

*"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith **Christ Hath Made Us Free**, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1No2 KJV*



Because of the flesh, our body, we will sin. *"For I know that...in my flesh dwelleth NO GOOD thing: O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us."* It's not so much a question of IF we'll sin, but WHEN we'll sin and what we do about it! Paul wrote, *"For I delight in the Law of God after the inward man (spirit): but I see another law in my members (body), warring against the Law of my mind (thought)."* It is war between soul and body for every believer. Before faith, we had no direction but sin. But Truth gives us new sight and we must learn to obey Truth, and reject the *"lusts of the flesh."* Believers have a choice. We can, through God's Word, be *"more than conqueror."* Fleshly desires, from extra helpings to bitterness against fellow believers, are sin. However, *"IF any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous: And He is the Propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for...the sins of the WHOLE world."* Your sin was completely and utterly atoned in the Finished Work of Christ's Sacrifice. *"And hereby we do know that we know Him, IF we keep (obey) His Commandments."* As soon as you're aware something you did or are doing is sin by the Holy Spirit prompting your thoughts with God's Word, stop the sin (repent) and return to obedience. What we think is only there by what we allow or place there either through association or learning. You can't THINK God's Word if you never put it in your thoughts. *"Study to show thyself approved unto God. Meditate (think) therein (God's Word) DAY AND NIGHT."* When God's Word in your thoughts convinces you of sin, repent (stop it). Agree with the Spirit of Truth that it is sin. *"If we confess our sins (agree with God's Word), He is Faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* Don't let Satan browbeat you with guilt and remorse, stealing your joy, and rendering you helpless in your duty. It's not whether you're worthy to proclaim the Gospel, but rather your Joy and duty to do so! When you fail, simply start over; even if you must do it seventy times a day. *"A just man falleth seven times, and riseth up (begins) again."* Rising up again defines the faithful, not the falling. *"Lay aside every weight (doubt, guilt, lust), and the sin which doth SO EASILY beset us, and let us run with patience the Race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the Joy that was set before Him endured the cross."* It is your choice to obey God. Satan is master of using our past to prevent our present obedience with guilt. I challenge you to find one verse that instructs us to wallow in guilt. Rather, we should let the Godly Sorrow of knowing we have wronged the Lover of our soul lead us back to joyful obedience.

Free to live without remorse,
Free to walk and run my course,
No more chains of sin to weigh,
For Christ is now my Hope and Stay. –CGP

You can't run well with weights or live well with sin. Righteousness/obedience requires determined diligence. *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the Mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. For he that cometh to God must believe that...He is a rewarder of them that DILIGENTLY seek Him. It is God which worketh in you both to Will AND to Do of HIS Good Pleasure."* If you are burdened with sin after coming to Christ for Salvation, it's because you picked them back up; you did not have to do it, you chose to do it. Don't carry the remorse of sin around with you. Repentance is the attitude of obedience, refreshed often at the Fountain of Truth. If you confessed and repented of sin, forget it: God has. *"I will put my Laws into their hearts, and their sins and iniquities will I REMEMBER NO MORE."* It's a promise! If you wronged someone, make it right the best you can with God's help. Just remember; sin is first against God; go to Him first, or you'll never have the freedom to do right.

"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is LIBERTY." 2 Corinthians 3:17 KJV