

## Understanding Grace Session 7 – Why do we sin after we are saved?

### I. Review/Previous Sessions

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1. Born again people should have a desire to live free of sin.
2. If we can go on sinning the same way as prior to salvation something is missing.
3. Sin has consequences for the unsaved and the saved.
4. Sin has a harvest.
5. Jesus always instructed people to stop sinning.

### II. Why do we sin after being saved?

A. We are a triune being: *Spirit – Soul – Body*

1. You are a spirit, you possess a soul and a body.

**1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV)** – *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify<sup>[a]</sup> you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2. After salvation, I am a spirit being created in righteousness and true holiness
  - a. **Ephesians 4:24 (NKJV)** – *and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*
  - b. In regard to my daily life connected to my body and soul, I must put on the new man daily.
  - c. In regard to my born again spirit, I am the new man.
  - d. My born again spirit is created in righteousness and true holiness, but my soul and body need what the Bible refers to as “Being Transformed” Transformation.
3. I am not my body.
4. I am not my soul.
5. The real me/you is a spirit
  - a. The real me is righteous.
  - b. The real me is holy and unblameable in the sight of God because of Jesus.
  - c. The real me is my spirit, the new man resulting from the new birth.

**Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV)** – *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise*

**Ephesians 1:13 (ERV)** – *It is the same with you. You heard the true message, the Good News about the way God saves you. When you heard that Good News, you believed in Christ. And in Christ, God put his special mark on you by giving you the Holy Spirit that he promised*

**Hebrews 12:23 (NKJV)** – to the <sup>[a]</sup>general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect

*NOTICE – Our spirits were made perfect, not our soul or body*

**Colossians 1:28 (NKJV)** – Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

*In these passages:*

- *We have been sealed unto perfection with the Holy Spirit.*
  - *We have been made perfect in Christ.*
  - *WE have been presented perfect, complete and mature in Him.*
- d. The new you (Your born-again spirit) does not desire to sin nor does it sin against God.  
*So, Why how is it that we sin after being saved?*

**B. Your born-again spirit is now the *New Root* that is trying to align your mind and your body with it.**

1. In my spirit, I am a *NEW CREATION* in Christ Jesus and as a new created, *I HAVE NO PAST.*
  - a. All of my past died with the *Old Man*, when I was born again.
  - b. I am no longer a sinner.
  - c. I have been freed from the old man and the power of the *Sin Nature*.
  - d. In my spirit, “*The Old Man*” died. However, he left something behind, *the body and soul/mind*
2. I have been born again, but I still have the old influence of sin working in my mind and body.  
*Just as a computer must have new updated software to produce*

*changes, I need an update or change of software in my mind to experience change in my mind and body.*

- a. The Bible calls this “Renewing the Mind”. (Rom 12)
- b. Renewing the mind is to take what you think and replace it with what the Word of God says.
- c. You cannot get the “New Program” without opening your Bible.

### 3. The Renewed Mind!

The reason many born-again people continue to deal with sin issues is their failure to open the Bible and download the new program to their mind which will effect change in the actions of their body.

*If we can transform the mind, the body will follow.*

- a. Renewing the Mind is a process that will last until Jesus comes.
- b. Misbehavior is not a product of “*Who I am*”, but a product of who I used to be.
- c. Sinning is connected to the *Old me* – (The Old Program)  
*Change the program and you will stop sin in that area.*
- d. The first major step toward real transformation is to know who you are in Christ (Righteous).
- e. The Second major step is to remind yourself often of you righteous identity in Christ established completely upon His grace.
- f. The Third step is to daily look into the mirror of God’s word and allow the living word of God to supernaturally transform your mind and body to align with your born again spirit.

**2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)** – *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as <sup>[a]</sup>by the Spirit of the Lord.*

**2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)** – *So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.*

III. Conclusion

- A. We sin after we are born again because we are still living with a mind and body that needs to be renewed to the things of God daily
- B. God knowing this, provided a remedy for believers when we miss the mark or fall short of his perfect will.

1. The Church is to assist in restoring those who have fallen.

**Galatians 6:1 (NKJV)** – *Brethren, if a man is <sup>[a]</sup>overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.*

2. We Have an Advocate with the Father.

**1 John 2:1-2 (NKJV)** – *<sup>1</sup>My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

**1 John 2:1-2 (TPT)** – *<sup>1</sup>You are my dear children, and I write these things to you so that you won't sin. But if anyone does sin, we continually have a forgiving Redeemer<sup>[a]</sup> who is face-to-face with the Father:<sup>[b]</sup> Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice<sup>[c]</sup> for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.<sup>[d]</sup>*

3. **1 John 1:9 (NKJV)** – *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**1 John 1:9 (TPT)** – *But if we freely admit our sins when his light uncovers them,<sup>[a]</sup> he will be faithful to forgive us every time. God is just to forgive us our sins because of Christ, and he will continue to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*