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All Have Sinned Because of Adam's Sin

Rom 5:12-14

By one man, Adam, all men became sinners. How? When Adam sinned, he lost the ability to do good. Satan controlled him now, and sin fell on all men.

Rom 3:23

All have sinned and come short of God's glory of holiness. All men became slaves to the devil and sin.

Rom 3:9-18

Jew and Gentile are under sin. No one seeks after God. Their mouth is an open grave, full of cursing. They are swift to shed blood. There is no fear of God in them. The way of peace they don't know.

Rom 7:17-8:5

Before his conversion and salvation, the apostle Paul spoke this way, I don't want to break God's laws, but the spirit and nature of Satan in me is more powerful than I am. The spirit of the devil is like another person living in sinners, who is more powerful than man is. Paul cried out, Who will deliver me? Thanks be to God. The blood of Jesus on Calvary's cross has defeated Satan's power of sin and death over me and I can now obey God's laws.

Let Us Take Time to Reflect on Paul's Conversion

Rom. 7:5-6

Rom. 8:12-14

"For when we were **in the flesh** (living in sin), the motions (influences) of sin, which were by the law, did work in our members **(our bodily members carry out the designs and will of our inner man made up of soul and spirit)** to bring forth fruit (sinful acts) unto death. **But now we are delivered (body, soul, and spirit) from the law to serve in newness of spirit.**"

Here Paul makes a clear distinction between men who are "**in the flesh**" as sinners, and those who have been delivered from the old sin nature. When Paul was living in sin, with all manner of concupiscence (evil passions) working in him, **the spirit and nature of Satan controlled him, and he could not help but sin.**

Rom. 7:15-20

"Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin (the old sin nature) dwelleth in me."

Note!

Acts of sin open the door for demons to enter a sinner. We do not know every sin in Paul's life, but we are certain that Pharisaical doctrines of demons possessed him until he was delivered of every demon at salvation (1 Tim. 4:1). As a saved man, no longer captive to sin, Paul became a powerful teacher of gospel truths.

For centuries, teachers have drilled into us the notion that apostle Paul was still a hopeless sinner, given to sinning every day like all the rest of us. As proof of this false idea, they quote the scripture in 1 Timothy 1:15 where Paul writes, “. . . Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; **of whom I am chief.**”

1 Tim 1:12-16

2 Cor 5:17

But is this what apostle Paul really meant to say about himself? Is it not clear to these teachers **that Paul was converted to become a new creature in Christ Jesus?**

Acts 8:1-3

Apostle Paul tells us that before he was saved, he was a blasphemer who killed and imprisoned the saints. He believed he was doing God's will according to the law of Moses. Throughout his ministry, he never forgot the terrible sins he committed against God and His children, and because of this lingering regret, he said, **I am chief among (pardoned) sinners.** Five years after Christ was crucified, he was on his way to Damascus to harm the saints when, **in blinding light, Jesus himself appeared to him, saying, “Why do you persecute me?”** Three days later, Paul was saved from sin, delivered from demons, healed of his blindness, filled with the Holy Spirit, and water baptized.

Note!

These teachers claim that apostle Paul was a chief sinner. Did God make a mistake using a chief sinner to write most of the New Testament letters?

Rom 6:1-23

Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome. **“Shall we continue in sin? God forbid!** How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? In verses 7, 18, and 22, Paul said 3 times that saints are **FREE** from sin’s power over them; that they are no longer “in the flesh” sinning everyday.

Matt 1:21
Rev 1:5

It is a travesty that defies both logic and reason to teach that apostle Paul was still a sinner after being freed from sin through the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus, and delivered from demon powers. **This wrong teaching is almost impossible to dislodge from the minds of many saints.** Find one scripture that tells us that sinners go to heaven. Is a sinful church going to be raptured or a spotless church? **If the blood of Jesus is NOT able to cleanse us and to keep us from sin**, then we are hopeless sinners on our way to hell. Paul teaches us that there are 2 things God is able to do for us:

1. God is able to keep us from falling.
2. He is able to present us faultless to Himself.

Jude 24

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, be glory now and forever.”

Heb 7:25

“Wherefore he is able also to save them **to the uttermost** that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

Rom 8:28-29

Upon salvation, sin loses its mastery over us and we become fertile ground for Christ to continue conforming us to his image. We learn to act Christlike through the teaching of the word and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. So why do some born again believers still struggle with a particular former sin that they have come to hate but cannot stop acting out?

I grew up in Austria. No one had his own bible. I went a few times to the Catholic mass which was read in Latin. **I never knew that Jesus died for my sins.** In 1958 at the age of 18, I came to America. In 1975, my daughter asked me to come with her to a small, Baptist church. **I had never heard of being born again.** After a few months I was gloriously saved from the sin of cursing, which convinced me that **I had really gotten saved**, because for about a year I had tried to stop cursing on the job but couldn't do it. **I was slave to cursing.** But my pastor preached regularly that even though we were now saved, **we were still sinners.** That made no sense to me. I know I got saved from cursing. How can I still be a sinner? "Well," I thought to myself, 'what do I know? I haven't read much of the bible only the part about the narrow gate which scared me.' However, I soon realized that **I was still being tormented by lust everyday.** Satan used my dire situation to back up my pastor's teaching. I was now convinced that I was still a sinner.

Months past and I grew more and more to hate my sin. I cried to God to help me. I had no knowledge of demons, yet one morning, in my desperation, I said, "You demons of lust leave me." God had quickened my understanding in a miraculous way! Then, something like soap bubbles came out of my mouth leaving me with a sore throat. The next day I realized **I had NO more compulsion to lust. What joy filled my heart! Now I was convinced that I was no longer a sinner, but a true son of God.**

Are there other believers who suffer with demons as I once did? Remember what Paul said, There is something working in me that is more powerful than I am. Yes, demons drive us to keep sinning against our will. That is why Jesus commanded us to cast them out.

Mark 16:15-20

Go into all the world, and preach the gospel, and in my name cast out devils and lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. Christians suffer because ministers reject Christ's command to cast out demons. Christians blame themselves, instead of the indwelling demon powers!

Acts 8:5-8

Philip the evangelist preached the gospel and men got saved from sin. **Demons, crying with loud voices, came out of many that were possessed with them.** When ministers fail to obey the command to cast out demons, they leave their people stranded, and often times in secret torment, as my own testimony reveals. Many believers confess that they are sinners who sin everyday. Out of their own mouths they condemn themselves. Why is it so difficult to believe that saved people are no longer sinners in God's eyes? **Has God not washed away all our sins?** If we can believe in the resurrection of our bodies at the rapture, **why can't we believe that God can free us from the old sin nature and from demons that indwell us.**

Matt 1:21
Rev 1:5

1 Jn 3:8-9

"He that committeth sin is of the devil, for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose Christ came, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin, for his seed remains in him and he cannot sin." **If one is obeying all God's commands, he cannot be sinning at the same time.**

1 Pet 1:15-16

"But as he which has called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I the Lord am holy."

2 Pet 3:9

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

1 Thess. 4:1

"Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how you ought to walk and to please God, so you would abound more and more."

Eph 4:22-24

“Put off concerning the former conversation (**way of life**) **the old man (the old sin nature)**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. And that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.** God has given man a free will.

2 Cor 7:1

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

Heb 12:14

“**Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.**”

1 Thess 4:7

“For God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.”

1 Jn 1:9

Matt 1:21

Rev. 1:5

If we confess our sin, God said he would forgive us and cleanse us from all our sins. What can wash away our sin? **Nothing but the blood of Jesus.** If you are saved and say that you are still a sinner, you contradict what Jesus said when he told us he cleanses us from all sin.

Matt 9:13

Jesus said that he came not for the righteous, but for sinners to repent so that they can be saved from sin's power over them.

In conclusion, reflecting upon Paul's conversion, we have come to understand that, as a born again believer, he was no longer captive to the old sin nature, but was free to live a life pleasing to God in righteousness and true holiness. In the light of this truth, let us cease to condemn ourselves by saying that we are still sinners. Truly, this kind of speaking can never please our Savior Jesus Christ.

God Loved Us First While We Were Yet Sinners

Jn 3:3-16

Jesus said you must be born again and become a new man. God so loved the world that He gave his son to die in our place so we could have life.

1 Jn 4:9-10	This is how God showed us his love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us first and gave his son, Jesus, for a propitiation (payment) for our sin.
Eph 2:4-9	But God, who by his <u>great mercy and love for us</u> , even we were dead to God in our sins, he quickened us (<u>made us alive or born again</u>) by Christ Jesus. We neither deserved nor merited it, <u>but by God's grace and mercy we were saved</u> . Saved from what? From being sinners and from eternal death and hellfire.
Eph 2:8-10	We can never of ourselves merit salvation. <u>It is a gift of God's own mercy and grace. We are saved when we believe that Christ paid our debt for sin on the cross.</u> We can never boast that we saved ourselves. No, we needed God's gift of salvation.
<u>God's Severity and Wrath</u>	
Rom 6:21-23	The wrong thinking of many is that God loves them, and so they keep on sinning. But what God requires of all men is that they repent and stop sinning, for the wages of sin is death and hell fire.
Gen 6:5-8	In the days of Noah, men were very, very sinful. God said, I will destroy all the wicked sinners, but will save righteous Noah and his sons.
Rom 11:19-22	Here we read of God's severity toward his chosen people, Israel. God divorced them and cut them off. The Romans killed 1.1 million Jews and destroyed Jerusalem and the temple. No one seems to understand that, because his people kept sinning for many years, God punished them severely.
Heb 10:26-31	If a backslider ignores God's call to stop sinning, and by so doing willfully continues in sin, he is in danger of God's fiery wrath and hellfire.

How to Get Saved: You Must Repent and Forsake Sin

Jn 3:3-18

Jesus said you must be born again. Without it you cannot get into heaven. If a sinner has no relationship to God and is thereby dead to God, the meaning of being born again, or being made alive again to God, now makes good sense.

Rom 10:8-17

Believe in your heart that Jesus died for your sins and was resurrected from the dead. Speak it with your mouth and you will be saved. This sounds very easy to do, but Jesus requires more than this to remain saved. He said, Count the cost. Read pg 10.

Acts 4:12

There is only salvation in Christ Jesus. He is the only one who died on the cross for man's sin.

1 Pet 1:3, 23

God has begotten us again and has given us the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the old spirit of Satan, who once controlled us, being now dead to us. We have become sons of God by being adopted back into God's family.

Matt 9:13

Jesus came for sinners to repent.

Matt 3:6-10

Bring forth fruit (evidence) that you have repented.

Rom 2:4

God is long suffering waiting for you to repent.

Matt 4:17

God's love for sinners requires them to repent!

1 Pet 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of God's word that you may grow thereby.

Eph 4:11-15

Pastors, teachers, etc. are needed to help bring babes in Christ into maturity through the preaching and teaching of God's word.

2 Pet 1:3-11

God has given us divine power that we might be partakers of his divine nature, having escaped the sin and corruption that is in the world.

More on Repentance and Salvation

1 Jn 2:1-6

1 Jn 3:2-10

Acts 8:5-8

First and foremost, believe that sin's power over you has been broken so that, as a born again man, you are no longer a sinner bound to sin everyday. **If sin persists against your will, deliverance from demon powers is in order.**

James 4:6-10

Humble yourself before God and confess your sins to him. Take your former life of sin seriously. Be afflicted. Mourn and weep. Let the joy and laughter you once experienced while in sin, be turned to mourning and heaviness. Jesus paid a terrible price for your salvation!

2 Cor 7:10

Such godly sorrow brings lasting repentance, a true hatred towards sin, and a deep longing to live a life holy and pleasing to God. Worldly sorrow brings no change. One merely feels bad that he sinned. He will soon return to his former lifestyle of sin. This is what most people do. No wonder the church says, We are still all sinners!

Matt 3:5-8

Many religious Pharisees came to John's baptism. But John told them, Bring forth fruits that you have truly repented and are not the same sinners anymore, THEN come back and I will water baptize you. Going under the water means you have died to your sinful life and have come up a new person. Water baptism does not save the soul from sin. Only faith in the blood of Christ saves from sin.

Rom 6:23

Let us learn a lesson from the Pharisees who did not show fruit of forsaking their sin. The important thing is that you show fruit through living a godly life. If you keep sinning, you are still a sinner. God said, The wages of sin is eternal death or eternal hell.

Deut 30:19-20

God has set before us life and death. By choosing to believe that you are no longer slaves to sin and can now live holy, you can love and obey God, keeping all his commandments. By the cross of Christ, God has made it possible for you to have eternal life instead of eternal death and hellfire.

Jesus Said to Count the Cost to Stay Saved

Matt 10:22 Jesus said, You will be hated of all men for my name's sake, but he that endureth **or overcomes to the end** will be saved.

Matt 10:34-36 I did not come to bring peace, but a sword! You will have enemies in your own home – mother against daughter, father against son.

Matt 10:37 He that loves father, mother, or children more than me is not worthy of me, for the first commandment is to love God more than the love and acceptance of others. See Matt 22:36-39

Matt 10:38-39 **He that does not take up his own cross of suffering daily** and follow me, is not worthy of me. In dying to, or in losing, your old life of selfishness, pride, and self-gratification, you gain eternal life.

Matt 16:24-26 If any man will come after me, **he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.** Whosoever will save his life of sin and self-gratification, will in the end, lose it. Whosoever will lose his old life of sin, will in the end save it. What will a man profit if he gain the whole world, but lose his own soul?

1 Pet 2:19-21 You do well when you suffer because of a holy life. This is acceptable to God. **Christ also suffered, leaving us an example.** Will you love your enemies? Will you turn the other cheek? You will suffer persecution even as Christ did.

1 Pet 5:8-10 Satan is a roaring lion seeking whom he can defeat. Resist him in the faith. After you have suffered under Satan's attacks, which happens to all born again believers, God will strengthen and perfect you. See Eph 6:11-18 Put on the Whole Armor of God.

Rev 21:7-8 When you have **overcome** all these things above, God will be your Father and you his son. **But in the end, sinners will lose their souls and suffer eternal torment in the lake which burns with fire, which is the second death. Rev. 20:11-15**

Loving God Means to Obey Him. Do You Love God?

Matt 22:36-40 Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to love God by keeping all his commandments.

Jn 14:21-24 If you love God, you will keep his commandments: and God the Father and Christ Jesus will love you and will come to you, showing you that they are with you.

1 Jn 5:2-5 We know we have been born again when we love God by obeying his commandments. This is how we overcome the spirit of our present world, by our faith in God and what he has done for us.

Sins That Will Send Men to Hell

1 Jn 2:15-17 Love not this world nor the things that are in this world. If any man loves this world with its glamour and importance, the love of the Father is not in him. The lusts of this world will come to an end, but he that obeys God, will live forever.

Lust of the flesh: drunkenness; stealing; lying; retaliation; hatred; disobedience; stirring up strife at home, church, or in the workplace; immodesty and lewdness in speech or dress; idolatry, which includes anything in life that is more important than God; obscene pleasures via movies or internet; an obsession to outdo others in religion, business, school, and sports; the love of money with its accompanying greed.

The lust of the eyes: Covetous of what belongs to others whether in material possessions or otherwise; adultery; sexual perversions of all kinds; uncontrolled need to shop and to buy things.

Pride of life: self-righteousness whether religious or secular; self-sufficiency and independence that causes one to feel superior to others; love of important positions in life, of power, riches, and beauty; feeling of pride over personal success in life; adding to or taking from any part of God's word; a

constant self-admiration; glorying in sexual activities and parties; an unteachable, argumentative, dogmatic disposition, always having to have the last word; an unyielding and obstinate heart which will never humble itself and say, "I am wrong."

1 Cor 6:9-10

Know ye not that the unrighteous (sinners) **shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived:** neither fornicators, thieves, drunkards, etc shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:19-21

Listed among 17 death penalty sins is heresy, which is false doctrine or teaching. **One of the most serious of false teachings is that born again saints are still sinners**. The bible says the wages of sin is death and hell (Rom 6:23). And from what did you get saved if not from sin so that you can have eternal life and go to heaven. **Did Jesus tell the truth when he said, I can make you free from sin?**
Jn 8:33-36

Matt 15:3 & 7-9

Jesus said, You teach doctrines of men, and so your worship of me is vain or worthless!

2 Pet 2:1-2

False teachers bring damnable heresies or teachings that will send souls to hell.

Now That We Are Born Again, Shall We Continue in These Sins? Christ made us free of sin.

In Romans chapter 6 alone, the bible tells us 5 times that we are free from sin. Why do many Christians say we are still sinners? If they are, then let them repent and forsake sin, for the wages of sin is death.

Rom 6:1-6

Heb 2:14

John 5:24-29

Shall we continue in sin? God forbid, for Christ has set us free from sin and death. Not only have we had a spiritual resurrection (no longer captive to sin), but our bodies will one day be raised from the dead.

Rom 6:12	<u>Let not sin reign in your mortal body, but yield yourselves to God to obey him</u> , as those that are alive from the dead or born again. When you were dead in your sins, you had no relationship with God.
Rom 6:14	For sin shall not have dominion over you. Christ has made you free.
Rom 6:16	If you obey sin, you are sin's servant and will receive sin's wages, which is eternal death and hellfire. <u>If you obey God, living free from sin, you are servants of God and will reap eternal life.</u>
Rom 6:17-18	But God be thanked – <u>you were servants of sin</u> , but now you have obeyed from your hearts the teaching that you must be born again. <u>Being then made free from sin, you've become servants of holiness.</u>
Rom 6:22	<u>Now being made free from sin, your fruit is a holy life</u> , and in the end – everlasting life.
Rom 6:23	If the blood of Jesus is powerless to cleanse us of all sin , then we are hopeless sinners on our way to hell, for the wages of sin is eternal death.
Rom 7:23-24	Satan controls the law of sin and death over all sinners. Oh wretched man that I am, who will deliver me? Jesus will!
Rom 8:2 1 Cor 15:52	The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from Satan's law of sin and death. Did Jesus tell the truth when he told the Jews, I can make you free from sin? See Jn 8:33-36. <u>Satan has the law and power to keep us slaves to sin</u> and its consequence – death. Christ has the law and power to set us free of sin and to raise us from the dead. If we believe Christ can raise our dead body, why can't we believe he can set us free from being slaves to sin?
1 Jn 3:5-10	Christ came to take away our sins. Whosoever abides in Christ or continues obeying him, <u>cannot sin</u> .

1 Jn 3:9	<u>He that is born again does not commit sin. How so?</u> <u>If you are obeying all of God's laws, you cannot be sinning at the same time!</u>
1 Jn 5:18 Rev 1:5	Whosoever is born of God doesn't keep sinning. Christ washed us from our sins by his blood..
1 Jn 3:6	<u>Whosoever sins hath neither seen</u> (understood Christ's teachings), <u>nor known him</u> . To know him means to <u>obey</u> his teachings.
1 Jn 3:8-10	He that commits sin is of the devil. If you keep sinning, you are a child of Satan. <u>God's children are obedient, living without sin, while obeying all his laws.</u>
Jn 8:33-44	Remember what Jesus told the Jews, <u>You are slave to sin, but I can make you free.</u> They answered, God is our Father. Jesus replied, No, Satan is your father, because you keep on sinning.
Once Saved Always Saved Is not What the Bible Teaches. God punished all sinners.	
Gen 1:26-28, Gen 2:16-17, Gen 3:24 Job 31:33	The Bible teaches us many times that we can lose our salvation if we go back into sin. But many <u>Christians</u> say they are saved, but still sinners. God's first son, Adam, was created sinless and was given eternal life on condition that he not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God gave Adam a free will. He disobeyed. When confronted by God, Adam hid his sin and refused to confess and forsake it. <u>So God drove him from the garden. Adam was no longer God's son. So, once a son, always a son?</u> It was not so with Adam!
2 Pet 2:4, Jude 6, 7	<u>God spared not the angels that sinned</u> by having sex with earthly women. God punished them by casting them down to hell. They are called sons of God by creation in Gen 6:2-4, but they lost their life with God when they sinned. Not only did Adam have a free will, angels also have free wills.

Jude 5 Ps. 78:12-37	<u>God saved Israel from Egypt</u> , but afterward destroyed all that <u>did not believe what God said</u> , and all who would not obey his laws.
Ezk 18:24 James 5:19-20	<u>If a righteous man goes back into sin</u> , his former righteousness will not help him. If he doesn't <u>repent again</u> , he will die in his sin.
Ezk 28:15, 17	<u>God said concerning Lucifer, I created you holy, till sin was found in you.</u> You were very proudful of your beauty, and your wisdom corrupted you.
Isa 14:12	Lucifer was a created being and a true son of God as were all the angels. When he rebelled against God with more than 1/3 of the angels and was cast out of heaven, he became an <u>adversary</u> of God. <u>Satan</u> means adversary.
Gen 6:5-13	In the days of Noah, some 1600+ years after Adam's fall, <u>man had become very wicked and sinful</u> . God was sorry he made man. <u>I will destroy man by a flood, but will save Noah and his family.</u> Millions of people died in the flood as a punishment for sin. God has never changed his mind when it comes to sin, for the soul that sins will die an eternal death in hellfire. Rev. 20:11-15
Exo 4:22-23	God called the nation of Israel, My firstborn son.
1 Cor 10:1-11	Before leaving Egypt, the people of Israel were saved by faith when they obeyed God's command to kill a lamb and place its blood on the doorpost. Their Rock of salvation was Christ, represented by the slain lamb. But God overthrew them in the wilderness when they fell <u>in the sin of unbelief</u> and rebelled against him. How many of the older generation entered the promise land? Only two men , Joshua and Caleb. The rest died in their sin and went to hell, broken off from Christ.
Deut 30:15-20	After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, God commanded Israel saying, I set before you life and death , blessing and cursing. Love God and obey him that you may live (have eternal life).

Deut 32:15-23

Israel forsook the God of their salvation and the Rock that begat them. They were unmindful of God, forgetting the one who formed them and saved them. **Israel was once saved, but lost their salvation.**

Exo 32:32-33

Rev. 3:5

God warns that anyone who goes back into sin, his name will be blotted out of the Lamb's book of eternal life.

Rom 11:19-23

Israel was broken off as a nation because of their great sin of unbelief in not obeying God. When? Forty years after Christ's crucifixion when the temple was destroyed. **God's severity upon a once saved people disproves the idea that a son of God can never lose his salvation.** In fact, God divorced his chosen nation and people. They had neither temple nor homeland for nearly 2000 years. To this day, no one seems to get the picture that God cut Israel off because of sin!

New Testament: Once Saved Always Saved?

Heb 4:1-2, 11

1 Cor 10:1-11

Israel had the gospel, which is of faith, preached to them, but it didn't profit them because they refused to believe God's word and to obey it. God was grieved with them and they died without Christ in the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness.

Heb 3:12-14

Take heed, church, lest there be any among you with an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; for you remain saved only by holding faith and obedience to God right up to the very end of your lives.

Rev 2:3-5

The Church at Ephesus did some good works. They labored for God in preaching and teaching, hated evildoers, and had patience. But Christ told them, Nevertheless, I have somewhat against you, because you have left your first love. **Return to your first love** and obey me fully. Five of the seven churches in Revelation Chapters 2 and 3 were in sin. **Jesus warned them to repent and to overcome sin.**

Jn 14:21-24

"Leaving your first love" means you have stopped obeying God the way you did when you were first saved and on fire for him.

Matt 13:20-21

Jesus gave this teaching: A sower went forth and some seed fell among stony places. They received the word of salvation with joy and got saved. They had no root, however, and endured only for a while, for when persecution came their way because of God's word, they were offended (fell away).

Matt 13:22

Some seed fell among thorns. Rather than cultivating their ground properly, which is our part as believers, they allowed the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches to choke the word, and a life in Christ which began fruitful, became unfruitful.

Matt 13:23

And some seed fell on good ground and it brought forth fruit a hundred times more from the one seed.

Phi 2:12

The Philippian church always obeyed God. Paul tells them to continue to work out their salvation with fear and trembling. We work out our salvation by cultivating our ground, removing thorns and stones, so that nothing can hinder us from bringing forth good fruit. Why fear and tremble? Because if we stop producing fruit, Jesus said he would cast us forth as a branch and we would wither. John 15:5-6

Yes, Yes, There Are Consequences for Sinners

Deut 28:15, 22-27

God warns Israel not to sin or curses of all kinds and sickness would come upon them.

2 Sam 12:9-13

King David was a man after God's own heart, but lost his salvation when he sinned with Bathsheba and killed her husband.

Ps 6:1-7

King David cried, How long, oh God! I am weak. My soul is sore vexed. Save me again for your mercy's sake. I am in pain and groan all night. My tears make my bed wet.

Ps 38:1-10

Oh God, your arrows of sickness have come on me, for a loathsome disease is in my private parts (venereal disease) and my wounds stink and my strength fails me. I am feeble and sore broken. My eye sight fails me. My enemies say, An evil disease is on him. He lieth down and will not rise again (Ps 41:8).

Ps 51:1-17

David cries to God, Have mercy on me. Blot out (forgive) my sins of adultery and murder. Wash and cleanse me again of my sins. I acknowledge my sin. My transgression is ever before me. I have sinned against your laws and have done this evil sin. Purge me and I shall be clean again. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

James 5:19-20

Cast me not away from your presence, Oh God, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Here we see that David was saved, but lost his salvation. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation. Deliver me from my bloodguiltiness, Oh God. The sacrifice God requires is a broken and contrite heart (real sorrow for sin - see how David wept and mourned!) David never went back into that sin again.

Sin No More

Jn 5:5-9 & 14

A man is sick for 38 years. Jesus healed him and said, **SIN NO MORE** for a worse thing or sickness will come on you.

Jn 8:3-5 & 11

A woman was caught in the sin of adultery. By law, the Jews sought to stone her to death. Jesus told the woman, Go and **SIN NO MORE**.

Rom 6:1-6

Shall we continue in sin. **God forbid. We are free from sin.**

Jn 8:34-36

Was Jesus speaking the truth when he told the Jews, You are slaves to sin, but I can make you free?

Jn 8:41-44

The Jews said to Jesus that God was their Father. Jesus said, No, you keep sinning so Satan is your father!

Heb 10:26-31

After having learned the truth that the blood of Jesus was shed to free us from sin and that sinners will go to hell, if you willfully continue sinning, you are stepping on the blood of Jesus by which blood you were cleansed. Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord. I will punish all who sin against me, for the wages of sin is eternal death in the Lake of Fire Rev 20:12-14.

2 Thes 2:9-12

There is a spiritual principle in the kingdom of God: When you don't love the truth you've received, God will send you deluding spirits that you will believe Satan's lie that saved people can sin and still go to heaven. Adam learned God's truth the hard way. God said, Don't eat from the tree or you will die. Satan said, you will surely not die!

Eph 5:26

That Jesus might keep the church cleansed from sin by the washing of water by the word - the bible.

Eph 5:27

1 Thess 4:13-18

That at the rapture, he might present to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle, holy and without blemish of sin. One cannot find a single verse in scripture that says **sinners will go to heaven**; but hundreds of verses can be found that say all sinners will go to hell.

After Christ's 1000 year reign on earth comes God's White Throne Judgement on planet heaven.

Rev 20:11-15

1. I saw the dead small and great stand before God.
2. And the books were opened and they were judged by God according to their sins.
3. And the sea and the grave gave up their dead bodies.
4. Hell delivered up their spiritually dead soul and spirit. Yes, all sinners will be resurrected!
5. Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.
6. This is the second death for all sinners. The first death was when the sinner's body was put in the grave.

2 Peter 3:9
Rom 2:4
Eph. 1:7 & 18
1 Tim. 2:4

What man does not understand is that God is longsuffering, waiting, even if it takes a man's lifetime, for him to repent of sin. That is the grace of God. Man does not consider that God's judgment will come after he dies. Sinners will be resurrected and judged and cast into the Lake of Fire.

Rev 21:7-8

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But unbelievers, cowards, whoremongers, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake that burns with fire, which is the second death.

Blessings for All Who Overcome Sin

1 Jn 3:1-3
Rom 8:17-18
Jn 14:2-3
Rev 2:7
Rev 2:11
Rev 22:12
Rev Chps 2 & 3

It does not appear now that we are the sons of God, but in the end time, it will.
Because we suffered for Christ, we will be heirs of all God owns.
We will be given mansions in heaven.
We will eat from the tree of life.
We will never know the torment of hell.
My reward for overcomers is with me.
Jesus tells the 7 churches and all churches today that they must **overcome sin** in order to be blessed.

Resurrection of the Saints - the Rapture

Heb 2:9 & 14
Jn 6:40
Jn 11:23-26
1 Cor 15:12-23
1 Cor 15:35-50
1 Cor 15:51-55
1 Thess 4:13-18
Matt 22:29-32

Jesus tasted death that we might live forever.
I will raise him up on the last day.
I am the resurrection, he that believes shall not die.
Is there a resurrection?
How are the dead raised?
Changed in a moment from mortality to immortality - death is swallowed up in victory.
Jesus meets raptured saints in the air.
In the resurrection, we will be like the angels.

Saints will Inherit the Earth and Reign

Matt 5:5

Matt 5:10-12

2 Tim 2:12

Rev 2:26-27

Rev 5:10

Rev 22:5

The meek shall inherit the earth.

Saints who overcome persecution inherit the kingdom.

If we suffer for Christ, we will reign with him.

The overcomer given power to rule the nations.

Shall be kings and priests to reign on earth.

We will reign forever and ever.



Christ comes in the clouds to receive the saints unto himself
and to present them faultless before his Father
in heaven with exceeding joy!

