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I know I am a sinner , does that mean I am a saved? - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2011/12/20 8:14

There are times when I look at my walk and I wonder why I do the things I do if I truly love the Lord as I say I do. I do not want to hurt the Lord with my sin and yet I find myself compromising at times to cater to others around me?? If I were truly living for Jesus wouldn't there be a greater desire to please Him and not be trying to please everyone?

Someone told me that the very fact that I know I am a sinner and that I know I need Jesus to save me proves that I am saved. They said that the fact that you even care about the sin in your life proves that God is working in my life?? Is this true really? I don't want to keep compromising any more, even if people get angry with me I don't want to put Jesus as second in my life I want Jesus to be my life??

rdg

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Re: I know I am a sinner , does that mean I am a saved? - posted by Lysa (), on: 2011/12/20 8:52

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One begins by loving Jesus. I am 52 and I am not at the same place I was at in my 20's serving the Lord. And praise God for it! (huge grin) Be encouraged, we do grow in the Lord!

We should be offended by what offends God but sadly humans aren't that way. When we offend ourselves, that's when holy anger and prayer rises up from the trash heap of our lives and makes its way into the throne room. RDG, you sound like you are at a prime place for change! No one changes until they are sick and tired of being sick and tired; and you sound like you are there.

Our Father in heaven created us and He knows us better than we know ourselves, so know that we do not change alone; we cry out to the One who can change us. Get in your secret prayer closet and cry for change - to be like He wants you to be and do not lose hope, He will help you. And one day you will look back and see the work He has done in your life!! It's weird, while moving forward we can't see when the change will happen but in a few years looking back, we see it! Does that make sense? If not, perhaps one day it will!!

Be not weary in well doing!! (2 Thess 3.13) Keep doing well and don't let it weary you!

God bless you,
Lisa

Re: - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2011/12/20 9:41

George knew from his own experience that he had become a new creature in Christ, of that there could be no doubt. George knew it, the church knew it, their family knew it, the neighbors knew it, as did anyone who knew them. The joy of sins forgiven and the wonder of the new life filled him and amazed him.

But it was not long until George found that not everything in his heart was as he wanted it to be. There remained in his heart an explosive vestige of that old meanness, and at times it would erupt and cause hurt, usually to Clarisse, and inner conflict and grief to George. While he was quick to take it to the Lord for forgiveness and to make any hurt right with others, nevertheless, he longed for the old thing to be gone, but it remained and at times seemed to gain strength. He fought to control it, but at the most inopportune times, and usually without warning, it would show its ugly head - often at the least provocation.

Day after day, week after week, month after month, George waged a war against an enemy who was stronger than he was. He fought it, but often lost the fight.

As a Baptist, he never heard a message or a lesson that told him of a second work of grace that would cure this common problem. Sanctification was a word he heard, but it was explained as meaning growth in grace.

Holiness too was given a different meaning than we understand, as merely "separation", so his church offered him no hope of finding relief from the severe inner war.

How he hated that old nature that remained in him. Over the next few years he would struggle to control it, but the more he struggled the stronger the old man seemed to get.

At times the war left him in despair. Over and over again, the battle was waged, sometimes won, but more often lost.

The defeats were made right, but the satisfaction he sought and the rest from that old thing seemed further and further away. He loved the Lord and longed to be the kind of Christian he could visualize in his mind, but the reality eluded him.

One day in 1974, he became so distraught by that out of control thing within him that his discouragement put him at what seemed to be the lowest point of his life. He got into his car and randomly drove down the road struggling with himself, with the Lord and with that old nature. He drove on and on until he found himself 125 miles from home at Pickwick Dam. Parking his car, he walked down below the dam to the water's edge and sat down on a rock. His heart that wanted to live in love for Christ and for everyone around, especially Clarisse, was almost broken. George had come to the end of himself.

As he sat there he watched the angry raging water coming from the dam. It seemed like a picture of the angry raging river in his own heart. He began desperately to pray and seek the Lord's face.

He told the Lord that he did not want that thing that was in him and wanted it gone; that he had fought it and it seemed -always lost the battle. The Lord was his only hope. Finally, he said, "Lord, I give myself to you." In his own words, "It was all I could do." He opened his eyes and looked at the river. The water had become quiet and calm, and so had his heart. There was a strange sense of rest and quietness. He sat for a while in the peaceful stillness that had come over him. Finally getting up, he walked to the car and drove home in a peace, and in a serenity he had never known before.

With his two hands gripping my arm, he said that for thirty years the out of control, explosive thing has been gone.

He was still living in the profound supernatural quietness that came over him on the banks of the Tennessee River in 1974. I felt like my heart would explode in praise. Here sat a Baptist man at my table gripping my arm and describing an experience for which he had no name, but which was up to date.

He had no idea that a theology had been built around the rest he had received. He had no concept that thousands of people had shared the same experience.

<http://www.enterhisrest.org/>

Re: I know I am a sinner , does that mean I am a saved? - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/12/20 9:56

Quote:

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1 John 1-6:-

If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

You are right. So if we deliberately live a life in darkness just to please our friends more than Jesus, then we are not saved.

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It just proves that you have a calling. God wants to save you because he knows once you start living for him you will be strengthened (by foreknowledge of God). God has put his seed in you that will keep convicting you of the darkness in your life. Respond to it now before it gets too late. Life is short, who knows if you did not get time to respond to this call any more? When you are young you have everything to lose for God.

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It is called Brokenness. God breaks people so that they realize how weak we are to walk in his way and then we will start seeking his power to help us walk in his way. So now that you are Broken, what are you going to do next? Yield to your friends or to Jesus?

Matthew 1:21-

She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

This is the very first promise in NT, and Jesus came to save us from our sins. It not only means that Jesus will forgive us from our past Sins, but he will also Empower us to live a perfect sinless life. This is his promise. He will strengthen you if you really seek him.

Having said that I understand the American Youth Culture and it takes lot of Courage to stand different from your friends and stand for Jesus. Believe and Trust in Lord he will give you the courage. Bible says us to be Holy as our God is Holy . To be Holy means to stand unique. Stand unique sister, God will see your sincerity and he will never let you be tempted beyond what you can take.

Re: I know I am a sinner , does that mean I am a saved? - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/12/20 16:14

Simply knowing that one is a sinner does not mean they are saved? Judas knew he was a sinner after selling our Lord for 30 pieces of silver. The conviction of sin was so heavy on him that he went and committed suicide. But we know that Judas was not saved for simply acknowledging his sin.

What is required is that we repent(turn from a lifestyle of habitual sin) and place our trust in Jesus Christ.

God will show you if you are truly saved, if that is what you really want. He promises to give assurance of salvation to those who are His. Keep seeking.

I have learned the hard way over the years not to pronounce someone to be saved too quickly, but to seek to allow the Lord to give assurance to His own sheep. Only God truly knows those who are His, and His sheep can have that assurance, and others can discern that relationship someone else may have with God. As Christians we are called to be "fruit inspectors" according to Matthew 7:16. Depending on the "fruit" that is discerned in someone's life, I can say with confidence that I truly believe a certain person to be saved, though not with 100% assurance.

In order for me to be able to say with more confidence whether or not you truly know the Lord, I would have to know you

personally in real life or at least know more about you through other means. That's why sometimes the best advice I can give someone in your situation is for them to keep seeking the Lord.

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2011/12/20 16:33

Thanks guys for the replies. After more seeking on this I realize a few things.

God is good and faithful and I know that He is faithful to forgive my sins as I learn to walk in obedience to Him.

Thank you again
rdg

Are Christians Just Forgiven Sinners?, on: 2011/12/20 18:38

Are Christians Just Forgiven Sinners?

How would you feel if you turned on Television and heard on the news that the President of the United States had just issued a blanket pardon to all of America's prison inmates? Would you have a problem with all these prisoners being completely forgiven and released without any restrictions? How would you feel if a few of them moved into your neighborhood?

The problem would be that these people would remain unchanged and many would just continue in a life of crime. They would need to be returned to jail or continually forgiven every day since there would still be the same person with the same nature as before. Forgiveness and pardon for their crimes is not the solution because forgiveness could never change who they really were deep down inside. The only possible cure would be a change of their nature. They need a complete change the very essence and core of who they really are.

It is impossible to overstate the seriousness of the unbeliever's condition as a human being apart from God. The Bible refers to sinners as, judged, condemned, guilty, dead in trespasses and sins, lovers of darkness, deeds are evil, under the wrath of God, enemies of God, hostile, rebellious, foolish, unrighteous, filthy, without hope, desperately wicked, corrupt, abominable, workers of iniquity, under law, children of disobedience, deceitful and more. Some people only look at the sin of those who are not Christians but their real problem is far worse than that. The Bible clearly teaches that they are totally dead in sin and dead to God. Their continual sinning is the just normal consequence and result of not embracing and experiencing Christ's Life inside them to depend on.

This problem of mankind's sinful corruption was so bad and thorough that even God, Himself could not repair us. There was nothing God could do with that sinful nature, no touching up, no revising, no improving it and no adding to it could ever make it acceptable in His sight. Our sinful nature was entirely hostile to Him and we were His actual enemy. We were so corrupt, so wicked and evil that the only thing God could do with our sinful nature was to crucify it with Christ. The only possible cure for your old life was death.

The Good News is that God has already provided the solution for us in Christ. When you were born again you experienced the reality of what God in Christ had already accomplished before the world was created. We were crucified with Christ and you were buried with Him. Your old sinful nature died and you received God's Divine Nature to replace it. The only solution was to have us crucified with Christ and then He gives us His LIFE. So we died, and we became a New Creation. God made us righteous, holy, clean, purified, and justified. We have no need to become a better person, because God has already made us into a new person.

If you are a Christian then you are actually enjoying your perfect union with Him. He made you a NEW CREATION. You were made 100% righteous and perfect. You are one with Holy Spirit or the Spirit of Christ. You are no longer experiencing that old life in Adam. You now have a new pure heart and God's very Divine Nature. You have received His all-sufficient Life in exchange for your old corrupt self. Now the Christian life isn't yours to live.

God does not depend on you to live His Life for Him. He knows that it is impossible for you to live His life, so you experienced His life when you were born again. You do not live for Him - He lives for you. Now you can fully depend on God's Life rather than depending on what you do or do not do. You no longer need to make promises that you can never keep or try to dedicate and rededicate your life to Him. You now have Christ living His Life through you. You no longer have to try to make the Christian life work through your own efforts and resources. It is only made possible by your union with Christ.

in His death, burial and resurrection.

This is all God's gift to us. We can never deserve it or earn it. We seem to take it very lightly that Paul said, "I have been crucified with Christ" and "I died." But those are powerful statements! So, what died? What was crucified with Christ? Our bodies obviously didn't die. Our souls didn't die, we can still think and feel and we still have make choices. So what died was our spirit that had been born in Adam - our sinful nature. When we were born again, we still had these old bodies and souls, but our sinful nature was killed - dead, gone, crucified - forever - and we were raised to life with the righteous nature of Christ.

You have died and were created anew. This is referring to the very essence and core of who we really are. This is the reality of who we really are in our spirits. God didn't take the "old us" and change us into a "better" or "improved" us. Rather, we died and we were re-created as a brand New Creation. We haven't been revived. We've been regenerated and re-created completely! In other words, God didn't take the old us and pump some life into it. Rather, we died and God made us into something completely new - a New Creation. Our old life wasn't changed. It was exchanged with a real life - the very life of Jesus!

As a result of what God has already done for you and in you you can say, I have been given a new life! I have been made alive together with Christ. I have died to who I was in Adam and now my "DNA" is Christ's! I no longer belong to Adam. I am now Christ's. I am no longer a descendant from the line of Adam; I am from the line of Christ. I am now fully related to Christ. Who Jesus is has been passed on to me - I have now become a partaker of His very nature, glory and holiness. I have died to the nature of Adam and taken on a new nature. I cannot separate myself from the fact that I am a child of God! I have now died to sin and have been made alive in Christ.

The bible tells me to "reckon" my self as dead to sin. That simply means that I understand my being dead to sin as a done deal. I daily count it as fact and live in that fact. LIFE has begun its reign! It wasn't when I first performed a righteous act, and it's not because of any continuance of me performing righteous acts that I have died to sin and been made alive to God. It's my relationship to Jesus that made me dead to sin and alive to God, and keeps me alive to God. I never have to worry about my old sinful nature getting resurrected again because after you've died to something, you can never "live to it" again!

I cannot add anything to maintain this relationship and I can't do a thing to get out of it! I am forever His and He is mine. I dwell in Him and He in me. It's an inseparable union! I have His very DNA! I am identified with Him and no longer with Adam. Even when I sin, it's not that I still have an identity in Adam. Sin dwells in my corruptible, mortal body, but my body is not who I am! One day this corruptible and mortal body will be replaced with incorruption and immortality. "Who I am" is not my body. I am a spiritual being who has become one spirit with God. I am in Him and He is in me, and that I'm no longer related to "the first man Adam," who "became a living being," but I'm now related to "the last Adam," who "became a life-giving spirit!"

So it is impossible for a Christian to be a forgiven sinner. Forgiveness could not change the fact of our sin nature. Forgiveness and pardon alone can never be the solution because forgiveness could never change who we are in essence and who we really are deep down inside. Forgiveness could not change the fact of our sinful nature. We were totally rotten to the core. We were totally dead to God and our very nature was hostile and an enemy of God. No amount of reformation, or improvements could make it better. God demands holiness, perfection and righteousness. The only way for Him to solve this problem was to kill us and then GIVE us His Divine Nature in place of our own nature. This is the FREE Gift of God - Christ's Life.

Please read these scriptures prayerfully and slowly and let the truth set you free.

1 Cor. 6:17, "But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."

Col. 3:3-4, "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

Acts 17:28, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring."

Gal. 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

2 Cor. 5:14, "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead."

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."

Rom. 6:3-6, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall also be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

2 Cor. 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

1 Cor. 3:17, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." re."

1 Cor. 6:15: "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ?"

1 Cor. 6:19, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

2 Peter 1:3-4, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

1 John 5:11-12, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Rom 8:8-10, "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."

2 Cor. 5:21, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Col. 1:12 -14, "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet (qualified) to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

Eph. 1:3-4, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

Romans 5:19, "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

YOU ARE NO SINNER - YOU ARE A SAINT!!!

Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2011/12/20 18:51

Hi rdg,

One of the great works that I've read in my Christian life is the diaries of David Brainerd (it's free throughout the internet). In fact your post looks like an excerpt from his diary. The wonderful thing about reading his diary (or George Muller's) is how wonderfully frank they are regarding how they feel inside, reading both of these has helped me immensely. There's another book that details the life of Charles Finney that has a bunch of excerpts from his diary that helped me as well.

Additionally, go to Zac Poonen's site www.cfcindia.com and listen to his sermons (all free), he focuses on the New Covenant, inner peace through the cleansing of sin, and holiness. Wonderful sermons by a very broken man. Don't let his countenance at the pulpit scare you, a friend of mine went to meet him in person and said he's the most gentle and humble person that he's ever met but at the pulpit he understands that he has a responsibility to preach God's word powerfully and precisely. I heard Leonard Ravenhill was the same way, many folks get confused about the man behind the pulpit and the man they are face to face.

Hope this helps you out a little, this stuff helped me out and still helps me out!

Much love!

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2011/12/20 19:06

Thank you learjet

Very kind of you share these things with me. I have read Brainerd's diary and it was very helpful to me. Perhaps now is a season to read it again. I will check out the website you mentioned thank you for sharing

rdg