

How Do I Deal With My Sin

I John 1:4- I John 2:2

I. The Explanation of the Believer's Sin

A. The Different Types of Sins

There are two different types of sins that believers can commit:

1. Sins of Omission – omitting – failing to do what we should do
2. Sins of Commission – committing – that's doing what we should not do

B. The Description of Sins

The Bible uses four different words to Describe sin:

1. of course, there is the word Sin – and that means to miss the mark, to come short; as in Romans 3:23
2. Then there is the word Iniquity – the word Iniquity means to violate God's Holy Law with contempt; as in Matthew 7:23
3. Another word used to Describe Sin is the word Transgression – and that means to step over the boundary with disregard to God's revealed will; I John 3:4
4. Finally there is the word Wickedness – this means a vicious disposition and evil deeds, as in Matthew 22:18

C. The Definitions of Sins

The Bible is very clear in its Definitions of Sins, it leaves no doubts.

1. I John 3:4 defines sin as the transgression of the law
2. I John 5:17 defines All unrighteousness as sin
3. Romans 14:23 defines sin as being the absence of faith
4. Finally, James 4:17 throws all the eggs in one basket telling us

II. The Effects of a Believer's Sin

Our Sonship is our standing IN Christ... and that never changes.

Rur Fellowship is our standing WITH Christ ant that CAN change

- Sin destroys Fellowship... not Sonship
- Sonship is based on Birth... Fellowship is based on Behavior
- Sonship is based on HIS Finished Work... Fellowship is based on OUR Faithful Work
- Sonship is based upon the Righteousness of Christ... Fellowship is based on the Righteousness of the Believer.

Psalm 51 reveals the Effects of Sin

- A. We see the Defiling effects of Sin - verse 7
- B. We see the Deafening effects of Sin - verse 8 and Isaiah 59:1-2
- C. We see the Disgracing effects of Sin - verse 9
- D. We see the Damaging effects of Sin - verse 10
- E. We see the Depriving effects of Sin - verse 11
- F. We see the Depressing effects of Sin - verse 12a
- G. We see the Defeating effects of Sin - verse 12b

III. The Escape from the Believer's Sin

There are two ways that we can deal with our sin... the Human way... or the Heavenly way. Proverbs 28:13
The Human way of dealing with sins is to cover them up... but the Heavenly way is to confess them.
The Three-fold Remedy of Escape ...

A. The Remedy is Confession I John 1:9

B. The Remedy is Cleansing I John 1:7

C. The Remedy is Confidence I John 2:3

God never forgets what he *has not* forgiven... But God always forgets what *is* forgiven
If we are man enough to confess and forsake our sins... God is God enough to cleanse and forgive.
When we repent... God forgives... we need to do what God does... and forgive ourselves...

Father I am grateful that you forgive sins. I am grateful for your unconditional love. Thank you for your comforting Assurance that I can never lose my Sonship. Thank you for being merciful and faithful to forgive my sins and to cleanse me from all unrighteousness.

Today I choose to believe in your full forgiveness, in spite of what I may feel. I have confessed; I Repent; I forsake and I willingly turn from my wicked ways. Help me to accept any consequences of my rebellion against you with grace and a humble heart.

I know you can work all things for good to them that love the Lord. I love you Lord. Help me learn from my mistakes, my short-comings, my sin. Work through me to teach and warn others of the danger and damaging effects of sin.

Please make me an instrument of your peace so that others will be drawn to Jesus as their Savior and experience this cleansing peace that passeth all understanding.

In Jesus name, Amen