

GOD'S BALANCE BETWEEN SIN AND FORGIVENESS

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The human race now has the ability to overcome their original fall. Jesus Christ has opened the door to the tree of life once again. Through repentance, water baptism and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we are returned to the eternal future which was ours from the beginning. However, Satan has not changed, he is still out to deceive and destroy. Satan teaches Christians first to doubt, and then to deny. We need to manage our sins as God says, not by natural logic. It's in our interest to learn what God says and get the balance right.

Sin management (living in a natural body) requires spiritual wisdom and power if we are to continue to overcome this world as a born again soul.

Natural CHOICES lead to natural outcomes. **ROM 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. & **19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. *The physical laws of the universe have spiritual origins... Newton's third law: For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction... sin equals death... forgiveness equals life. The law of life is greater than of sin and death.*

How should we understand sin? 783,000 words in the bible direct the human race how to manage their sinful nature, came at the expense of millions of dead saints.

Debits and credits? *Far too many people believe that sin is measured like a debit and credit book, hoping that their good deeds are greater than their failings or sins. This is completely wrong and is not the scriptural method.* **JAM 2:10** For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. Even breaking the smallest of sins makes us guilty of breaking all the sins... thus salvation takes another form.

We exist in a state of sin because of our fallen humanity; then on top of that we have to face our choices and actions which will always contain elements of sin.

Sin is ever present. **ROM 7:24** O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? **25** I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Not the request of someone who has everything under control So then with the mind I myself serve (present tense) the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. Both are permanently happening at the same time, they never cease. Thus, forgiveness needs to be permanent (ongoing).*

Living in a natural body means that a life without sin is impossible, even with the Holy Spirit. **1JOH 1:10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar,

How does God ask us to visualise sin? **REV 3:18** I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich (God's currency); and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed (covering), and that the shame of thy nakedness (sinful nature... we are always naked under our clothes) do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see (understand how sin is covered and the freedom to spiritually develop without the hindrance of guilt and shame). This is why we must learn the right balance between flesh and Spirit.

1JOH 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Everyone shall be accountable. **ROM 14:12** So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. **13** Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. *There are 2 points... giving an account of our life... not our sins and how we manage the failings of others. This can't happen if we don't understand God's laws on forgiveness.*

REV 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. *Two victories in one... the state of sin and individual sins are all overcome!*

Overcoming is always the best and only option for the living. Some believe that blasphemy of the Holy Spirit cannot be forgiven... but this is also misunderstood.

What about blasphemy of the Holy Spirit. **LUK 12:10** And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

The Holy Spirit is the robe of righteousness that covers our nakedness (sins)... if we reject or deny the Spirit, we are rejecting the only possible covering of sin.

Dealing with individual sins. **MAT 18:21** Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? **22** Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. *This is both a natural and spiritual duty (God's standards are the same).*

MAT 6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. *Many are trapped by their own sinful lack repentance.*

What is the Sin unto death? **1JOH 5:16** If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death (continuous): I do not say that he shall pray for it. **17** **All unrighteousness is sin:** and there is a sin not unto death. *The only unforgivable sin, is the sin that is not repented of... this often happens when people give up on walking in the spirit altogether.* **JAM 5:20** Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. *Many of the 'sin' scriptures, but not all... refer to people who fall away as opposed to those that are addressing their daily walk in the Lord.* **Avoidance is the first priority, but sins will occur.** **1JOH 2:1** My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: Thus, **GAL 5:16** This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh (as a way of life). *There is a difference between choosing sin as a way of life or overcoming our failings.*

ROM 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. *We are freed from sins, not freed to choose sins.*

GAL 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty (freedom from slavery) wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. *Paul was angry because church members had surrendered their freedom for legalism (dealing with sin in a non scriptural manner). He saw legalism as a destroyer of freedom, ('anything*

goes' is equally destructive). Once filled with the spirit, we are eating from the tree of life... nothing else matters more than keeping God's power at the forefront of our life choices, both in forgiveness and mercy.