Seed within me and hebrews 13 shows us that God will discipline and strive with His children because we are His.

i wholeheartedly agree that we should not willfully sin. amen to that. but if you continue this line of thinking, you will find out that this stupid thing called the flesh will continually gnaw at you and sometimes you will give in to it. you shouldn't, but it happens to us (a bad temper, gossip, lust, focusing earthly more than heavenly, etc). it happens to all of us, but it doesn't excuse it, ya know?? i think that is what many of us are trying to say. we sin, we shouldn't, but we do. but it does not and should not be a lifestyle of sin. if it is, then we need to repent and actually turn from our sin.

but if you think that you lose your salvation at every sin, then you are in for a long, hard road that will be very burdensome and weary. once again for the hundredth time, that is not a license to sin (God forbid). i think that you have correctly identified that we should not sin, but i think you have not truly seen the struggles of a believer in dealing with the flesh, the lusts of the world and the law. this is merely my opinion of what i believe that i see regarding your posts, i would just ask you to please keep this in mind and prayer while reading the scriptures.. love you man.

Re:, on: 2007/8/30 13:44

Quote:

jimdied2sin wrote:

Why would you willfully do that?

Do you mean that the thought comes into your mind when a woman passes by and you rebuke it and call on Christ to cleanse your mind and conscience

or

you entertain the thought that comes into your mind and indulge in it rather than rebuke it even though you know it is sin, from the enemy, and offensive to God.

In Christ, Jim

I mean entertaining the thought once it has entered your mind.

The first option wouldn't be lust. You can't 'accidentally' or involuntarily commit lust.

Have you lusted at least once since you became a Christian?

Re:, on: 2007/8/30 14:00

Quote:

-----Have you lusted at least once since you became a Christian?

Yes... then I went through a time of what you would call personal revival and the Lord granted me victory, where I now hate even the notion of lusting. This came through having faith that the reason the Son of God was manifest was to destroy the devil's work and getting a good healthy fear of God that He would cut me off from His Spirit if I continued committing adultery in my thought life.

Christ purchased for us a MIGHTY victory, let us set aside any idea of defeat and violently press into the kingdom of God.

In Him - Jim

Re:, on: 2007/8/30 14:07

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So you now no longer lust?

Re: - posted by HopePurifies (), on: 2007/8/30 14:13

Lkid,

You are wrong. His view has much more hope than yours does. He can please God through the grace given to him, while others believe they can never please God. His view has hope because his life is not a spit in the eye of God, but a redeemable life, a life of victory in the Holy Spirit.

God has said in His word over... and over... and over... and over again that His commands are not grievous, His burdens are not light, that you can perform what He has asked you to do (in Christ Jesus is ALL pertaining to LIFE and GODLINE SS... unless you get your holiness from a different well- there is an EVERLASTING supply).

Why do you prefer the devil's yoke of sin to God's yoke of love?

Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, and all your strength, and all your mind.

I doubt that ANY of us have striven to blood against our sin!! How dare we say His grace isn't enough when we haven't even TRIED the narrow road which few find and travel?

The person who walks the "Highway of Holiness" though a fool shall not go astray. But it is not for the unclean, but the clean.

Trust Jesus!

Re: - posted by LiveforGod (), on: 2007/8/30 14:26

I loved it. Well said. And by the way, brother, there is a mistake in what you wrote.

" His burdens are NOT light". :-) Just something, nevermind.

Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2007/8/30 14:31

Yesterday I fell on my face three times that I know of... and by this, I mean I can identify them as sin.

1. I was lazy at work and in studying for GRE.

2. A homeless woman came up to me and asked me for directions to a church she was looking for where she and her children could stay... instead of walking with her I just pointed her in the direction of the church, or where I thought it was and then got into my car and drove away. Might have well have been the road to Jericho.

3. Had an argument with my room mate about the fact that I wasn't consistent in locking the front door, or cleaning out 'a little' of the lint in the dryer, and the location of the garbage can in the bathroom. I called my room mate paranoid and neurotic... I was wrong, I was immature and not Christlike -I didn't apologize until this morning (so much for going to your brother before you sleep).

Hopefully I'll do better today.

Re:, on: 2007/8/30 14:33

Quote:

" His burdens are NOT light". :-) Just something, nevermind.

Never mind? Are you sure about that?

Re:, on: 2007/8/30 14:43

Given enough time on this forum, just about all of us have come close to losing our salvation at one time or another! lol

(note the tongue planted firmly in cheek)

Krispy

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/8/30 14:46

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id19187&forum34) some meditation.....

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/8/30 14:58

Quote:

-----Nile wrote:

Logic, you missed the points I was making. I'll try to be more explicit next time.

I got the point.

However, I was coming against this:

Quote:

-----Nile wrote:

If I died in the midst of this sin, would I be justified of it? That is, did I lose my justification before God?

I believe yes, I lost my justification before God.

I am attempting to prove to you that your conclusion is wrong.

Quote:

-----Nile wrote:

When I said "relationship" I was thinking a saving relationship.

The only relationship with Christ is one that saves, there is no other relationship with Him.

John 17:3 Now this is eternal life: that they shall be knowing You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You sent.

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If we sin, it shows that we have no faith, thus no relationship....

...Same thing.

I would think that my point still stands:

If when we sin it shows that we are not yet perfected, but we still have a "saving relationship". If we have no works show s that we have no faith, thus no "saving relationship"(James 2:14).

Quote:

-----Nile wrote:

Quote:-----**Hebrews 10:26-27** For at our sinning voluntarily after obtaining the recognition of the truth, it is no longer leaving a sacrifice concerned with sins,
:27 but a certain fearful waiting for judging and fiery jealousy, about to be eating the hostile.

I'd consider this eisegesis, inserting things into the text that aren't there.

This is from the greek, The "present active plure." are the tense, Case, and number of the word sin.

If the word sin in this verse is present, active, plure, that would mean that one is "presently doing sins and will continue to sin", therefor, this one is not saved.

This is not eisegesis.

Quote:

-----If you rebel against God and sin, guess what - you're living a life of sin.

If I stumble in a sin, I am not rebelling against God, I am only weak.

If I sin once, I am not "living a life of sin"

Christians do not plan sin, that is to rebel.

To sin and stay in it is living a life of sin.

I hope I am not only misunderstanding you, However, I do hope that you agree to all this.

Re: - posted by Lkid, on: 2007/8/30 15:19

he may be able to please God but he must fear that he may sin at his last breath. Thats fear, not hope. Do you think we will be perfected in this life and this body?

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/30 15:35

Somehow we're all totally confused Logic ^_^

Quote:

-----The only relationship with Christ is one that saves, there is no other relationship with Him.
John 17:3 Now this is eternal life: that they shall be knowing You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You sent.

How would you fill in these blanks:

Those who say they know Him ought to _____.
Those who say they know Him but don't , _____.

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The only thing I saw that was eisegesis was the "many sins" in the other post. Other than that I agree.

Quote:

-----If I stumble in a sin, I am not rebelling against God, I am only weak.

You can sin without rebelling against God?!
Amazing!
What sin is this that does not rebel against the law, love, and Spirit of God?

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I think a big problem here is this "sin once" mentality. I don't think you can step into sin and step out just like that without a thought. You do not sin isolatedly.

Either you are living unto the Father or you are not.
Either you are living in Christ or you are not.
Either you are living by Holy Spirit or you are not.

No middle ground here. If you sin, you cease to live unto the Father, you cease to live in Christ, and you cease to live by the Spirit. You are no longer living a life of holiness, but of sin.

Until you come back to the Father in repentance, and indeed, until you repent, you are continuing in a life of sin.

...

Whew, I'm getting worn out by all of this. I'm going out of town tomorrow morning and won't be back until Tuesday, so I will not likely respond after today until then.

Thanks for the talk though, this is good sharpening.

Nile

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/30 15:37

Quote:

Lkid wrote:
he may be able to please God but he must fear that he may sin at his last breath. Thats fear, not hope. Do you think we will be perfected in this life and this body?

I have no such fear any more than Paul had such a fear.

Re: - posted by Lkid, on: 2007/8/30 15:46

i'm a child of God
then i sin
Then i'm not a child of God
then i repent
Then i am a child of God
then i sin again
then i'm not a child of God
then i repent....????

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/8/30 20:10

Quote:
-----Nile wrote:

How would you fill in these blanks:

Those who say they know Him ought to _____.
Those who say they know Him but don't , _____.

Those who say they know Him ought to act like it?
I don't get it, what really should go in the blanks?

Quote:
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Amazing!
What sin is this that does not rebel against the law, love, and Spirit of God?

Rebellion is conscious, willing defiance against an authority.
If all sin is rebellion, then explain this Psalm:
Psalms 19:12 Who can understand his errors? **cleanse me from secret faults**
In other words:
Who can discern his errors? Forgive me when I sin without knowing it.

Secret faults are those which I have committed without knowing that they were sins, sins of ignorance;

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Sounds like you think that Christians stay in sin for a while, then repent after they get their fill of the flesh.

The fact is that true Christians are grieved the moment they sin. They do not dwell in sin as you imply.

As for those secret faults that are mentioned in Psalm 19:12, I doubt that a Christian "ceases to live unto the Father, or ceases to live in Christ, or ceases to live by the Spirit" in those secret faults.

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/30 20:14

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then i repent....????

If one is foolish and immature, then yes.

"Must you lay once again a foundation of repentance?"

I'm not proposing something outrageous, it's simple: Love God and Love others.

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/30 21:01

Quote:

-----Those who say they know Him ought to act like it?

I don't get it, what really should go in the blanks?

There are multiple answers.

Those who say they know Him ought to walk in the light, as He is in the light.

Those who say they know Him, but do not walk in the light, as He is in the light, lie, and do not practice the truth.

Those who say they know Him ought to keep His commandments.

Those who say they know Him, but do not keep His commandments, are liars and the truth is not in them.

Those who say they know Him ought not to sin.

Those who say they know Him, but sin, have not seen Him or known Him.

ect.

Quote:

-----Psalms 19:12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse me from secret faults

Amen...no one can be cleansed without God.

First, I have not studied this verse very much, but here is my cursory analysis:

1. This verse is in the psalms which are poetic; the author is not trying to defend a doctrine of "sinning without knowing it".
2. I can think of only two other verses that would even seem to support this idea of "sinning without knowing it".
3. I can think of many many verses that oppose this idea of "sinning without knowing it".
4. I can think of verses that directly contradict the idea of "sinning without knowing it".
5. The idea that you can "sin without knowing it" offends my conscience; it does not seem right. Some may scoff, but I believe God has given men a proper sense of justice. All of God's ways are just, and understandably so.
6. I see no evidence in my own life that I have ever "sinned without knowing it".
7. The concept of "sinning without knowing it" is not expressed in human government. If you were ignorant of committing a sin (such as committing treason unwittingly by delivering a treasonous letter for friend, of which you thought to be nothing special) you are not held guilty.

Here are some commentaries on the verse that I believe shed light on it:

Wesley:

Psa 19:12 - Who - Thy law, O Lord, is holy and just and good. But I fall infinitely short of it. Cleanse - Both by justification, through the blood of thy son; and by sanctification thro' thy holy spirit. Though the first may seem to be principally intended, because he speaks of his past sins. Secret - From the guilt of such sins as were secret either, from others; such as none knows but God and my own conscience: or, from myself; such as I never observed, or did not discern the evil of. Pardon my unknown sins, of which I never repented particularly, as I should have done.

Clarke:

Who can understand his errors? - It is not possible, without much of the Divine light, to understand all our deviations from, not only the letter, but the spirituality, of the Divine law. Frequent self-examination, and walking in the light, are essentially necessary to the requisite degree of spiritual perfection.

Cleanse thou me from secret faults - From those which I have committed, and have forgotten; from those for which I have not repented; from those which have been committed in my heart, but have not been brought to act in my life; from those which I have committed without knowing that they were sins, sins of ignorance; and from those which I have committed in private, for which I should blush and be confounded were they to be made public.

Barnes:

Cleanse thou me from secret faults - The word here rendered secret means that which is hidden, covered, concealed. The reference is to those errors and faults which had been hidden from the eye of him who had committed them, as well as from the eye of the world. The sense is, that the law of God is so spiritual, and so pure, and so extended in its claims, that the author of the psalm felt that it must embrace many things which had been hidden even from his own view - errors and faults lying deep in the soul, and which had never been developed or expressed. From these, as well as from those sins which had been manifest to himself and to the world, he prayed that he might be cleansed. These are the things that pollute the soul; from these the soul must be cleansed, or it can never find permanent peace. A man who does not desire to be cleansed from all these "secret faults" cannot be a child of God; he who is a child of God will pray without ceasing that from these pollutions of the soul he may be made pure.

I thank you very much for bringing this verse to my mind :-)

Quote:

-----Sounds like you think that Christians stay in sin for a while, then repent after they get their fill of the flesh.

Anyone who does that is no more a Christian than my dog.

Quote:

-----The fact is that true Christians are grieved the moment they sin. They do not dwell in sin as you imply.

When did I imply that Christians dwell in sin?

Quote:

-----As for those secret faults that are mentioned in Psalm 19:12, I doubt that a Christian "ceases to live unto the Father, or ceases to live in Christ, or ceases to live by the Spirit" in those secret faults.

Ah, I see...so what again are these non-deadly, non-God-offending, non-Spirit-grieving sins that do not make one guilty of breaking the whole law, thus being worthy of death?

It's an honest question, I'd like to know what you consider these sins to be and why.

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It seems like my posts just keep getting longer :-P

With God,
Matt

Re: - posted by Lkid, on: 2007/8/31 0:01

I'm not sure I understand your reply. How long ago were you saved? Is this not what you are saying is the pattern of your walk? A person is saved and filled with the Spirit of God. But since no man has walked perfect after salvation yet their life pattern will still have sin in it, though hopefully less and less as we grow more and more in love with Jesus as we are "filled with all spiritual knowledge" over time. It doesn't happen all at once. So a man will be saved, be led of the Lord, turn aside, sin, repent, and do it all over again.

No man has walked perfectly immediately after salvation until his death. Not Paul, not Peter, no one. I don't bring this up to excuse sin. By no means! God wants us to stop sinning, but He knows our frame. Thank God for His grace. Grace is not there, by the way because of sin. Grace is there because of who God is.

On another note, there is a difference between transgression and iniquity. Do you know it?

Re: - posted by Lkid, on: 2007/8/31 0:07

If a believing man's family is killed in front of him and then he too is killed does he go to hell because he died angry? Do not ridicule. In the west this may be very rare. In the middle east and other areas it is common.

Re:, on: 2007/8/31 7:08

Nile... just when I think I understand your points... you confuse me yet again.

I have to go back to what I said yesterday, you really don't have a good grip on salvation. I don't stop being my kids' father when they disobey me, and neither does God.

Heb 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for **he** hath said, I will **never** leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Rom 8:38-39 *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us** from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Hermeneutics, Nile... you need to learn some. You're taking passages and not interpreting them in light of scripture as a whole. You need to weigh these passages your quoting with the **whole** council of God... and you're not, which is why you're in error.

Krispy

My Own Testimony with Sin ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/8/31 9:51

The thread asks: Do You Sin? ...

if i don't, then i'm doing an awful lot of repenting for nothing ...

Of course i don't do the BIG sins most of us see as totally taboo, but i still got my share of what might be considered little ones, those little leavening ones that if not also held captive, can still spoil the lump ...

An example, in my BC days i was a champion "cusser", filthy mouthed, spouting expletives like poetry ... i don't do that (overtly) anymore, but within my mind (covertly) i (still) really have to hold every thought captive ... i can be driving, praying to and praising God as i go, and another driver will make a dumb move and before i know it a curse will want to come out of my mouth, i choke it, but think it instead - so i instantly do a 1 John 1:9 ... These incidents are fewer and further apart as i walk with God, but they're not completely gone ... So i'm very well aware of the following scripture ...

Jas.3

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

Then there's (to every man) Christ's convicting words of ...

Matt.5

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

... and for the unmarried i think you can put "fornication" in place of "adultery" ... Any man, saved or unsaved, who tells me they NEVER have a lustful thought in this vein i'll believe to be either a straight up liar, or strictly homosexual (which has its own set of convicting scripture) ... i'm 57 years old (with lechery amongst my family curse), been saved 27 years, and while my lust quotient has much diminished (Thank You Jesus!!!) every once in a while - STILL - out of the corner of my eye - WHAM! - and i'm at 1 John 1:9 - AGAIN!

1John.1

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

In **Gen.4:6** God told Cain, "sin crouches at the door" ... and it still does ... To believe that one does not sin STILL, even after salvation, is one of those "imaginings" that need to be cast down as the following scripture suggests ...

2Cor.10

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

If we do not STILL have to battle sin, then why are we in need of Ephesians armour, particularly the breastplate of righteousness? ...

i also believe one of the greatest hinderances to REVIVAL is our blasé attitudes towards repentance because we don't see that we're still (saved) sinners yet prone to sinning ...

For what it's worth this is my two cents on the matter ...

Blessings in our High Priest in heaven who understands our every infirmity, He who has saved us to salvation, and further equipped us to 'repent of every unrighteousness' as we go along! ...

Bless Your holy name Lord Jesus! ... :-D

Re: My Own Testimony with Sin ... - posted by YET, on: 2007/8/31 10:13

First Post,

If it is in the right thread-Do You Sin?

I quickly read the line of thought.

Did not see any reference to 1 Corinthians 5. especially verse 5. "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."

I've never heard this taught on Re. Loosing your salvation everytime you sin--but I think the truth fits.

It appears you could loose your health and even life and yet not your salvation.

I.e. a sinning person is turned over to Satan (who destroys his flesh) repentance after death seems unlikely and if his spirit is yet saved in the day of the Lord Jesus, loosing salvation everytime we sin doesn't fit.

What do you think?

Re: sin? - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2007/8/31 11:39

A few years ago I thought one could live a perfect sinless life- that was when the Lord first exposed my many outward sins (and some inward ones as well) but as I have matured in Christ He has shown me how sinful and very deceitful our hearts can be and we have no idea.

What I am referring to is not necessarily 'acts' of sin- as most people think of sin-- but what of sinful attitudes and dispositions?

Things like foolishness, rationalizing, self-deception, procrastination, worry, grumbling...

At one time I thought I lived a completely surrendered life. But the Lord burst my bubble when I discovered with time that there were things I had yet to surrender and I had no idea that I wasn't really surrendered in that area. But he slowly would show me my control, my idolatry in some area. Idolatry is still idolatry -whether we know we are doing it or not. If this is true, then all of us are sinning in some area and we don't even know what it is--until the Lord reveals it.

Again, at one point after the Lord showed me the many idols I had in my life a few years ago, I thought I had repented and was free from all idols -I was- from the ones I 'knew' about. But in time, the Lord reveals more and more that needs to go- and just because we didn't know about them doesn't mean they aren't sin. But thankfully He knows we are not yet perfect and He is compassionate and patient with us.

We all live a life of sin- because many of the 'sins' we commit (or omit) we don't even recognize at the time. I do believe that if we know we are in sin- yes, we should repent and not do that anymore. We should not live in continual purposeful sin or premeditated sin.

Like someone mentioned sins can be committed or sins of omission. Maybe we aren't doing something that we are supposed to be doing, maybe we are procrastinating about something- whatever the case may be- we are still sinning. I really doubt that anyone here is going to say they are free from all sins of commission, omission, attitudes and disposition. Can anyone here say that they act lovingly toward every single person in their life 100% of the time, every minute, every hour? Does no one here procrastinate(waste God's precious time)? Does anyone here have complete patience with everything and everyone every hour and minute of the day? Does anyone here inwardly grumble or complain? Does anyone have a rebellious thought, are you defensive, compulsive, using your tongue to tear down or gossip? Do you ever fear others? (fear of man) These are all sins.

We are all prone to wander. We all sin and have no idea what is in our hearts really - until the Lord reveals it and it is us

usually an area of pride. We think we are so 'good', so sinless. I know I believed that about myself at one time. O, how little I knew of my real heart! How I had sins that were hidden- not necessarily 'pet' sins.

Everyday I can look back upon my day and identify ways I have sinned. EVERY day. I wasted time on the computer instead of cleaning my kitchen, I thought an angry thought about my neighbor who's trash continually ends up on our lawn (it was just a quick thought and then I let it go, but still a sin), I spoke too harshly with my 8 yr old daughter because she would not pick up her things as quickly as 'I' would like to see it done (we are in a hurry of course), I worried about my weight and how I might appear to others (vanity) and even thought of staying home from a meeting because I thought I looked fat. I remember grumbling before my husband got home for dinner because I knew how hard it would be to fix dinner with the kids around and I was already tired. Must I continue????????

Many of these sins were in my thoughts and no one would have known about them- but still they are sins. Thankfully, most of the time, I can cast the thoughts aside and repent and choose to think biblical thoughts. But I am sure that I don't always do that.

At any of these moments of sin, if I had died, would I go to hell? If so, I would be in fear all day everyday.

One thing I have learned this past year is the clearer meaning of idolatry. If, for instance we feel there is something we must have, even if it is a situation not a thing- 'I must have his love', I must have quiet right now, I must have 'my' sleep right now, I must have her acceptance, I must have control in this situation, I must have my way because her way is wrong- those are all idols. And when we have those thoughts, we are committing idolatry.

I will be the first to admit, as perfectionist as I am, I am not perfect and have finally come to the realization that God does not expect me to be perfect at this moment either. When I lived with the notion that I must live a sinless perfect life, I did not have much peace. I was always striving, striving to be good enough for God. If I could just be a little 'better' then He would love me even more. If I could just reach that point of perfection, He would never cast me away into hell. It is not a peaceful way to live. There is not much joy in that except when you are being 'good' or perfect for the moment.

I know many may quote the verse about being perfect as He is perfect, but I believe that the word 'perfect' is translated as 'mature', not perfect. Someone may clarify that if they may.

Now all I can say is that when I look to the cross, I am never more thankful and more grateful. Because of that cross, even with my mistakes I can be washed clean and I can know that I will see Him face to face one day. Everyday I ask the Lord to be merciful to me, a sinner. and everyday He is. He shows me where I am lacking or sinning so I can repent and grow and change. But there is always more to go and thankfully He is patient with me.

In His love, Chanin

Re: - posted by Lkid, on: 2007/8/31 12:18

thank you for that honest and true post
God bless!

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/8/31 14:09

Quote:

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Yes, all sins are deadly, God-offending, Spirit-grieving and do make one guilty of breaking the whole law, thus being worthy of death.

However, they do not kill the relationship with Christ enough to lose salvation.

However, Take into consideration this:

Romans 4:8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Re:, on: 2007/8/31 14:32

Quote:

-----Yes, all sinns are deadly, God-offending, Spirit-grieving and do make one guilty of breaking the whole law, thus being worthy of death.

1 John 5:16 If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. 17 All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.