

FOLLOW THRU

Forgiveness of Sin & Obedience

What happens when I sin after I become a Christian? Does God still love me? Am I still a Christian? What's up - I thought Christians didn't sin? What should I do? These questions and ones like them come to mind when a believer sins.

Coming to grips with how to deal with your sin after conversion is essential. Without a clear understanding of what to do or what to believe about forgiveness of sin will lead you to live a life of guilt, and cause an emotional rift between you and God. Sin separates man from God. Just look at the garden of Eden to see how man runs and hides from the presence of God when he sins. We are no different today. When we disobey God we emotionally and sometimes physically run and hide from God.

We have looked at the fact that as a believer, you are secure in your relationship with God. So, what happens when you sin? That's what this lesson is about.

What was the Original Sin

Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-3 _____

How does Sin Happen

James 1:13-15 _____

1 John 2:15-17 _____

1 Corinthians 10:13 _____

Sin and Needless Suffering – What happened to David when he confessed his sin?

Psalms 32:1-7 _____

Confessing Sin – What do these verses say about the importance of confessing sin?

1 John 1:5-10 _____

James 5:16 _____

(See Proverbs 28:13)

Complete Forgiveness – What reasons does this give for why we can be sure God forgives us?

Psalms 103:8-14 _____

(See Isaiah 43:25)

Our Ongoing Battle against the Flesh – Summarize what this is saying about our struggle?

Romans 7:14-8:2 _____

(See Galatians 5:16-25)

Obedience

We are called to obey our God and King! But when we sin, we must confess our sin and believe that God has forgiven us (1 John 1:9). We must forsake our sin and yield our lives to the Holy Spirit who lives in us. Learning to keep short accounts with the Lord will lead to a fulfilling, joyful walk with God.

Homework: Memorize 1 John 5:11-13