

# FOLLOW THRU

## Forgiveness of Sin/ Obedience

**Memorize 1 John 5:11-13**

“I’m a Christian, but I keep on sinning! What is going to happen to me?”  
“I’ve sinned again! Does God still love me?”  
“I thought that Christians don’t sin anymore. Am I still a Christian?”  
“What should I do? I can’t seem to live up to God’s Standard.”  
“Will I still go to heaven?”

Questions like this rage through the mind of the believer when they sin.

After becoming a follower of Jesus, understanding how to deal with your sin becomes a lifelong lesson in forgiveness. Learning how to live a life free of guilt is to fully believe in your salvation through Christ Jesus. When we sin against God and disobey the way He’s asked us to live, we do what Adam and Eve did in the Garden of Eden; We run. We even go as far as to hide both physically and emotionally from the One who created us!

We know that our salvation is secure in Christ Jesus, but how do we not run or hide in guilt when we disobey God?

Let’s find out!

**Discussion Questions:**

**What do you think happens when the Christian sins?**

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**Original Sin**

Read Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-3 **\*\*Only to verse 3? I doesn’t even cover them eating the fruit or hiding from God in the Garden...?**

**Besides Adam and Eve hiding after disobeying God, what stood out to you in these passages?**

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### **How Sin Happens**

- Read James 1:13-15
- Read 1 John 2:15-17
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:13

**How does sin originate in our own lives?**

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### **Practicing Sin**

- 1 John 3:1-10
- Proverbs 28:13

**What do you think “makes a practice of sinning” means in 1 John 3:4?**

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**How does that differ than a believer who disobeys God and sins?**

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### **Suffering Sin**

- Read Psalms 32:1-6

**How was David suffering in his sin, according to this Psalm?**

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**How did David rid himself the emotional guilt he felt from his sin?**

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**Have you (or do you) confess your sins to God? If so, how do you feel afterward?**

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### **Complete Forgiveness**

Read Psalms 103:6-14

Read Isaiah 43:25

**What stands out the most to you in this passage? Why?**

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### **Battle of the Flesh**

Read Romans 7:14-8:2

Read Galatians 5:16-25

**What did God give to you to be able to withstand the desires of your flesh?**

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**What sins do you need to confess to God to start being “led by the Spirit” and to stop making a practice of sinning?**

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Our goal as a Christian must be obedience to God. But in the moments we sin, we must confess our sin and believe that God has forgiven us (according to His promise in I John 1:9). We must forsake our fleshly desires and yield our lives to the Holy Spirit who lives in us. Learning to confess our sins and give God the opportunity to toss them as far as the east is from the west is the crucial first step. Learning to put to death our fleshly desires is a life-long journey of living in God’s great FORGIVENESS.