

TITLE: I CAN'T SIN or CAN I? 3/26/23

ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE BORN AGAIN ARE 100% RIGHTEOUS

1 John 3:9 TPT Everyone who is truly God's child will refuse to keep sinning because God's seed remains within him, and he is unable to continue sinning because he has been fathered by God himself.

Bill Johnson "You don't lose the ability to sin-you lose the ability to enjoy it"

Renewing your mind is realigning your current reality. We must allow the Word of God to change the word that comes from our mouth. Remember, you are not what you think you are, you are what you think. Whatsoever a man thinks in his heart so is he.

Question: Can you lose your righteousness as easy as you received it if we commit a sin after being born again? The word righteousness is used in one way or another over 60x in the book of Romans.

Some would argue that you are not 100% righteous because you sinned after being born again.

IT is very difficult for someone who does commit a sin to believe they are still righteous!! Sin does have consequences and Gods objective through grace is to make you Holy. We have to find a way to rid ourselves of condemnation and guilt that is associated with constantly being accused by your fleshly conscience.

There are no degrees of sin no more than there are degrees of righteousness. No little white lies. Big sins or little sins. We will not be perfect until we see Jesus.

How many of us have walked in fear, doubt, been mean, cheated, stole, greed, selfishness, etc. I mean SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS is a huge sin from heaven's perspective. Self-Righteousness is Un-righteousness. The body of Christ can be the meanest most arrogant people around constantly justifying their lack of integrity.

Our own self-righteousness and self-preservation is our answer to replacing God and having it our way. We can't have a BURGER KING RELIGION

QUESTION 2 How do we become righteous? By Faith It is his righteousness that we receive not ours! You didn't become righteous because of your works! You became righteous because of your faith in Jesus Christ and what he declared about you.

Genesis 15:6 Abraham believed and it was counted unto him as righteousness.

To know you have received the gift of righteousness and to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that I am a new creation is the key to being free from the bondage of sin.

It is the freedom to do what is right!!!

There are 2 Types of People on the earth Today. Those who are in Adam and those who are in Christ

1 Corinthians 15:22 NLT Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

15:45-48 The Scriptures tell us, “The first man, Adam, became a living person.”^[a] But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit. ⁴⁶What comes first is the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later. ⁴⁷Adam, the first man, was made from the dust of the earth, while Christ, the second man, came from heaven. ⁴⁸Earthly people are like the earthly man, and heavenly people are like the heavenly man

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here!

Romans 5: 12-21 NLT READ

Romans 6:5-6 Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. ⁶We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.

Stop making sin about behavior. IT is about your nature, your life, your existence.

The Day you believe you are righteous is the day you will do right

BEHAVIOR FOLLOWS IDENTITY

Romans 6:7 For when we died with Christ, we were set free from the power of sin.

NKJV ⁷For he who has died has been ^[a]freed from sin.

NIV because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

QUESTION: How many of you have ever tried to die to sin? It is hard because you are trying to do something that has already been done. If you are already dead to sin, then trying to die to what you are already dead from is impossible.

How many of you this morning has tried to sit in a chair that you are already sitting in?

How about looking for your cell phone when you are staring at it? We can't do what has already been done!!

TRUTH BOMB We are already dead to sin!!!! Rinse Lather Repeat

Died in the Greek is a verb and it means-“One point in time action, never to be repeated”

40 out 48 times sin is noun 8x verb meaning an action over a person.

Romans 6:15 Sin is a verb 40x it is referring to the old man

Romans 6:6-7 ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be ^{6a}done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been ^{6b}freed from sin. (NOUN) not Sinning (VERB)

The old man is (NOUN person, place or thing) is DEAD. In other words, it no longer exists.

Jesus came to set you free from the Old Man, the body of sin. You have a new Spirit. You are separated, divided, divorced, torn apart or released from that old man.

Like cutting an umbilical cord, you are no longer dependant on being fed from sin. You are dead from the root that produces that fruit.

Creflo Dollar “Victory over sinning (The Action) does not come from working on one’s behavior”

1 Corinthians 15:30-33 MESSAGE ³⁰⁻³³ And why do you think I keep risking my neck in this dangerous work? I look death in the face practically every day I live. Do you think I’d do this if I wasn’t convinced of your resurrection and mine as guaranteed by the resurrected Messiah Jesus? Do you think I was just trying to act heroic when I fought the wild beasts at Ephesus, hoping it wouldn’t be the end of me? Not on your life! It’s resurrection, resurrection, always resurrection, that undergirds what I do and say, the way I live. If there’s no resurrection, “We eat, we drink, the next day we die,” and that’s all there is to it. But don’t fool yourselves. Don’t let yourselves be poisoned by this anti-resurrection loose talk. “Bad company ruins good manners.”

Paul is referring to persecution from preaching the resurrection.

Romans 6:8-11 ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, (HOW)?⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, ^{6a}**reckon(to compute/calculate/make a fact)** yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Galatians 2:20 NKJV

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh **I live by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

HEBREWS 4:15 “This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.”

He did not sin because sin had nothing to attach itself too. Like grabbing a greased pig! *New Man and Old Man can't reproduce!*

2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV ²¹ **For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

Jesus took your nature and gave you his nature. THE GREAT EXCHANGE.

1Peter 2:22 “Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth”
NLT “He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone.” There was nothing in him that was vile or corrupt.

QUESTION? IF I have been delivered from that old nature and I am supposed to be a new creation in Christ Jesus, WHY DO I KEEP ON SINNING?

Romans 7:5 NLT ⁵ When we were controlled by our **old nature**,^[a] sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death.

NKJV ⁵ For when we were in the **flesh**, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.

FLESH/OLD NATURE can refer to a mind infiltrated by the residue of that old man. The flesh is what was left over from that old man. Until you get your glorified body you can still potentially struggle over that which you have not surrendered.

How many of you know someone that has a changed heart but not a changed mind?

The Law of Moses is shrouded by self that stirs up my efforts to get it right. The old man says, I have to do this to get this, If I can do, then God will do BLAH BLAH BLAH

IF you don't get rid of the mindset from the Law, you will continue to activate the desire to fulfill the desires of the flesh!!

I used to think, I renewed my mind by repetition of the Word. However, it is not repetition, it is a revelation of your righteousness that reveals the Gospel of Grace. **You are not restored, you are renewed. Right**

Thinking will produce Right living. If you are not living right, you are not thinking right

ROMANS 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

NLT Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

1 John 3:9 NLT ⁹ 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.

NKJV ⁹ Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

NIV⁹ No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.

1 John 3:6 TPT But the one who continues sinning hasn't seen him with discernment or known him by intimate experience.

1 John 3:9 TPT Everyone who is truly God's child will refuse to keep sinning because God's seed remains within him, and he is unable to continue sinning because he has been fathered by God himself.

How do people who have experienced the miracle of the new birth deal with their own sinfulness as they try to live in the full assurance of their salvation? That is, how do we deal with the conflict between the reality of the new birth, on the one hand, and our ongoing sin, on the other hand?

That is a question that theologians have been arguing for a long time!

There are 2 Basic Views

- 1) Random acts of sin is OK, it is habitual sin that is bad. NO
- 2) Absolute: You are free from sin absolutely! You have power over sin.

Answer: As a Born Again believer you can't change your new nature but you can fall short of your purpose and damage yourself along the way in this journey of life. Nothing worse than wondering what life would have and could have been.

WARREN WIERSBE “The provision of our salvation originated in the love of God. And since we have experienced the love of the Father, we have no desire to live in sin.”

I know I have the power but it still remains a mystery to me how I can live on earth and not sin?

What I do know is what the word of God says about me and that is what I am holding on to.

John's first letter, more than any other book in the Bible, seems to be designed to help us in this practical, daily battle.

Consider **1 John 5:13**: “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.”

This book is written, he says, to help believers have the full assurance that they have been born again—that is, that they have new, spiritual life in them that will never die. John wants you—God wants you—to experience something in this letter that makes you profoundly confident that you have passed from death to life.

First John 3:14 says, “We know that we have passed out of death into life.” Jesus says in **John 5:24**, “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

So, John and Jesus are jealous for us believers to know that *judgment* is behind us, and *death* is behind us, because our judgment happened when Jesus was judged in our place, and our death happened when Jesus died in our place. And therefore, new life is in us and this life cannot perish and cannot be taken away. It's eternal. That's the assurance John and Jesus want for you. “I write these things to you . . . that you may know that you have eternal life” **1 John 5:13**.

1 John 3:7. John says, “Little children, let no one deceive you [so he has the false teachers in view]. Whoever *practices* righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.”

NLT 7 Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous.

What's he saying? He is saying beware of the false teachers because what they say is that you can *be* righteous and not *practice* righteousness. "Let no one deceive you. Whoever *practices* righteousness is righteous."

John says over and over again in this letter. For example, in **1 John 2:29**, he says, "If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who *practices* righteousness has been *born of him*." In other words, the *doing* of righteousness is the evidence and confirmation of *being* born again.

John 8:2-11 READ NLT

NKJV 9 Then those who heard *it*, being^ἰ convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last

PASSION TRANSLATION: Jesus said, "Then I certainly don't condemn you either. Go, and from now on, be free from a life of sin."

In saying, "Go and sin no more," Jesus was not speaking of sinless perfection. He was warning against a return to sinful lifestyle choices. His words both extended mercy and demanded holiness. Jesus was always the perfect balance of "grace and truth" ([John 1:14](#)). With forgiveness comes the expectation that we will not continue in the same path of rebelliousness. Those who know God's love will naturally want to obey Him ([John 14:15](#)).

We cannot experience the transforming power of forgiveness without being forever changed.

There are consequences for sin but there is no condemnation for sin. John 3:17

It goes without saying that the woman caught in adultery did not return to her infidelity. She had met Jesus. She would not be perfect. No one is. But she was forever changed. Her eyes had been opened to the depravity of what she was doing. Sin no longer held the appeal it once did. When we meet Jesus, sin no longer holds its fatal attraction. Once we lived only to please ourselves, but when we have been forgiven, our motivation changes. We now live to please God ([Galatians 2:20](#)).

It should be the goal of every Christian to "sin no more," although we recognize that, while we are in the flesh, we will still stumble ([1 John 1:8](#)). God's desire for each of us is

to be holy as He is holy ([1 Peter 1:16](#)). We still sin, but sin is no longer a lifestyle choice ([1 John 3:9–10](#)). When we fail, we can come to God and ask forgiveness ([1 John 1:9](#); [1 Peter 4:1–2](#)). And if we are truly God’s children, He will correct us, disciplining us when we need it ([Hebrews 12:6–11](#)). His work is to conform us to the image of His Son ([Romans 8:29](#)).

CLOSING:

Karl Wallenda was a famous tight rope walker. He actually had a big fall and they spoke to his wife Helen “All he thought about for 3 straight months was falling. It was the first time in his career he thought about it and entertained the possibility of falling.” Karl died in a fall from a wind-whipped wire stretched 123 feet (37 metres) above the pavement, between two hotels in San Juan.

I am done sowing seeds of failure into an ARMY. You are victorious, you will be victorious, you will conquer, you will succeed, you will live your life in a way that demands an explanation, you will be debt free and live in absolute freedom from anyone and anything that will attempt to rob, steal and destroy you.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus! Look full in his wonderful face and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace
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