

*“**Whosoever Is Born Of God** doth not commit sin; for His Seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.” 1 John 3:9 KJV*

We often mistake our bodies as the essence of who we are, but actually we souls with a body and spirit; three yet one in the Image of the “three are one” God. “And God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our Image, after our likeness: For there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these Three are One.’” If I may illustrate: You are driving the car (body), planning your workday (soul), and humming a favorite tune (spirit). Yet all of the three while doing separate tasks are still in harmony as a single being. Your



soul is the YOU of you; it is eternal. With God you LIVE forever; without God you are DEAD forever! Death is the absence of life. We are born with a dead spirit; that is, a spirit separated from or absent of God, who is the Spirit of Life. If we are “born again of the Spirit,” it means that God, upon our repentance (that is a return to obedience of God’s Word), rejoins our spirit and makes us His own by virtue of the Presence of His Holy Spirit and our spirit lives! We are now aware of the right and wrong of our decisions (obedience/disobedience) through His Written and preached Word, and our soul must choose which path we follow. “Born again” believers hear the Voice of God in their soul and it is their desire to obey it. The problem is our natural bodies are “sold under sin and cannot discern spiritual things.” The Apostle Paul noted this conflict in Romans chapter seven; “For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto [God’s Word] that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my [body],) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the [Word] of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members (body), warring against the law of my mind (soul), and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members (body).” The Law of our mind is the Word of God, which if studied and learned will illuminate the right path for our choices. Our body will remain “sold under sin” until we die or are changed at the Return of Christ. Our spirit is “born of God” and cannot sin, but our soul, who we are, must choose right or wrong; Spirit or body.

I’m born of God, I am set free,
A child of God that now is me,
While mortal flesh may sinful be,
I may by Spirit choose God’s decree. –CGP

The true believer is never comfortable with sin! The unbeliever is not only comfortable with it, they revel in it!
Which are you?

“Who knowing the Judgment of God, that they which commit [sin] are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” Romans 1:32 KJV