

Either You Are Saved From Your Sins, Or You Are Still Living In Your Sins



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"Oh, I am just a saved sinner." That is like saying you are a married bachelor. That is like saying you are an honest thief, or a pure harlot. You can't be a saved sinner. You are either saved or you are a sinner. –Leonard Ravenhill

If people would pay attention to the things that they have been indoctrinated into believing more often than not, they would question what they are being told.

For example, look at a man in an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. He is taught to sit in a circle with a room filled with others dealing with the same issue, say his name, call himself an alcoholic, and at the same time, believes that he is in the right place to get healthy. Ridiculous.

By the way, how many have ever heard that alcoholism is a disease?

According to Dr. Bill Sardi's *"Knowledge of Health"*:

"Alcoholism is not a disease and efforts to classify alcoholism as a disease only serve as an escape from personal responsibility. Let it be said that the designation of alcoholism came in at a popular time when therapists were

attempting to gain reimbursements for treatment of this behavior.

Therefore, most experts declared alcohol abuse as a disease in a self-serving manner to obtain fees for treatment. There is NO scientific revelation that brought about alcoholism as a disease."

Dr. Benjamin Rush's resolve to those who choose to drink themselves into oblivion is *"Abstention."*

According to Webster's 1828 Dictionary, abstention means "to forbear, or refrain from, voluntarily; but used chiefly to denote a restraint upon the passions or appetites; to refrain from indulgence."

What some call disease, the Bible calls a choice (Deuteronomy 30:19).

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" -Romans 6:16

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How many times have you heard people say, "I am just a poor sinner (one who chooses to transgress God's Laws; 1 John 3:4) saved by grace"?

What these are saying here, friends, is that Christ is a minister of sin by using His grace as an occasion for the flesh (Galatians 5:13). This is unscriptural.

He not only *"did no sin"* (1 Peter 2:22), but He *"knew no sin"* (2 Cor. 5:21). Jesus does not impart sin; He delivers His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). This is where you find glory in His grace (Ephesians 1:6; 2 Peter 3:18). He is glorified in deliverance, not man's excuses.

Again, Christ is the giver of life and righteousness and the

One who delivers people from sin (Ephesians 1:7), death, and law (Galatians 3:13).

Let me scripturally enlighten you in highlighting grace that overcomes sin. This applies to those who have repented of their sins (2 Corinthians 7:10-11). These are those who understand His grace when He said, "Go and sin no more" (John 8:11).

"But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." – Romans 5:20

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" – Romans 8:37

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." – 1 John 4:4

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." -James 1:12-15.

The apostle Paul, inspired writer of 2/3 of the New Testament, said of himself, *"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway"* (1 Corinthians 9:27).

In other words, Paul was saying, "I practice what I preach". He was empowered by the grace that overcomes. Nowhere can you find in Scripture where it teaches that grace is a covering for wilful sin.

Grace does not grant permission to live in the flesh. Rather,

it supplies power to live in the spirit by its very definition.

In conclusion, throughout my Christian walk, namely in churches, when hearing someone stand up and give a testimony about how "Jesus saved them," I have noticed that out of the 20 or 25 minutes that they are "testifying," a majority of the time that they were speaking that they were highlighting how bad they were with a little of Jesus sprinkled here and there.

Before you know it, the same ones giving their testimonies of how bad they were, were the first ones to go back to their sins (Proverbs 26:11).

A person who is saved from their sins understands that it is not how bad of a sinner they were, but how good of a Savior Christ is in saving His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). This is how He is glorified!

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