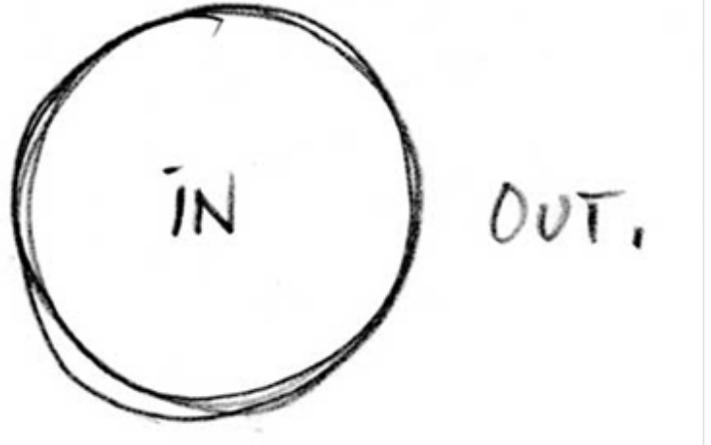


“And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for Whatever Is Not Of Faith Is Sin.” Romans 14:23no2 KJV

You can't be in and out of a circle at once. Disobedience is the absence of obedience. Cold is the absence of heat. Dark is the absence of light. Death is the absence of life. Sin is the absence of faith. *“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, THE EVIDENCE of things not seen.”* Faith is the evidence of the UNSEEN God! Unbelief in God's Word is the cause of sin. Sin is disobedience. We disobey God, because we do not fear Him as we ought!

And we don't fear Him, because we don't believe His Word! God is not just Love; He is Wrath, Judgment, and Anger in the same measure as His Grace, Mercy, and Love! The only thing that stays the Wrath of God is the Faith of God, because *“without faith it is impossible to please Him. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. For by Grace are ye saved THROUGH FAITH; and that NOT OF YOURSELVES: it is the GIFT OF GOD.”* Unbelievers and believers all sin; the difference is, believers always repent. *“A just man falleth seven times, and RISETH UP AGAIN.”* Repentance is simply a return to obedience from disobedience; getting back up. If you are comfortable in what you know is sin, then you are NOT a believer in spite of what you say! *“Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: THE DEVILS ALSO BELIEVE, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works (obedience) is dead?”* Obedience is the earmark of faith, of the true believer, and faith is the earmark of the true child of God!



Repenting of the sin I'm in,
The times I fall and once again,
Obeying God the One I love,
In Hope of Heav'nly Home above! –CGP

It's your repentance that endears you to God! King David's sins are recorded in great detail, but he was *“a man after his own heart,”* because he always repented. We sin every day, but do we repent or do we stay down?

“For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give Grace and Glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.”
Psalms 84:11-12 KJV