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 "Your life should be a demonstration of answered prayer. It will silence the skeptics"

## Sinner or Saint? Redefined

### 1 Peter 2:24 TPT

**"He himself** carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we would be **dead to sin** and **live for righteousness**. Our instant healing flowed from his wounding."

Jesus left the realm of eternity via the immaculate conception and took on the form of a human to be able to relate to his creation and prove that sin can be overcome. After 33 years on earth he took on every sin of mankind and became the living sacrificial lamb. He took it all on the cross so we can be DEAD TO SIN and it would not have control over us. He looked into the future and took it all!

Rarely in the Bible is sin ever a verb as much as it is a NOUN. Sin is a tyrant, it is Satan personified, it is demonically diabolical because it destroys and debilitates.

We are supposed to be dead to sin and live for righteousness. Someone said, 'You are not what you think you are, you are what you think! For whatever a man thinks in his heart so is he.

**READ PSALM 103 NLT**

**2 Corinthians 5:21 AMP** He made Christ who knew no sin to [judicially] be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we would become the righteousness of God [that is, we would be made acceptable to Him and placed in a right relationship with Him by His gracious lovingkindness]

We are no longer framed or defined by sin because we don't identify with that brand! We become the righteousness of God down to the cellular level. Because of the acceptance of our new identity not only are we accepted and approved; we are placed in a right relationship with him!!!

**Repeat: "I am the righteousness of God"**

**Ephesians 2:1-2 Amplified Bible**  
**REPEAT I WAS Made Alive in Christ**

**2** “And you [He made alive when you] were [spiritually] dead *and* separated from Him because of your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked. **You were** following the ways of this world [influenced by this present age], in accordance with the prince of the power of the air (Satan), the spirit who is now at work in the disobedient [the unbelieving, who fight against the purposes of God].”

**You were** dead, doomed and dominated but now you have been raised up and seated with him. That means you have a new position, a new posture. He snatched you up and placed you with him away from that destructive decaying excuse of a life!!!!

Stop trying to resurrect the old man that died when you received Jesus as your LORD.

Sin will take you further than you want to go, charge you more than you want to pay, won't take much in the beginning but will take all you have in the end.

SIN MAKES YOU FEEL DEAD, GUILTY, ASHAMED and UNFULFILLED.

Until we come to Christ and receive by faith his gracious gift of life, we will remain dead, doomed and dominated. Faith in the finished work of the cross is what promises you a future of fulfillment.

When Adam was created, his purpose was to rule, reign and represent the Kingdom of God on earth. He was to manifest and bring into existence the expressed presence of God. He was a regent, a representative, an ambassador speaking on behalf of the father. Through disobedience Adam lost his designation and his authority to dominate and take dominion.

When Adam sinned, he lost his designation to rule and reign. Sin didn't really break fellowship with God as much as it desecrated and demoralized Adams ability to legally represent Kingdom authority. His authority was stripped thus identity was tainted. His purposed was shattered and he now walked around embarrassed and ashamed. It was like he was stripped of his right to rule and reign. **HAVE YOU EVER FELT THAT WAY??**

It was from that point forward that Gods plan was to restore you, fix you, repair you and get you back to where you belong!! He wasn't angry with you as much as he was disappointed for you. He feels your frustrations! But that is the drawbacks of freewill. **He will not make you do anything!!!**

From that moment God himself embarked on a mission through his Son Jesus to restore and reclaim that authority from Satan himself. The culmination of that mission was completed on the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

**Come on Thank God that he is all about redemption and restoration!**  
**Can we please stop giving authority over to the devil and coming into agreement with him?**

When an ambassador from CND lives in another country, when he speaks, he speaks on behalf of the prime minister even though the PM isn't present. Why? He has been given authority to be the PM mouthpiece in a foreign land.

John Piper said, "Sinning is any feeling, thought, action or speech that comes from a heart that does not treasure God over all things. A heart that prefers anything above God."

Karl Barth (one of the most significant intelligent theologians (Christian Dogmatics) "It is true enough that **unbelief** is the sin, the original form and source of all sins and in the last analysis the only sin because it is the sin that produces and embraces all other sins.

Unbelief in God, unbelief in his word, denying that what he said about you is true. Questioning, debating and arguing the facts of his word and rearranging restructuring it to fit into your mold. Disguising and macerating the facts to fit into your form of religion.

Unbelief is failure to be conscious of and acknowledge the relationship that exists and ought to exist between you and God

Faith sees more in a promise of God to help than in all other things to hinder. **Unbelief sees more in the things that hinder than in God's promise to help**

Augustine said, "Sin is believing the lie that you are self-created, self-dependant and self-sustained."

**Hebrews 3:12-13 NIV**

<sup>12</sup> See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

There is an enormous amount of self help groups, 5 steps to this and 7 steps to that. I'm sorry but I believe if the creation is broke then you take it to the creator. You have a life time warranty on your body. JESUS IS THE ANSWER. 1 STEP!!

Part of any awakening is not only repentance but deliverance! There has been so much crazy doctrine, crazy spirits creeping in the modern day church that there needs to be some cleaning.

Paul Ellis said, "What is the definition of sin? It is not rule breaking or acting immorally as much as it is walking by sight and leaning on your own understanding and abilities. It is trusting in yourself and living without the regard for the things of God."

We walk by our **faith** not our **senses**. Why? Walking by faith makes no sense to society. Walking by faith makes sense to the Father!!

It is our faith in the finished work of Jesus that will deliver and set you free from every and anything. No weapon or sin shall prosper! It will not have a grip on you.

**Darrell Johnson**, "Sin is not believing that God is as good as HE says he is."

Do we really believe God can do and wants to do everything he says?

He has set me free but have I come into agreement with it?

Sin and disobedience are the fruit of distrust. Sin is a result of us not trusting God

There is the God of Heaven and the God some people have made on earth. I wonder how many golden calves are there?

Our concept and understanding of God must come into alignment with the God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob. It must be intertwined and woven into the Christ of the cross.

\*When Sin invaded the Garden, our place as rulers was surrendered. Sin is the Problem and Jesus is the Solution. Everything that begins with Self is selfish and selfishness is the root of all sin. It is independence from God.

Your flesh is constantly trying to reintroduce you to your old nature. Your spirit must tell your flesh where to GO!! Your flesh must come into agreement with your spirit! You are a **new creation** in Christ. I am dead to sin and alive in Christ because I am the righteousness of God by faith.

Romans 3:22

**\*What you misdiagnose you mistreat.** When you sin, God doesn't run from you because you are so bad and vile. He runs to you to rescue, restore and redeem. He will never leave the 1 lost sheep. **Love never abandons!**

If you don't understand what sin is you can spend your whole life hiding.

When Adam and Eve sinned and hid themselves when God was looking for them, do you think God had a belt, a switch to punish them? Yes, he was heartbroken but he wanted them to come from the shame they were hiding under. **MY WORD TO YOU---COME OUT OF HIDING!**

He is committed to the core for you! If we would let go and let God more often, we would see him more clearly at work within. Just LET GO AND LET IT BE!! Stop petting that sin!

The flesh is always trying to manifest what only the Spirit can do. The flesh wants to be in charge.

You need to declare with your mouth what Jesus says about you.

1 John 3:9 [New Living Translation](#)

Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So, they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God.

[1 John 3:6](#)

No one who remains in Him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has seen Him or known Him.

Ravi Zacharius “Jesus didn’t come into the world to make bad people good. He came into the world to make dead people live”

You are now a partaker in his divine life. He said, “ I have come to give you life and life more abundantly.” John 10:10 The devil has come to only steal, kill and destroy. However, you are now under new management! You were bought with a price.

When you forget what you are freed from, and for, you forfeit your identity.

He wants to keep you from a proper understanding and revelation of who you are! If he can keep you depressed, disappointed and disillusioned then he has been successful in destroying what God gave his life for.

It is like being stuck in a vicious cycle of managing your sin rather than eliminating it. Stop trying to start through performance what God finished on the cross.

Paul said, “Who bewitched you? Who tricked you? Who deceived you into thinking you have to finish what was already finished?”

When you are tempted, speak the word over your life. Praise your way through, reinforce by declaration who you are! **I am a child of God.**

To change your life, you must change your thinking. Benjamin Disraeli said you will never go higher than your thoughts. You are not as good as you say you are! You are better than you say you are because, Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world.

Faith is declaring what you can see...IS! This is what I am. This is what I am not! Faith is shrouded in this cloud of mystery! Just because you can’t see it yet doesn’t mean it is not there.

“Freedom is not granted by the oppressor it must be demanded by the oppressed.”

When you forget that sin is no longer an issue, you also forget about your identity. You don’t care about your self-induced reputation. You no longer get gratification by people’s approval rating of you.

The moment you surrendered your life and your rights to Jesus, he took you in as his own. You can't get any closer than the moment of surrendered and abandonment.

Example: I wish I could go to Costco in Halifax. I take you there and you stand outside saying I wish I was at Costco! **You are already there**

\*You are now one with him restored to your rightful reign as a priest ruling

### **Romans 6:17-18 New Living Translation**

<sup>17</sup> Thank God! Once **you were slaves of sin**, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. <sup>18</sup> Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.”

God is not looking for rule keepers! He is looking for rulers!

### **Romans 3:21-24 New Living Translation Christ Took Our Punishment**

<sup>21</sup> But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. <sup>22</sup> **We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ.** And this is true for **everyone** who **believes**, no matter who we are. <sup>23</sup> For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. <sup>24</sup> Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

What does he mean fall short of God's glorious standard?

Glory -Doksa exercising personal opinion which determines value. That something has inherent intrinsic worth.

We sin when we don't embrace God's values. We devalue us, others and God. Paul talks about sin 48x in the book of Romans..

The fruit of distrust and unbelief is sin and sin is only dealt with through the cross. Sin separated you from your position as a ruler.

Ungodliness- Asebeia want of reverence towards God. The opposite of the word revere or adore, disregard for God's person. Ungodliness is not bad behavior! It is unbelief in the grace of a good God. It is saying, "God who needs you? I don't!"

**Romans 1:18-19 New Living Translation** God's Anger at Sin

<sup>18</sup> But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness.(ungodliness)<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>19</sup> They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them.

**Genesis 4:7 New Living Translation**

<sup>7</sup> You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master."

God tells Cain, your cursed, but I still have your back, no one will kill you Sin will make you feel like you are at war with God and that he is ready to disregard you, throw you away and cast you away. However, he is fully loving, fully caring and absolutely insane about you. He has your back all the way to your last breath. HE will never turn his back on you!!!

In that while we were still sinners, he died for us. He died when we didn't deserve it.

The ungodly have a wrong interpretation of Gods values and who he values. They can't come to grips with how extravagant God's love is for his children created in his image!

God will never beat the sin out of you! He will hug it out of you and deliver you from it once and for all.

Sin never separates you from God. Sin is not that powerful! He is talking to you all the time when you sin.



If you misdiagnose Sin you will mistreat it. Just like a doctor giving you the wrong medicine. You don't need to go to a self-help class on sin management. You need a revelation of righteousness. YOU ARE ADVANTAGED BECAUSE YOU COME WITH ALL THE RESOURCES OF HEAVEN AT YOUR DISPOSAL.

**Genesis 3:7-8 NLT**

At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.<sup>8</sup> **When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees.**

God is not chasing you to punish you. You can run and hide all you want. God will always come looking for the 1 lost sheep.

Adam lost sight of his own value

**Romans 5:17** For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

The Righteous will Rule and Reign over sin.

CLOSE WITH 1 JOHN 3

