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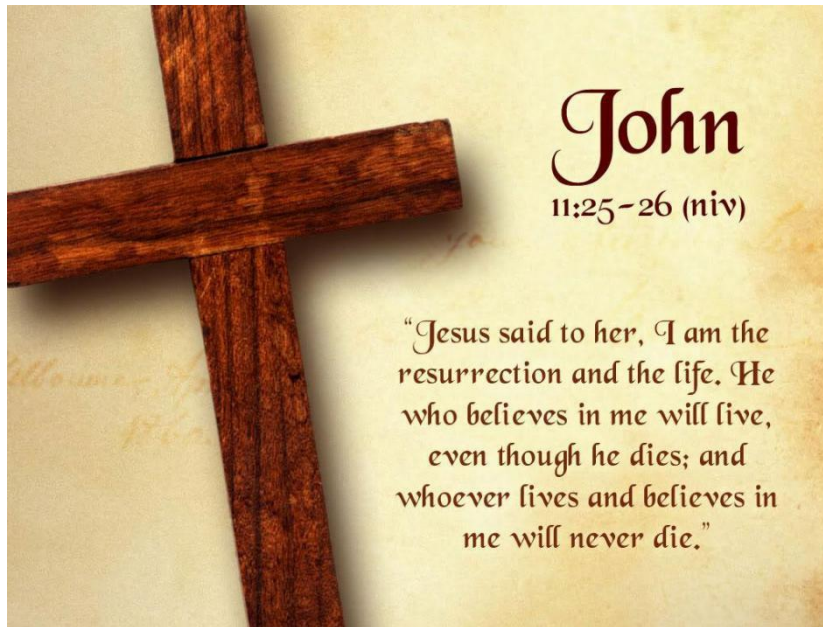
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You can be free from sin only if your eyes of faith are open to see it and to believe it.

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***“UNTILL A MAN IS TIRED OF HIS PRESENT LEVEL, THERE IS NO JUSTIFIABLE REASON TO MOVE HIM TO THE NEXT LEVEL. ARE YOU THIRSTY FOR NEW HEIGHTS IN CHRIST?”
..... Olugbenga Peter Adebanjo.***

Dedication.

This book is dedicated to all servants of the Lord who have and keeps laboring tirelessly in the vineyard of the kingdom, to see that men live practically the lifestyle of holiness based on the gift of righteousness, given to us by God the father through Christ Jesus our Lord.

PREFACE

The first edition was written around 2011/2012 as I began to learn to walk victoriously above sin and the works of the flesh, the Lord had to delay this book for over four to five years, till I can practically walk further in the truth shared in this material. After which He granted grace for the first publishing in 2014/15.

Initially I thought it was not possible for me to live victoriously everyday above the power of sin and sinfulness but the Lord in his graciousness began to open my eyes to the truth of his word and I tell you grace is available for everyone who will believe what Christ accomplished on the cross.

Therefore, I write to you, believers, with sincerity of heart as one who has received mercy to join my fathers and elders whom God has used and is still using to publish the word of truth without defiling it.

The burden behind this outline is especially for youths and young believers who accepts Christ over and over and keeps going back into sin, because they lack the knowledge of what Christ has done on the cross for them. And anytime they listen to a powerful sermon, they answer the altar call again and again; and as a result of this, many young believers and babes in Christ think and believe that there is no way any man can be free from sin.

This is a deception the devil uses to stop them from soaring high in the righteousness of Christ. These young believers hold the erroneous view that we will all manage to get to heaven and that God will have to pity some Christians in order to allow them to get to heaven. Also, the labor of this work is written to believers who keeps rising and falling, so that they can have stability in the perfection of Calvary.

It is with a sincere heart that I pray again that the Lord will open the eyes of your understanding to the realities of the word of God. Therefore, I admonish you that if you are still struggling with particular sins or habits, get your Bible, a book and a biro and be ready to write the infallible truths you will discover in this outline and get your heart bowed in sincere prayer that God will open your eyes to see the conclusion that victory over **sin is already a settled matter.**

I now present to you this outline, not as a master, but as a disciple who has discovered this wonderful truth that set me free and by the grace of God, I am still living in the reality of what is written herein and I can boldly tell you, by the grace of God, that I am free from committing sin.

It is my earnest desire and cry that as you open your heart, you will discover deeper revelations from the word of God as you study this outline. Don't be eager to have head knowledge, but be ready to receive life that will make you to continually live the lifestyle of holiness.

Your Brother,
Olugbenga Adebajo.

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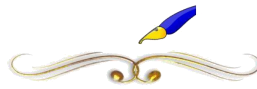
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CHAPTER ONE

THE ARGUMENT

There is a continuous argument going on everywhere in the heart of several people. This argument did not start last year; it has been an age long argument among the young and old, rich and poor, educated and illiterate. What is that argument? It is that many says it is not possible to live without committing sin.

Some people hold the erroneous view that it is normal to commit sin, and then, we will keep asking for forgiveness continually till we die, and that the last work we do on earth will be the basis of our judgment on the final day. Some other people argue that nobody on earth is righteous (even some Pastors) believe, that only God is righteous and we will only get to heaven by God's pity. But there is another set of people who believe that we can be forever free from committing sin and to live victoriously above sin on a daily basis.

My question to you is, which one do you believe and which one do you stand for and which one is working in your life? what I am asking here is, do you believe nobody can be free from committing sin or you believe man can be free from committing sin?

Some people say I know it is possible to live a holy life, but it is not possible with me, not even in this country or in this area where I live. I have met a lot of people who believe that we cannot stop committing sin because we are humans; I even remember preaching to a brother who was angry because I told him I have been living victoriously above sin by the grace of God, since the day I saw the light of God's word.

Now listen, before you think it is impossible, write sincerely from your heart, your answers to the following questions: -

a. Is God a liar? Answer it

b. Is the Bible the inspired word of God?

c. Can the Bible be a book of lies and why?

d. Do you believe the Bible?

e. Are you ready to believe the Bible, no matter the level of your weakness or struggle?

You need to know that whatever is written in the word of God is written because it is possible, and whatever God did with any life in the Bible whether Daniel, Joseph, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Paul, or Peter, He can do today with anyone who believes in him.

Now look at this profound truth, Jesus said in **Mathew 22 vs 29**. I want you to sit down and look at this scripture with your heart because this statement made by Jesus Christ has a powerful insight, I Pray that you see it. Please, take note that it was Jesus Christ Himself who said it.

Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

Jesus replied you are in error because you do not know the scriptures or the power of God (NIV).

But Jesus replied to them, you are wrong because you know neither the scripture nor the power of God (Amp).

But Jesus said Your errors are caused by your ignorance of the Scriptures and of God's power. (LB).

Did you see it, dear reader? **You will always be in error**, several lives are in error, some have spent more than 5 years in error but they are in church attending several church services and programs yet they live in error because of ignorance, take note that, your life will always produce error, if you don't know the word of God. I am not talking about quoting Bible verses. You may be able to quote several verses in the Bible and yet you are so ignorant of the power and revelational truths of the scriptures.

Several people have not tasted the power of God available through the scriptures. You may be a church 'goer', a worker, a preacher, a chorister, a chapel prefect or fellowship coordinator, yet you don't have the experiential knowledge of the scriptures. Remember, 'you shall know the truth and the truth you know shall make you free'. John 8:32.

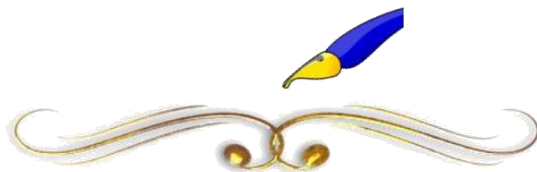
My brother, do you know the truth about freedom from sin? My sister, why are you still a sinner? Is it not because you don't know the power of God available in the scriptures and that is why you have remained addicted to sin? I hear you keep saying I don't know how to be free; you claim you are tired of your habits and attitudes in sin but you are too lazy to search the scriptures with a burning heart.

Don't claim that you are a sound Christian if you are still lying. Don't say you know the truth when you still fornicate or watch pornography. You still curse, fight, get angry uncontrollably and so on and all these have continued as a lifestyle. You may be speaking in tongues, but I tell you **if you still commit sin, you are a slave to sin and you don't know the truth that delivers from sin**. It was because the truth of the Word of God delivered me from sin that was why I received the burden to write this study material, so that you can also experience freedom; and if you are free, so that you can be established in your freedom.

Listen, do you want to live continuously above sin or you are satisfied with the sinful lifestyle that will cripple your divine destiny and placement in the purpose of God. I want you to know that until a man is tired of his present state he cannot move to the next level. No sinner will have their part in the Kingdom of God; it is a verdict from the father. **Galatians 5 vs 19-21**. So, if no sinner will inherit God's Kingdom. Then there must be a way out of this sin matter; and I want to tell you that the Almighty Father has made it easy for you to live victoriously above sin. If you don't believe what God said in his Word, you won't become what the Word says. Let me ask you these questions. Why is it that you believe the newspaper more than you believe the Bible? Why do you believe your teachers and professors in the university than the inspired Word of God? Don't claim that you believe in God when you don't sit to check what God said in His word concerning sin, and the way of deliverance that he has provided to be free forever from the ruler ship of sin and sinfulness.

Therefore, if you know you are tired-of rising and falling, and if you are tired of been joyful for one week and dull for three weeks, then settle it now with God in sincere prayer, bow your heart now and cry to God saying “Oh God I will stop my argument. **I am the one who is wrong and I have fallen into error because I don't know the scriptures or the power of God.** I am now ready to study your word and search out what it means to live victoriously and whatever I see in the scriptures I will believe and abide by it no matter the confusion satan is bringing to my mind I have decided to abide by the truths I see in the scriptures. Thank you, Lord, for answering me; I know you will not cast me away.”

Listen to this. As we discuss in this outline, sit with it until you see the light. If you don't see it, don't stand up. You can go and do other urgent things that needs to be done, but don't let your heart stray from this matter; **because if you don't set aside other things in order for you to see your victory above sin, your ignorance may set you aside in the purpose of God.** But I want you to keep on saying in your heart I can't go to hell; I must not continue to sin I must see my deliverance in Jesus Name, I have a future with God.



CHAPTER TWO

WHAT IS SIN?

If you are familiar with the Bible, in Genesis 3, sin is what Adam and Eve did, they violated or disobeyed the instruction of God. So, simply put, when you disobey the word of God as written in the Bible, you have committed sin. And in order for you to understand what sin is meditate on the following scriptures. Use other translations of the Bible for more clarity and note your findings:

NOTE: Please don't jump any aspect if you want to see deliverance from sin.

Genesis 2 vs 16 – 17 note the word 'commanded'

Genesis 3 vs 1 – 13

Romans 5 vs 19

The works of the flesh is sin ***Galatians 5 vs 19 – 21***

You are to study these scriptures and write out what sin is. Please take the study seriously. Gal 5:19-21

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

²⁰Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

²¹Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Therefore, when any of these in *Galatians 5 vs 19 – 21* is found in any life, that person is disobeying the instruction of God. And you must note another thing that makes man a sinner even if he or she behaves morally well, it is that *sin is not just what you do, it is the nature of anybody who does not believe in what Jesus Christ did on the cross of Calvary.*

in John 3:16-18. Check out this scripture in The Message translation of the Bible.

.....anyone who trust in him (Christ) is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it..... MSG

UNDERSTANDING SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCE

Listen to this very carefully if you don't believe the Bible as the inspired word of God, then there is no use studying this outline. It will be better for you to drop this material; but I want you to know that there is no help anywhere, except in the living word of God. Whatever the Bible did not conclude can never be concluded; but if the written word of God has settled a matter it is forever concluded, Therefore, believe the Bible and then you will realize your glorious destiny which is conforming to the image of Christ; or you can choose to doubt the Bible and your life will end up in shambles, pay attention to the word of God or ELSE you will end up in confusion.

In *Romans 5:12*, the Bible says:

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:

From the above scripture, we understand that we all inherited the sinful nature from Adam and no matter what, anyone who has not seen by faith the light of salvation through the finished works of

Christ cannot help but commit sin; and until you see that each time you commit sin, no matter how small you think it may be, you are operating in death. This death is what many people cannot perceive because the devil has decorated sin as fun which everybody must engage in. sin has a deceiving pleasure but the end of it is serious guilt, condemnation, confusion, restlessness and bitterness. Satan, the father of all liars and a transgressor against the will of God, is a spirit operating with the power of death and he has become a minister of death.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What the scripture is saying here is very plain: the consequence of committing sin is death.

So, you see that a man can be breathing and walking the street, yet if he is a sinner, he is a dead man. Death here means separation from the living i.e., victorious Christian. And it also means separation from the life of God. And if such a person eventually dies physically, his or her soul will depart to hell fire where he or she will suffer and experience the real meaning of DEATH.

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Look at another profound scripture, ***Ezekiel 18:20***

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father; neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

Therefore, I persuade you, by the mercies of GOD and warn you like the apostles did, don't be persuaded by hyper grace preachers who are not balanced in their teaching of the word of God. If you study the epistles and the entire New Testament you will see boldly that God does not condone sin and sinfulness. God clearly hates sin; Jesus hates it and the Holy Spirit is grieved by it. No believer should ever claim to be in grace and still indulge in sinfulness.

Flee from sin. Don't embrace it. Sin will sink you. No man embraces fire in his bosom and is not burnt. No matter how far a man has gone even in ministry, the day he or she begins to touch sin and remains in it, that is the beginning of the end of that life, Jesus clearly warned in **Luke 13:3**

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

I counsel you not to joke with sin, don't embrace it, it deceives a lot, it promises you a poisonous enjoyment, on the surface it looks like it is good but when you swallow the fruit of sin you will be miserable for the rest of your life. Sin is like a razor blade that cuts a man away from the presence of God, it is the chain and link by which all the oppressions of the devil come into full force in any life. **Don't let anyone deceive you, the wages of sin is still death, the abode of sinners is still the lake of fire, and whosoever commits sin is of the devil. God hates sin, Jesus hates sin and Holy spirit hates sin.**

The consequence of sin is so much that when God decides to judge sin, no man or family can stand it; even the entire world cannot bear the judgment of sin. [*That was why God dealt with sin personally by the finished work of Christ Jesus his son on the cross*](#) and asks you to believe and walk in the light of what he did, so that you can be free forever. Jesus Christ did not die on the cross for us to remain a slave to sin but to live victoriously over sin, therefore, to deny that victory above sin is possible is to deny the power of the cross of Calvary and it means you have consciously or unconsciously called God a liar.

I write to counsel you to develop hatred for sin, may the Lord grant you understanding.

NB: ONE OF THE KEYS TO VICTORY ABOVE SIN, IS NOT JUST TO FEEL BAD ABOUT SIN BUT TO HATE IT, JUST LIKE CHRIST HATED IT.



CHAPTER THREE

THE STRUGGLE THAT BRINGS WEAKNESS

Now let's consider the struggle in which most Christians find themselves. If you are already born again, i.e., you've ACCEPTED Christ sincerely and genuinely, not just by mental confession, but you still have certain sinful habits that still controls you; you have cried, prayed and given your life to Christ again and again because of lack of assurance, such that if you were asked, when did you accept Christ into your life, you don't even know anymore, then listen with a careful heart. At this point, you need to understand the struggle that continually brings weakness to you after you accepted Christ; and if you know you don't have Christ in your life, then read on so that you can see why you behave the way you do.

Now check the following scripture **Romans 7 vs 15-20**.

¹⁵I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

¹⁸And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. ¹⁹I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. ²⁰But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. (NLT)

If you read that scripture to the last verse, you will see the struggle that Paul was going through and that was what I also went through, I believe you did too or you are going through that right now. But take note that **Romans 7** was the experience of Apostle Paul before he encountered Christ. But many people have used this scripture to support their weakness.

Looking at **verse 19 and 20** again from the NKJV translation of the Bible, Paul lamented: ***“the good I love to do I discover I am not doing it, the evil I don’t want to do that is what I found myself doing, now if I do what I don’t like to do then it is no more I that is doing it but sin that dwell in me.”***

(Paraphrased)

This is the struggle that brings weakness. It’s really a serious struggle because you really want to please God but you just find out, you cannot. And maybe you are like me, who for many years struggled with thoughts that are not holy, and because I did not understand the scripture I struggled. Dear reader, I really struggled. I wanted to please God, but these things pulled me back and this struggle brought weakness to my spiritual life. i.e., Sometimes I would feel I am – spiritually hot and another time I would feel cold, it would look as if I am really serious with God at a time and another time it would look as if I am weak, I really walked then by **feeling** and not by **faith**. I was already preaching the gospel but I had internal defeat. This struggle with sin is the reason for the weak practice of Christianity in our present generation.

We have a lot of youths and young believers, who are supposed to be on fire for God, but they are still struggling. They really have accepted Christ but they are still struggling. Oh! I hated my struggling days; they were days of serious setback. I had come to Christ but I couldn’t explain what was still happening to me. It was as if I had an internal question burning within me and the question was:

This life of struggling with sin cannot be what Jesus died for. But I thank God, he gave me victory. Beloved, Jesus Christ did not die to make you a struggling son or daughter. He died to make you a reigning king and priest to God. If you have not come to the point where you hate this struggling that brings weakness, if you are not desperate to know the truth that brought victory and if you are not serious about getting to heaven, then you are probably not ready to taste the joy of living an overcoming life. I counsel you to make up your mind, right now. And be ready to discover the truth. I will like to implore you right now to pray the following prayers seriously with a desperate heart to God, make sure you pray from your heart by faith.

- I agree O Lord to stop struggling.
- I am now ready to receive your light from your word on this matter.
- I did not accept Jesus Christ so that I can continue to struggle.
- I receive grace to see the word of God beyond this outline.

Did you pray this prayer with a ready and sincere heart? If yes, then you are serious about this lifestyle of righteousness and you need to understand that no human or self-help method will deliver you. Let me share this with you; before I saw the light on victory above sin I cried, I fasted, I prayed, but all of these I did in ignorance. None of these things I did, could help me. But when light broke into my spirit, which includes some of the truths we will be sharing in this outline, I became free from sin and I have been growing in the life of holiness ever since. I started this understanding from Peace House meeting in Gboko, Benue State in 2009, but I was later faced with some challenges that wanted me to doubt the revelation I got. I want you to know that the devil will combat you because he knows that **when a Christian is living a victorious life style, that Christian is a threat to his kingdom.**

This is because; any man living in holiness can challenge the devil without a guilty conscience. The challenges I faced then, came to question my assurance of what I believed Jesus did on the cross; not that I went back into sin, but I almost lost my confidence and assurance in Christ, but later I entered a new level of revelation. There are different levels of experience in Christ that you must crave for, that will usher you into new heights in Christ and it comes by knowledge and when you decide to abide in the truth no matter the feeling you have, let me draw a note here, never listen to any thoughts that come to your mind when you begin to walk in this truth of freedom from sin, don't pay attention to your feelings but pay attention to your faith in the word of God. This was what I did and I am still doing and I can say today all by the grace of God THAT I have ceased from struggling.

Listen, after you answered the altar call, do you still find yourself going back to the sin you hated and it looks as if there is nothing you can do about it? Do you masturbate, are you a heavy smoker,

fornicator, liar, etc. or your mind cannot just stop thinking and spending time on lustful and immoral thoughts, and after you have come to Christ you still find yourself struggling? Then you need to understand this fact; that the sin problem is not your problem.

What do I mean? What **Romans 7** says is that **you are not the cause; you were born like that.**

SIN IS A NATURE

Read ROMANS 7 in your Bible to verse 23 and you will discover that **sin is a nature, it is a law.** Sin is just what is normal for a natural man or woman with a natural mind to do, so the sinful nature is just there inside you, such that you don't need to go to any school to learn how to lie, be angry, lust, etc. It is just there in you; you met it at birth. The sinful nature is old and stubborn. The word of God called it the '**old man**'. Eph 4:22

Therefore, you are not the cause. My prayer is that the Lord will open your mind to know that the solution to sin can't be done by you, since you are not the cause. Stop thinking you will stop it by your determination, fasting and several vigils. It can only be solved by God who knows the origin of the sinful nature. Sin is just there as a proud occupant of your home; I mean your body. Such that, even if you don't have any bad habit, you are still a sinner, once you have not confessed Christ as your Lord and Savior. Note this: that, **you are not a sinner because you commit sin, you only commit sin because you are a sinner.** Understand that, even if you claim that you don't have any bad habit, you are still a sinner because it is not about what you do, it is about who you are, Because, after Adam sinned, all mankind that was born into this world carried the sinful nature. Look at God's word from **Gen. 2:17**.

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shall surely die.

And so, all men died through Adam. This means all men became sinners through Adam. Check

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one-man (adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Therefore, if you have not received Christ by faith, though you may be raised in a Christian home or you might even be the child of a minister of God, you are still a sinner, if you have not come to the saving knowledge of Christ, no matter your religion or philosophy you are still a sinner.

But our focus is you, who have now accepted Christ and you still find yourself still struggling; maybe you don't even have any particular sinful habit, but you just don't have that assurance in your heart that you are a child of God, and that if Christ comes now to take the saints, you will not make it to heaven.

The way you can be free is that you must reach the point where you just agree with God that you will no longer struggle that is the first principle, you must agree to rest. And since you have cried, prayed, fasted and nothing has happened, it is time now that you rest, by handing this matter over to Jesus, since you are not the cause of this sinful nature. And if you are a backslider, cry to God for repentance. The door is open Christ will receive you. Don't perish in sinfulness. It is time to return to the Lord with a repentant heart. Bow your heart in prayer to him. Another second, minute or hour in sinfulness may be dangerous for you. So come to the cross of Christ and you will be forgiven and your destiny will be fully restored.

Study Questions:

Ask yourself the following questions and answer sincerely.

(1) In what area am I still struggling in regard to sin?

(2) Am I a backslider and have I returned to the Lord?

(3) Do I have the assurance of salvation (Maybe you have come to Christ but you are just not sure of your salvation)?

(4) Do I understand this chapter? If not, read again and make your notes.

Let us prayerfully trust God to help us see deeply as we go to the next chapter.



CHAPTER FOUR

THE ENCOUNTER THAT BRINGS DELIVERANCE

Have you received the Lord Jesus Christ as savior and your Lord? If yes, then you have had an encounter with Christ. That day you heard the message of salvation and you believed in the Word of the Lord, was the day Heaven recognized you as a member of the spiritual family. You must know that surrendering your life to Christ is an encounter, which means there will now be a change of direction.

Wherever you were heading before, you can no longer go there. If you have said yes to Jesus as your Lord and savior and you still love and you are still willing to stay with worldly music, your sinful Boyfriend or Girlfriend, then you were not sincere in your decision to follow Jesus.

Look at **Luke 19 vs 5-9**:

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, for so much as he also is a son of Abraham.

When Zacchaeus met the Lord Jesus, he had a change of life. He knew he could not go on cheating. He knew that Christ had come into his life and things were now different.

Listen, this encounter with the Word of God changes life. The day you prayed to receive Christ into your life, did you pray sincerely, repenting from your sin or you just repeated those words mentally? If you just repeated them mentally because a person told you to do it, then your salvation is not genuine. But if it was done sincerely, then God took you seriously and Christ came into your life.

Rom 10: 9-10:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

If you were indeed convicted of your sin or your emptiness without Christ and you sincerely prayed the prayer of salvation, then note that since that day you have had inside you, a hatred for sin, because, since you sincerely came to Christ, light came into you, darkness disappeared. Because the word of God says Christ is light.

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

(Joh 12:46)

So, if you have received him, you have received the light, and you can no longer love and abide in darkness; You now have a hatred for sin, your taste has just change, that is what normally happens to everyone who genuinely receives Christ. You can no longer love to commit sin willfully. That is the encounter that brings deliverance. I want you to prayerfully consider ***I Peter 1 vs 8-23***. I want you to read it again and again, but focus on verse 23 which says:

Being born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

When you came to Christ with sincerity of Heart, the blood of Jesus Christ cleansed you and still cleanses you from all iniquity (I John 1:7). Your record in heaven is now free from all offences. You must believe that you were redeemed and translated from the kingdom of Satan to the kingdom of Christ. Look at Col 1:13:

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

There is now a change of your identity, you can no longer talk, dress, think the way you freely thought or did things before. There is a great change because you were not born again of a corruptible seed, so corruption is no more in your spirit because you believed the word of God.

Note that it is **not by feeling but by faith**, it is not when you feel like you are holy that matters. What matters is that you genuinely confessed Christ as Lord and your savior, and you decided to forsake the life of sinfulness. Hallelujah! You are a new man, no condemnation can be held against you, you are in Christ, where sin is not allowed to reign, therefore, if you still seriously love to sin or you think of the word of God with a careless heart and you claim to be born again, **check-up yourself; you have not encountered the word.**

Nobody encounters the Lamb of God and still loves to remain in sin. This scripture settles it in ***II Cor 5 vs 17.***

If any man be in Christ, He is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

When anyone is united with Christ, they become a new person. God makes the new. Old things have gone. See, they have become new! [Easy English]

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new has begun! [NLT]

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! [NIV]

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
[GNB]

Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! [MSG]

Looking at this scripture closely. You will discover that, if any man is in Christ (i.e., been Born Again) note that the bible says he is a new creature not He will be a new creature, meaning that, you are not trying to change your ways in order to become a new nature, you are now a new creature with a new way of thinking and lifestyle. Don't believe any other thing; believe the bible, adjust your thinking to the conclusion of the scripture that you (in your spirit) are a new creature. All past is past; your present is now present, even when the thought of your past life and sins you committed comes to your mind, learn to say this all the time that my past is past, **I am now in Christ I believe it, even though I don't feel it. I confess and believe according to the word of God that I am new, I am special, I am unique, and Satan has lost power over me.**

Though it may take a little time for your mind to be used to this new life, the fact is that it has happened and you are now new as new. I counsel you to sit much with the word of God for the renewal of your mind because old things are passed away not will pass away, behold all things are become new. Therefore, do not think, you will still go on with your old lifestyle. Praise God, the Bible cannot lie. You are now completely new, praise God for this. You have encountered life; you are a new man and you are a new woman. You are no longer in devil's custody whether you feel it or not, you must believe this, for you to enter the reality.

Romans 10 vs. 9 confirms it:

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shall be saved.

The salvation message you heard that brought you to Christ is the encounter that brings deliverance; You cannot be saved in any other name apart from the name of Jesus Christ. Have you encountered Christ? If yes praise God; and if no, why not fall on your knees and repent of your sins; Eternal life awaits you. But please know that you can't claim you are born again and you love sin, it is not true. Don't be deceived, this encounter with Christ changes the direction of men. I am a living testimony to it, and I have seen other children of God that have the same testimony. Truly, my life has not remained the same; this must also be your testimony.

Study Questions

- 1. Do you understand this chapter? If not, read it again and study the scriptures quoted in this chapter.
- 2. What are the new realities that have happened to you immediately you accepted Christ according to these scriptures, **I Peter 1vs 23, John 3 vs 36, II Cor 5 vs 17** (focus on the scriptures, and please make sure you write your answer down in a book, you can refer to later remember when Satan comes to your mind to question your assurance, rely on the Word of God and not on your feelings)?

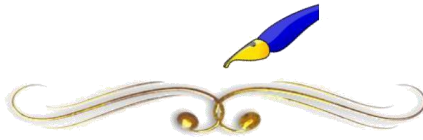
3. How did you accept Christ as your Lord and savior? How did you respond to the word of God for salvation? Meditate on it and write down how it happened e.g., the day, the date and the year (or the three), the message you heard, that made you responded to salvation.

4. Then thank God for your salvation and rejoice in it.

Please take note that you must study the scriptures quoted above. The word of God itself has power and is sharper than any two-edged sword because that is where revelation is.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE A TEACHER HANDLING THIS OUTLINE, PLEASE GUIDE THE STUDENTS TO THE ANSWERS BASED ON THE SCRIPTURES.

Further studies: john 1:1-14, john 10:1-18.



CHAPTER FIVE

THE REVELATION OF THE SETTLED MATTER OF SIN

Dear reader, thank God you have studied to this point, can you still take a moment to sincerely pray, that the Lord will open your eyes to see this truth because if you do not see it, you cannot experience freedom. **It is the truth you know and apply that can set you free.** Sin is a serious matter, and if it is reigning in the life of anyone, God cannot agree with that life. You cannot be in sin and ask that the grace of God should abound. **Rom 6:1 and 2**

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid.....

Listen, when this truth finally broke out to me, I was with the Lord in fasting and prayer, and as I searched the scriptures and Godly books, suddenly, I saw the revelation of the settled matter of sin, and I am inviting you now not just to nod your head in agreement with the word of God but to look at the scripture with eagerness and expectation for revelation; because **revelation will release impartation into your spirit man**, and when this is done deeply and you dwell on the revelation you have seen in the word, transformation will take place. Then you will be changed into another, from glory to glory by the grace of the Lord.

Look at this scripture **2 Cor 3:18**

..... continued to behold (in the word of God) as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into his (very own) image in ever increasing splendor (and) from one degree of glory to another; (for this comes) from the Lord (who is) the spirit.

(Amp)

As you look at and you keep looking at the Lord from the mirror of the Word of God, you will discover that you will be changing into the same image. This is powerful; as we behold THE WORD we are changed into **HIS VERY OWN IMAGE**. It means all you need to do is to ensure that your heart is open by faith to see and believe the word of God, and I guarantee you that if you do this, you cannot escape deliverance.

I persuade you therefore to let the word of God take all your attention, look until you are hooked firmly to the word of God that was what delivered my life from sin. And this is what the Lord is saying to you right now. I write these things to you because the Lord has settled my case and he has finished my old life of sinfulness.

Now get your Bible and open the following scriptures with an open heart. You can use other Translations of the Bible for more clarity, and study, I mean study until you see the revelation of a victorious life above sin. **Revelation is a clear insight (knowledge) into the word of God that is made known to your spirit man by the Holy Spirit.**

We will now be highlighting some scriptures, you will do well to take time to read and do some meditations and whatever you see in the word of God please respond and believe it simply, don't look at your mind or feelings. Because once you doubt the word of God it will not affect you, but when faith in your heart is released to the word of God it will profit you.

Now, turn your Bible to **Isaiah 53 vs 1-12**. Read and meditate on it until you discover the truth. Note that the man been referred to in this scripture is **Jesus Christ**, and all of these things happened to him because of you and me. Turn your attention to verse 6:

All we (includes you and me) like sheep have gone astray we have turned everyone to his own way AND THE LORD HATH LAID ON HIM (CHRIST)THE INIQUITY (SIN, OLD MAN) OF US (INLCUDNG YOU AND ME) ALL. (Emphasis mine)

What did you notice in the scripture above? You will notice that according to the scripture above, your sin has been laid on Christ, take note of the word laid and who did it, **“THE LORD DID IT”**. **This is the freedom**. Let me give you an illustration. If a load is on you and it was taken and dropped on another man’s head, can we say you are still carrying that load? The answer is NO, do you agree? If you agree, then according to Isaiah 53:6, that was how God took all your sins and the sinful nature and He placed it on Christ. Now Christ carried your sinful nature and you became free.

I want you to say this clearly that the old life of sin that you carry has been laid upon Christ. The sinful nature of lies, anger, fornication; lesbianism etc. is no more with you the moment you received Christ as your substitution on the cross. Did you see this truth? Because when you see it with your heart, not your head, then light has come to you from God’s word.

Now I want you to say these words also in prayer by faith with all seriousness. Say it like this; **I am a free man or woman, this sinful nature of mine has been laid on Christ and I believe, no matter the way I feel, it is the truth of God’s word. And because it is written in the Word, and the Word of God cannot lie. I believe it and that settles it, AMEN.**

Look at verse **10 of Isaiah 53:**

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief; when thou shall make his soul an offering for sin.....

What did you discover again from this scripture? It says, it pleased God to bruise Christ for your sake and mine. What a love; and He made him (Christ) an offering for sin for your sake.

Turn your Bible again to **1 John 1 vs 7.**

..... **The blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanses (removes) from us all sin (and) guilt**
(keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestation). (Amplified version)

Another issue is that you must know the value of the blood of Jesus and whether you feel it or not, if you walk in the light, (The word of God) which is Christ himself, you have been cleansed and you are being continually cleansed from all sin, as long as you remain and abide in Christ. Note that the blood of Jesus Christ is so powerful. Remember **Exodus 12 vs 13:**

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. KJV

Here we see the power of the blood under the Old Testament. God clearly said when I see the blood, I will pass over you. Take note that it is God who said when I see the blood. The shedding of blood of bulls and rams and that blood been applied on the door post of children of Israel is the signal that the angel of destruction sees and gives him a signal that a life has been offered. So, when God saw this, He could no longer judge the people. I want you to also understand that, God has seen the blood of Jesus Christ been shed for you, so God's judgment must pass over you. He cannot judge you anymore, if you put your trust in the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus. Let's check another scripture that will help us to see our deliverance. **Heb 9:13-14** says:

For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ who through eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God PURGE your conscience from dead works (the sinful nature) to serve the living God.

The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! [GNB]

Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. [NLT]

The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! [NIV]

Dear reader, the scripture above brought light to me, I saw that in the time of Moses, the blood of bulls and goats was being used, to the purifying of the flesh, and if that was the case, **HOW MUCH MORE** will the blood of Christ purge your conscience from dead works. Note that the blood of Jesus did not only purge us but also purged our guilty conscience.

The conscience is one of the problems in man, such that even after you have confessed Christ and forsook your sin. Your conscience many times is still not clear before God, you find out that even when you believe that God has forgiven, you still find it hard to forgive yourself. Each time you listen to a message on rapture or Christ's second coming, your sin defiled conscience talks and tells you, are you sure you will go with Christ when he returns? But praise God you need to believe that according to scriptures the sin defiled conscience has been purged, since the blood of Christ has been shed for you. Therefore, say it loud and clear; believe what you say and pray

it with faith, say it like this; **the blood of Jesus Christ is powerful, it has satisfied the requirement and I have been purged.** This is a powerful revelation.

Your conscience has been purged, your record is clean before God, and you will now serve the living God with a pure conscience. Take note of this that, **WHEN YOUR CONSCIENCE IS VOID OF OFFENCE BEFORE GOD THAT IS LIBERTY.**

Hope you saw it? And this is what Satan hates, he will try to attack your conscience but you must constantly depend on the blood of Jesus Christ, by saying according to I John 1:7. ***But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.***

The blood of Jesus cleanses me, not just once but continually, I am being cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ, whether I feel it or not, and I believe my sins have no record before God and I have been forgiven.

The blood of Jesus Christ is so powerful and we must continually rely on the blood of Jesus Christ. ***Hebrews 10 v 19 confirms*** that;

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.

Have you seen this truth that the blood of Christ took care of all our sins? You must know that the devil cannot raise any accusing finger on a child of God dwelling and relying on the blood of Jesus Christ. Praise God, through his love, He settled the matter of sin by the blood of his son Jesus Christ.

THE COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

But there is yet another matter that settled completely the dominion of sin over man; these are the things I saw that totally killed the appetite for pornography, Nollywood and hollywood films, Ghanaian films, worldly music, fornication, lying, malice etc.

Please pay close attention now, whereas the blood of Christ deals with our sins by washing away the stain, accusation and consequence of sin over our lives, because his life was in that blood, what was it that God really did to finish the law or nature of sin? Do you know that if you keep on confessing your sins whenever you do something wrong mistakenly and you plead the blood of Jesus you will be forgiven, but if this is the order of your life, it shows that you are still a babe and you have not entered into the experience of full liberty and **you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.**

I see that though many Christians have given their lives to Christ for a long time, they are still babies who cannot stand up for serious responsibility in the kingdom of God, because they continue to fall into sin and plead for forgiveness, thereby becoming weak.

Pause here for a while. Let me ask you this question, do you want to continue to fall into sin and keep on confessing them? If yes, you want to be a nonentity to the purpose of God, you cannot dare Satan like that, and eventually you may not make heaven because sin may become a habit you enjoy and your heart may be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

This is established in Heb 3:13

But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

So, God decided to show us how he removed the law, the nature, the old man (the sinful nature) itself. God did not just cleanse us from dead works, but he actually finished the man producing the dead works. Turn your bible with an open heart and meditate on the following scriptures. **Romans 6 vs 1-11**, I am full and overwhelmed with joy unspeakable as I see this truth in the scripture, look at verse 1 and 2.

¹*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?*

²*God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? KJV*

¹*Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? ²Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? (NLT).*

Did you take note that sin has no continuation in the life of the man or woman that has seen this truth and continues to examine this truth? Shall we continue in sin that the grace of God should abound? The answer is, **God forbid**.

Certainly not. Sin and its lifestyle have an end. Hallelujah! Look at verse 2 closely. It says **how shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?**

Did you note that at the end of verse 2 there was a question mark? You need to ask yourself that question, which says, how can I who have received Jesus the Christ continue to live in sin? It is not possible. How can the word of God say am dead to sin and I still want to keep on living in it?

Note that according to the word of God which cannot lie, when you **ACCEPTED CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND SURRENDERED TO HIM AS YOUR LORD** you became dead (inactive, cannot respond) to sin, which means you can no longer live in sin and its lifestyle. What do you understand by any longer? It means **from now on, you cannot live, practice and continue to commit sin**. This was another scripture that delivered me, I am dead to sin, you are dead too. If you believe the word of God, then you need to ask, how did I die to sin? **Verse 3 and 4** answered it; hear how the Lord put it through the mouth of Paul the apostle.

³Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death. That like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. KJV

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the father, we too may live a new life. NIV VERSION

Take note that the beginning of **verse 3** addressed the issue of knowledge, because **what you don't know, you cannot possess or enter into**. This is the ignorance that Satan is spreading all around the place, in churches, among youths, in secondary schools, higher institutions etc. You must know or else this ignorance will make you handicapped. Don't you know? If you don't know, now GOD is telling you so that you can know that many of us that genuinely accepted Christ as our savior and surrendered to him as Lord entered into a spiritual baptism of his death, I do not mean water baptism. Water baptism is a symbol that we died with Christ and rose with him but a lot of people are doing water baptism now, without full repentance from

their sins. But if you are genuinely saved and I believe so, you have also been buried with him by baptism into death, so then look at **verse 5**:

For if we have been **planted** together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. KJV

For if we have been **united** with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. NIV

According to the scripture above, when Christ was dying on the cross you were there (PLANTED, INSTALLED, UNITED). You need to see this by faith, that no devil can uproot you because God planted you in Christ which means when he died, you died with him on the cross. That is the truth. And when He rose from the dead, you also rose with him. You will enter into this reality if you believe, therefore do you believe? Look now at **verse 6**:

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed,

that henceforth we should not serve sin.

For we know that our old self was crucified with him (Christ) so that the body ruled by sin

might be done away with, that **we should no longer be slaves to sin.** NIV

According to the scripture above, it says; Knowing this, that what? Our (you and I) old man is crucified with Him. Praise God my old man died with Christ. The Sin loving nature you carried was placed upon Christ, and it died with Him. Read **verse 6** further, it says that the body of sin might be destroyed that henceforth we (you and I) should not serve sin, meaning we should no longer be slaves to sin. Glory be to God in the highest.

The body of sin was destroyed. And it's even past tense not present tense, when Christ died about 2000 years ago; He destroyed the body of sin. The issue is, you have since, been delivered from sin, but you are just getting to know it, hope you understand. The scripture now says that henceforth we should not serve sin. I want to tell you that by the grace of God, I have seen this truth, and I no longer serve sin. You must enter into this revelation. Note that, your relationship with sin and sinfulness, finished on the cross when Jesus died unless you have not seen it. I love **verse 7** of Romans chapter 6. Read it with focus and faith. It says:

For he that is dead is freed from sin. (kjv)

Because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. (NIV)

This was where the Lord emphasized your freedom. If you agree that your old man is crucified with Christ, then you died to sin. So anytime anything is now tempting you to sin, that thing tempting you is just asking a question. What I mean is that, now when lying comes, it is not forcing you. Because committing sin hence forth is not by force but by choice. When temptation to fornicate with a girl or boy comes to you, it is no longer forcing you, because now that you are in Christ, that temptation is just asking for the old man in you. And all you just need to do is to answer back by saying: **'I died to sin; I can't live any longer in it'**.

No matter what now confronts you to go into sin, you must prove what you now know from the word of God; you must answer by saying that, in the past I did not know the power of the cross of Calvary in my life but now praise God I know.

This was what I discovered, and I became freed from sin because the word of God says I am free. I now live my life as a free man in Christ, I want you also to say the same thing to all temptations that comes your way affirmatively and with faith (assurance) in God's word, say it continually that **you**

died to sin, and you can no longer commit it. Praise God you are a free man and a free woman in Christ.

When Jesus said on the cross, ***'IT IS FINISHED'*** that was it. Christ finished sin and Satan and sickness on the cross. The blood cleansed you and your conscience from the stain and guilt of sin and the accusation of the devil over you. ***The cross crushed, finished, destroyed and wasted completely the sinful nature. Praise the living Jesus.***

DID YOU SEE IT? IF NOT SIT UNTIL YOU DO.

STUDY QUESTIONS

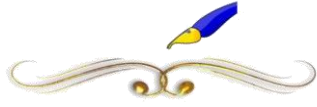
1. Do you understand this chapter? If NO read prayerfully again.
2. Write out what you discover from **Romans 6:1-11** about what God did to finish the life style of sin.

SAY what you discover before God in prayer and confess them with joy.

3. Do you believe now that you are free from the power and the controlling force of sin?

Further Study:

Romans 8:1-10, Romans 6:12-23, Col 2:26, Col. 3:5-10, Heb. 9:10, Heb 7:25.



CHAPTER SIX

WALKING DAILY IN VICTORY

There is yet another important matter. Maybe a question is now rising in your heart, and you are saying, does it mean until Christ comes “I will not sin again? Now listen carefully. **This revelation is not a work; it is a walk**, i.e., one step after another. You don’t need to be thinking about when you will sin or not. What you must do every time is to know and keep affirming the Word of God”. Look at **Romans 6:6** it says

“Knowing this that our old man is crucified with Christ, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin....”

The word **Knowing** is spelt as present continuous tense according to the King James Version. It is what you must keep on knowing every day, even as you are tempted. **Don’t think you have arrived as you overcome sin on a daily basis,** but humble your heart as you keep knowing this truth and let me let you know that the more you keep knowing this truth, the more you discover new things about freedom from the power of sin and sinfulness. **Walking daily by faith in God’s word is the key to living this life style.**

Take note that you will still be tempted, even more than before. Satan will attack you many times because you are just starting to discover this truth. When you just discovered this truth, you will be excited and your heart will be filled with joy and then suddenly you may be sad and confused especially when you mistakenly do something wrong. **Please note the word “mistakenly” not willingly.** You must confess your sins immediately and go back to the knowledge of your freedom. As you continue, you will discover that you no longer even have the consciousness of sinning, because you will be walking in freedom continually.

I am telling you what I am experiencing by the **GRACE OF GOD, THE BLOOD AND FAITH IN GOD'S WORD**. Dear reader, don't fall into fornication and say it is a mistake. No one falls into fornication mistakenly you must have ignored a lot of warning signs before you can fall into fornication.

Listen to God's admonition to you in **Roman 6:11**:

"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord".

Even so consider yourselves also dead to sin and your relation to it broken, but alive to God [living in unbroken fellowship with him] in Christ Jesus. (AMP)

This is what you must do on a daily basis. You must **reckon, to reckon means to** (AGREE, CONSIDER, BELIEVE) that you are dead indeed to sin. Carry that knowledge every morning to school, to class, to the market, to the office, in your marriage. Learn to stay away from friends who do not walk in the light of God's word, if you stay with them, you cannot help but begin to contemplate going into your old ways. Ensure you move with Christians who are experiencing the power and victory of the cross, and ensure you also say it to yourself daily and as much as possible, that "you are indeed dead to sin and alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I love the word **indeed**; it means that you are truly dead to sin". Any other thing is a lie. Dear reader, I who write this thing to you today can say boldly by the grace of God, that my confidence in victory above sin is getting stronger and I am knowing more, let me share with you some of the things that will keep you victorious above sin everyday:

- a. Study the word of God on a daily basis. Joshua 1 & 8, I John 2 vs 3.**
- b. Mediate on the word, and bring your meditations up in prayer.**
- c. Be sincere to God always when you pray.**

- d. Stand on what you now know from God's word about your victory above sin and confess it every day, even when you are faced with temptations.
- e. Remove the old man's property from around you, this will be the correct attitude based on the encounter you had with the word of God i.e., worldly music, clothes, unholy films, old friends, etc. When you do this you are reckoning, considering that you are dead indeed unto sin.
- f. Fellowship with the brethren always and listen to God's word with meekness. It will purify your life and purge you always.

The victory that overcomes the world and Satan is faith, In *1 John 5:4*

For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.

It is faith, daily, living faith in God's word that wins because according to scriptures God is willing and ready to keep you from sin and corruption. Now turn your bible to *1 John 3 vs 9-10*:

.⁹ 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.

¹⁰ In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. (Emphasis mine).

Did you see that powerful scripture? Since you are born of God, the nature (**the seed**) of God is in you. The nature in you now wants to please God, what you have to do is to allow Christ to live his life in you, Galatians **2:20** settles it.

I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live yet not I, but Christ lives in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. NKJV

Can we check other translations to see the power of this scripture?

If this scripture can be your daily guide, you will henceforth please God effortlessly. This lifestyle is what you must walk towards not by struggling but by daily beholding the Word and believing it. That

is what is happening to me and praise God I am victorious. So, **stop struggling and start trusting** in Christ, the one that has the ability to keep you. I pray this will be your testimony.

NOTE: You need to do an in-depth study of these scriptures below. They are powerful. I John chapter 3, and 2. Colossians chapter 3 and 5, Jude 24-25

STUDY QUESTIONS

(a) Mention the key things that will keep you victorious.

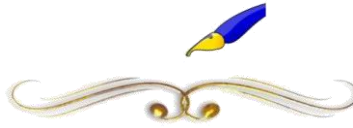
(b) According to *1 John 1 vs 9*, what if you mistakenly sin? Since you are just starting to know this truth, what should you do?

(c) According to *1 John 3 vs 8-10*, are we encouraged to keep on sinning and keep on confessing?

What does *1 John 3; 8-10* teaches.

(d) Do you understand this chapter? If not read again prayerfully. Remember, it is a study outline.

Study the scriptures prayerfully and write down your discoveries.



CHAPTER SEVEN

DIGGING DEEPER IN THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT

To see a man digging a hole, it means that man is looking for a valuable thing, and so, there is a responsibility laid on you. If you don't want to find yourself swimming again in the entanglement of Satan, you must dig and you must not dig at the surface, because no one finds gold at the surface, so don't expect to be a Christian that will live the higher life continually except you are ready to dig deep into the life of the Spirit.

Beloved as I dug deeper into the word of God and spiritual books, in January 2012, light broke forth in my heart afresh, and ever since then, I have been digging deep because I want to find more. **There is a continual life of holiness that will cause the world to see the real nature of Christ in a mortal man, and it will humble sinners;** that is my daily pursuit. So, I must dig into the spirit, how about you? Have you made up your mind like this, like the three Hebrews Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? According to scriptures, they said to the king who was the principality of their time, they said: we will rather burn than bow to sin and compromise. Therefore, if it was possible for them to take their stand against sin in the Old Testament and in a strange land, it is possible for us whom Christ has given so much grace to also take our stand against sin and sinfulness not by empty self-effort but by a grace empowered life, because the Grace of God actually empowers. My dear readers please believe the Bible and you will become what it talks about, I want you to prayerfully see this revelation in

Galatians 5:24:

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the spirit, let us follow the spirit's leading in every part of our lives (NLT).

This is so powerful; I want you to know that the scripture has the light we need for our daily victory. According to the scripture above, do you know that when you gave your life to Christ you belonged to Christ? And because you belong to Christ you have nailed the desires of the sinful nature to the cross.

My brother listens, you have nailed, not you will nail, my sister did you see that immediately you said yes to Jesus something finished. This is the revelation you must see, that the sin loving nature inside you was nailed to his (Christ) cross and was crucified. As a result of this, you are now living in the Spirit, the Spirit of God is inside you, all you should do now is to obey the Spirit of God inside you, and follow what he says to you now.

Study the Bible with a searching heart for treasures of revelation. The Bible is the only tool that can help you to live daily from glory to glory.

Look at this testimony:

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

I want you to read the personal testimony of a friend so that you can know that to live victoriously above sin is possible, you are only left to make your choice whether to keep on living your life as a slave to sin or as a king and priest in the righteousness of Jesus, the Christ.

My name is Daniel Ayorinde, I became born again in December 2007. Prior to this time, I had been deep in sin, sexually abused at the age of less than ten (10) years and had been involved in partying, sex, romance etc. But thanks be to God that I became born again. After my conversion, there was a great and notable change in my life, I was passionate and made effort to live a holy life, but it was a struggle. I set up principles that would help me live holy but they did not allow me to live victoriously above sin, and as a result, I really struggled.

Despite the passion I had for holiness, I never could say confidently I was living in it every day. Later when I grew in grace and the knowledge of God, I discovered that though I wanted to live holy, I was doing it, through my own principles and not what God said in his word. Oh! I lived a self-righteous life (righteousness based on my own principles and evaluation of what is right or wrong) and a sin

conscious life (a life that is always conscious of sin and being susceptible to sin) instead of following God's evaluation of righteousness and a righteousness conscious life.

With my passion to live holy, the Holy Spirit began to teach me through the scriptures and gospel messages on victory above sin. I got to understand that the nature of sin was no longer in me when I became born again therefore, I am free from sin. I stayed on truths on victory above sin that the Holy Ghost was teaching me for weeks and months and meditated on them.

One notable thing the Holy Spirit helped me to know that further helped me to live victoriously above sin was being able to identify what sin is and what sin is not, this is also a problem with many Christians for they do not know what sin is and what it is not. For example, some Christians think they have sinned when bad thoughts and pictures come to or flash through their minds, but this is not true. Wrong thoughts that flash into your mind as a result of our corrupt environment is not a sin, but it must not be allowed to dominate your heart. (The truth being expressed here will be fully treated in a later chapter.)

Also, when one shows displeasure towards anything, attitude or words of another person, that does not mean one has sinned, but it must not lead to sin also

Finally, I stepped out in faith to act on the truths on victory over sin that I had learnt and I miraculously discovered that like Peter, I now walk on water and I began to live victoriously above sin all to the glory of God.

Note: I had a passion to live holy, I discovered truths on victory above sin and what sin is and what sin is not and finally stepped out in faith like Peter to act on those truths and I began to live VICTORIOUSLY above sin, Praise God.

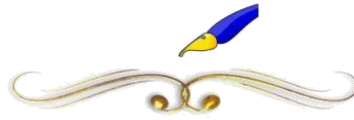
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Check the following.

I don't want to be a Christian at the surface,
I will never be tired until I discover my place,
It may take time but I am ready to dig,
It will demand my attention,
And I have made up my mind,
If I will last in the race to eternal home,
I must dig well into the Spirit and drink from the word of God,
I will never end my journey in disgrace,
Therefore, the digger of my heart is ready and I will dig,
Until I find the treasures that makes me God's pleasure,
I will dig, my mind is made up, I will not reduce my pace I will
Dig because there are yet deeper things,
I cannot afford to be a nonentity in the purpose of God in my generation.
I will dig; dig deeply into the word of God, till I have no more strength in this life.
And I cross to eternity to behold the beauty of my savior and Lord.

Further studies: Rom 12:11, Heb 6:12, 2 pet 3.



CHAPTER EIGHT

ABUNDANT GRACE

Consider the following scriptures and I want you to meditate on it very deeply, because until you learn how to rely on the grace of God, you will still be rising and falling.

And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. (Joh 1:16)

... But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: (Rom 5:20b)

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2Co 12:9)

This is a very crucial point when it comes to living victoriously above sin, when you discover that you have done everything possible, you have fasted, you have read books, and you have prayed and prayed again, to be delivered especially when it has to do with addiction to habits like masturbation, pornography etc. (Read our book 'FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION', Download from www.seedsowersmedia.com) and because of this struggle, you are becoming depressed and frustrated.

There is yet another matter you need to consider, and it is the power of **The Abundant grace of God**, THE LORD PARTICULARLY TOLD ME TO WRITE THIS CHAPTER ON THE GRACE OF GOD, since it is an experience in my own life.

Understanding what grace means and the application of grace in walking victoriously above sin on a daily basis is very critical. The opposite of grace is works, by grace are ye saved not by works, not by efforts and not by striving. Take note of this powerful truth about grace that further delivered my life from guilt, condemnation and sinfulness. I learnt that:

- **Grace is a gift from God it is free.**
- **Grace is an empowerment and an enablement.**

Grace produces works but works can never produce grace, the work that grace produces is called the works and the product of grace.

When you begin to experience the power of grace and you begin to work out the works of grace, the grace of God comes on you the more. *When a person lacks the grace of God at work in his/her life, it is like when a machine lacks the grease to function effectively, there will be a lot of friction.* In my experience of walking victoriously above sin in all these years I have found one thing so powerful in its working. **It is the power of grace.**

My brother you must stop struggling with sin, remember that sin is more powerful, when you keep it as a secret and when you are trying to cover it up.

And when you don't take away tools and people that enables sin in your life, like your phone, music, friends etc., then you are not really ready to walk above sin.

You must make that decision, the point where you can stop browsing for 3 months to 6 months to starve the spirit of immorality and pornography, I have met brothers who are doing that because they are serious about walking in holiness.

RELIANCE ON THE GRACE OF GOD.

Grace and truth came from Christ and out of his fullness we have received grace upon grace. **You were saved by grace and to keep walking in Christ, you can only be sustained by grace.**

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. . (2Co 12:9a)

Looking at this scripture above, you will discover that when a man really desires to walk in holiness on a daily basis, and he has seriously prayed but he is finding himself in weakness and this brings tears and deep weeping, I counsel you that, it is time to switch to total dependence on the grace of God. The Lord Jesus said to Paul, my grace is sufficient for you, BECAUSE MY STRENGTH is made perfect in your weakness, this means **GRACE IS STRENGTH**, the strength of God.

My friend I want you to know that God specializes in helping a weak man. I have been through this, In my own case, I would have been walking for some time in victory and suddenly I would make a mistake, the things I really don't want to find myself doing is what I saw I would do, not intentionally but it was a weakness, I would genuinely cry to God, I would sometimes find myself exaggerating

when am talking and other issues that the holy spirit would point out to me, yours may be different from mine.

This led me to really begin to think that God cannot use me for his glory, until I began to discover that only a man who relies on the grace of God gets unusual strength.

I changed my attitude and Every day I would say Oh Lord I rely on your grace today, let your grace carry me, let your grace teach and help me, do you know what began to happen to me, I began to notice strength.

Grace will help you such that when you make a mistake, you will correct it and adjust immediately repenting and moving on to obey the Lord, grace allows you to delete from your phone what you normally cannot delete before. Hallelujah, I can tell you that grace has helped me not to condemn my self but to keep looking at what Jesus did for me on the cross.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; (Tit 2:12)

Grace is a power and it is also a teacher, the grace of God gives you ability to look at sin with boldness and say I will not commit sin, therefore rely on the grace of God, stop looking at yourself and your weakness, if you continue to do that you will be depressed and frustrated. Ah! this grace is powerful; I daily rely on him and this same grace has carried me above sin on a daily basis. This grace of God makes you to overcome sin, it does not make you to keep committing sin and later be asking for forgiveness. When you encounter grace, it teaches you to deny ungodliness and worldly lust, you will hate sin with intense passion, that is what the grace of God does in you.

HOW TO CONSTANTLY ENGAGE THE GRACE OF GOD.

Grace *be* with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

(Eph 6:24).

In order to engage the grace of God, you must ask yourself, this question, do I love the Lord Jesus Christ out of sincerity with my whole heart.

Many are looking for grace when they still love the world and they still love sin, you cannot say you want to stay with a boyfriend and girlfriend and ask grace to come on you. There is this truth in the above scripture, **Grace be with all them that LOVE OUR LORD.**

When I began to address the object of my love, which is movies and lust for ladies and I said I want to concentrate on the Lord and I told the Lord to help me love him, I then stopped watching movies and I began to discipline myself on a continual basis with the opposite sex. Then I began to connect with the power of grace. I saw that truly the grace of God is with those that love the Lord out of sincerity. If you are sincere, you will see the grace of God. Hallelujah, I thank the Lord I am free from sin and sinfulness, my friend please be sincere with God. Until you are sincere about your love for the Lord, you will still find yourself in weakness.

Another issue to look into is:

THE WORD OF HIS GRACE.

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

(Act 20:32)

In order to engage the grace of God another thing you must take seriously is the word of God. The word of God is also called **the word of his grace**. **If you can take out time to study the word of God, it will impart grace into you. If you learn to spend time every morning in reading, studying, meditating on the word of God you will encounter grace, a supernatural ability to live above sin and to make obedience to God a lifestyle.** I cannot forget what happened to me in 2012 while I fasted for 5 days just gleaning from the word of God, as I looked into the perfect word of God with a sincere heart and I also read godly books, I began to notice a kind of strength that was not in me before, I discovered that it became easy to obey the Lord.

It is time for you to engage the grace of God, because it is possible for you to live everyday on the grace of God. Since you have been trying to walk by your power and it has not benefitted you, now let the grace of God carry you.

But the grace that God gives is even stronger. As the scripture says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6 Good news translation.

The grace that God gives is stronger, therefore It is time to humble yourself before God ask him for grace, do it in fasting and prayer, nobody seeks the Lord in humility and sincerity and becomes empty, when you make mistake don't be frustrated, run to the throne of grace talk to God on any weakness you have, talk to God in sincerity and don't cover up, run to the throne of grace: **the place**

of prayer:

Let us have confidence, then, and approach God's throne, where there is grace. There we will receive mercy and find grace to help us just when we need it. (Heb 4:16)

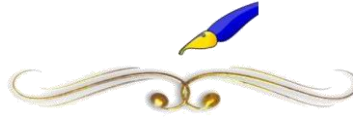
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Whenever you need grace on any matter of weakness, I challenge you to go to the throne of grace it is always available to the hungry and those who desire it, I would have died in sin and immorality if not that I discovered the power in collecting the grace of God every morning in my personal devotion.

I remember that after I began to walk in purity and holiness, suddenly I was close with a lady who was a friend and a Christian like me, but after some time I began to lust after her, because we were going to the same teaching practice school every day while I was in the college of education. I try to resist but it was increasing, I rebuked and tried to be disciplined but my heart was already scattered, all the holiness walk that God granted me, began to wane down, I knew I was in trouble.

One day I came back from teaching practice I entered my room, locked the door I lied down flat, and I wept bitterly, I called on the grace of God, I don't think I have ever cried like that before in my life. My heart really cried to the Lord for grace. I don't know how many minutes or hours I spent in that place of prayer before the throne of grace but when I arose, my friend I arose with a fresh heart, a fresh strength and vigor. I saw that lady again and nothing moved in me, I was so strong to the point that one day she saw me ministering to students in a fellowship meeting and the word of God affected people after the meeting, she exclaimed that am a different kind of person.

Hallelujah it was grace that made me different. Imagine if I had fallen into immorality with her, I would have become a perforated fellowship leader but the grace of God upheld me and ever since I have been engaging the grace of God. Will you also fall before your face and cry for the enabling power of the grace of God, **it is always available.**



CHAPTER NINE

YOU CANNOT COMMIT SIN

I want to share with you the scripture that always burns in my heart anytime I see it. Turn your heart to *1 John 3:8-10*.

⁸He that commiteth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

⁹Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and HE CANNOT SIN, because he is born of God.

¹⁰In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Let us check this profound verdict from another version of the holy Word of God.

⁸But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.

⁹Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. SO, THEY CAN'T KEEP ON SINNING, because they are children of God.

¹⁰So now we can tell who children of God are and who children of the devil are. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God. (NLT)

(Emphasis mine)

Commit

When you don't understand the meaning of words you can misunderstand the Bible. I want you to think deeply, by meditating on the scripture above, meditate until you understand it. You can open your Bible and check several other translations. This scripture is so powerful to me. It keeps my feet on the track all the time. The Bible cannot lie, people may argue, some preachers may even bring

different interpretations to this scripture, but I want you to know that there is no big grammar in this scripture. The word of God is simple and it demands simple faith and simple obedience to reap the great result that is in it. I want you to understand that when you accepted Christ as savior and surrendered to him as your Lord, the seed of God came into your Spirit, and you now have the nature that makes God holy. This is true and by the grace of God it has become my own experience.

Now pay attention to this, because it is very important for your spiritual walk in this truth. The Bible (KJV) used the word commit; and the word **commit can be defined from the Oxford dictionary as:**

BEEN BONDED TO A COURSE OF ACTION (take note of the word; bonded).

This means when the word of God said, '**HE THAT IS BORN OF GOD CANNOT COMMIT SIN**', it is the truth. It means you can't be born again and still be BONDED to the action of sin, because the bonding has been broken by the death of Christ on the cross and deliverance has taken place. Such person is no longer a slave (bonded) to sin and the lustful affections of the flesh, but has now become a master over sin. The living word of God said in **Romans 6:14:**

For sin shall not have dominion over you

HANDLING THOUGHTS

The other important aspect is the issue of thoughts. This is an aspect that many young believers don't know how to handle and it makes them fluctuate, thinking that today they are sinners and tomorrow they are not.

Before I increased in knowledge, I thought that whatever thoughts came into my mind, I am the thinker of it until I learnt that when I gave my life to Christ the nature that thinks evil thought died on the cross with Christ (Rom. 6:6). Therefore, I no longer have the nature that thinks evil because the Word of God cannot lie and I believed it; but I found out that, since I am still in this world, though I am not of this world, (John 17:14), this world is still the domain of corruption.

Therefore, the devil and demons still fire arrows of thoughts of evil into my mind; and you must understand that thoughts will always come, sometimes even in the midst of great spiritual activity. But I discovered that after giving my life to Christ, I now have the power to stop every negative thought fired into my mind and I can now deliberately think on spiritual and positives things. Philippians 4:8 puts it this way:

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

This may look a little technical but it helped me a lot. I learnt this from Smith Wigglesworth, a great servant of God.

I read in one of his compilations that **there is a difference between evil thoughts and thoughts of evil:**

Evil thought is the thought that proceeds from your un -regenerated heart, (**mark 7:21**) but this nature has been crucified on the cross, once you are born again. And you now have the nature that can think right because of what Jesus did with sin on the cross for you and with you.

While the **thought of evil** comes from demons and our corrupt environment. And because you are a believer in the finished work of Christ it does not mean these external thoughts of evil will not come. But when these thoughts of evil come, know that you have not sinned, but you must not allow them to dominate your mind. Also, if guilty thoughts of your past sins come to your mind, you must stand on the word of God that all your sins are cleansed and forgiven since you have confessed them. And you have to also learn to forgive yourself and move on; don't allow the devil to tie you down with a guilty conscience because you are free because of the blood of Jesus. I am telling you this because the Lord has given me victory and I want you also to experience this victory.

So, when thoughts of evil OR any corrupt thought and things you have done in the past comes to your mind it's only asking for attention from you. Now, you tell that thought that there is no space. Jesus Christ, the Lord, is the new Lord that is now occupying your heart. It is these thoughts of evil that **Ephesians 6:16** call fiery arrows of the devil.

In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.
(NLT).

The fiery arrows here mean burning arrows of the devil; and these arrows include thoughts to commit sexual sins, thoughts to go against the will of God, and other negative thoughts; and the devil uses them to burn down every virtue of grace you have built in your heart, therefore, the Bible says you must stop these arrows (thoughts) with the shield of faith in the Word of God, which you have believed, about the finished work of Christ on the cross.

You must also note that as you grow in the Lord you will gain more mastery over thoughts. That is why you must fill your mind with the Word of God and with spiritual messages. Don't sit with romantic films and all kinds of worldly music and expect not to have the desire to sin.

Dealing with thoughts of evil, you must beware of the entertainment industry, because ungodly entertainment is a dangerous tool the devil is using to slaughter great destinies. Don't dig your grave early, you are too young to die; you were meant to do greater things. Can I ask you a question? What is the benefit of watching season and action films that cannot produce spiritual actions and positive spiritual reactions in your life? They only waste away your time and causes your mind to become the devil's dumping ground. Listen to the counsel of the word of God ***Proverbs 4:23*** says

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. (NLT)

Therefore, going back to our discussion, **to commit something means it involves your will, your consciousness, desire and deliberate intention.** But, if you truly accepted Christ as your Lord, you can never have the desire that binds you to commit sin. Look at this powerful scripture, ***Galatians 5:24:***

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (RSV)

The Word of God is so powerful that as a sword, allow it to cut your heart. Remember that the moment you gave your life to Christ, he bought you with his blood and you now belong to Him. God proceeded to say, in the scripture above, that you have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. The Bible did not say you will crucify the flesh he said you have crucified the flesh. Dear friend you have to simply believe that this happened on the cross immediately you gave your life to Christ and that all sinful desires have been crucified. Believe and you will see the glory of God. Don't look at the way you feel, only believe and keep believing what God has said and keep confessing it aloud to yourself, and as you walk with God in the renewing of your mind in his word, you will understand better.

So, when the thoughts of evil come, you simply respond by saying '**I have seen the light, I can't go into sin again intentionally**'. This is because you will have genuine hatred for sin, and that is a genuine encounter. But this does not mean that after you accepted Christ you can't still make mistakes.

You may make mistakes because you are growing and God knows that you are still a babe, just learning this truth. But he will never expect you to remain a babe. That was why GOD gave us his Spirit to help us from the day we accepted Christ. So, when you make a mistake, and you do something wrong you can never be at peace, the seed of God in you will not allow you to rest, and the spirit of God will never give you rest until you correct your mistake, **which is a sign that you are growing.**

Whatever you used to do will not automatically leave your mind, though they have automatically left your spirit, but your mind constantly needs to be renewed every day with the word of God. **Rom. 12:2**

..... and be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..... (KJV)

let me share another helpful insight with you that I learnt from another servant of Christ in the person of Jack Hayford, a wonderful man of God, who is also following the Lord has a disciple. He said the following things and I believe they will help you:

Someone has said that while we can't keep the birds from flying overhead, we can keep them from building a nest in our hair!

a. Guarding Your Mind

The Three Main Sources of Thoughts.

Thoughts and temptation can come to our minds from different places. In fact, there are three main sources:

- 1) The World --- from what we see and hear
- 2) The Flesh --- from our old sin nature
- 3) The Devil --- from the spirit world.

However, just because a thought comes to our mind doesn't mean we have to dwell on it. Unholy thoughts not challenged --- will lead to unholy words and deeds. We need therefore to cut them off short, and replace them with holy thoughts.

b. Make Jesus Lord of Your Mind

We can begin the day by asking God to keep our minds.

When a wrong thought arises, he will then quickly let us know. One easy way to stop it short is to say, "Lord Jesus, you see that thought too, and we are not going to give it anymore time or attention, are we?"

Talking to Jesus has great stopping power. our flesh hears it. The spirit world hears it. This keeps us from carrying the thought on, or coming under a sense of guilt or condemnation.

Every Christian will have wrong thoughts at one time or the other, but Jesus can be the Lord of our minds as well as our hearts.

Take note, again that if you don't renew your mind and adjust your thinking, you are not serious about walking in the holiness that Christ gave you. Holiness is not earned by you; holiness is a gift given to you by God through Jesus Christ and you have to receive the gift of righteousness and use it. In 2cor 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Let the word of God be rooted in your heart and mind daily. That is how you will grow and be rooted.

Understand that according to ***1 John 3 vs 8 – 10*** you cannot sin. You cannot continue to practice sin, I did not say it, God's word said it and I believe it. I cannot **COMMIT** sin, if I keep on abiding in the word of God. Cannot is cannot, it is not a big grammar. This revelation is burning in me and I believe it will not cool off. I cannot commit sin. If you really now understand the meaning of the word **"commit"**.

If you don't understand the word commit, then go back to the explanation above from the dictionary meaning. **To commit is to deliberately, intentionally do or been bounded to an action.**

Then you should know that you cannot commit sin, because the seed inside you, is the seed of God and God cannot sin, it is impossible, Christ is now in you, Christ cannot sin. Impossible. Holy Spirit cannot sin. Impossible, therefore I cannot commit sin, impossible, it is a revelation. You must trust the Lord to see it with a humble heart, and I am praying that you will see it. Meditate on it until you see it. But if you are just growing and have not seen deeper into this truth. Check this scripture ***1 John 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.

The first matter been raised here is that **you should not sin** because that is the true attitude of every child of God but the provision made here is for children, i.e., those who are beginning to walk in this truth, the bible says if any man sin, it is **if (a conditional word)**, not **when (a deliberate word)** any man sin, meaning if you mistakenly sin, this means that it is not intentional, and that is different from committing sin, because committing a sin has to do with deliberateness. So, if you mistakenly sin don't die there, confess, stand up, Jesus will immediately rise on your behalf because you are still a little child. When I say little children, I do not refer to one's age. Rather, I mean a little child in the faith. A man can be 70 years old and he is a little child in the spirit. It is the amount of revelation that an individual is walking in that connote the level of his or her spiritual maturity. **'IF any man sin', the bible did not say WHEN any man sin.** Jesus will never advocate for any man who continues to sin intentionally, because it means, that man is matured and knows the truth and has the internal capacity born by revelation to overcome that sin yet he committed it and continued in it. Such man will bear the consequence; this is different from someone who just have the head knowledge that something is bad, though if he genuinely repents, he will be forgiven but if such an individual continues in it, he/she is a son or daughter of the devil. I pray that the Lord will help you to understand this.

Settle this case in your heart, **no CHILD OF GOD, born of God has ability to commit sin**, he cannot continue to sin. **No genuine Christian is a sinner and no sinner is a genuine Christian**. This is big for me; please don't follow the crowd, even the so-called Christians to commit sin because whoever continues to sin is of the devil. Therefore, as you continue to behold Jesus in the Word you will grow. Know this that it is a growth and as you grow, you will become mature, such that you now cannot even remember sinning as a lifestyle, mistakes may come but we are not talking about intentionally violating the word of God. Once you make mistakes, please repent and decide to forsake the sin, and then move on in faith.

May the Lord grant you enlightenment that will make you soar high in the righteousness given to you by God because righteousness is a nature from God given to us by Jesus Christ; **2 Corinthians 5:21**

For he has made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

DEALING WITH ADDICTIONS.

On this subject get our material on **THE PATHWAY TO FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION** for more explicit understanding. Some people are having problems with addiction. It may be smoking, sexual addiction, drugs, masturbation, etc. and they have been asking and crying, how can I be free from this? You have been wondering that though you have confessed Jesus Christ as your Lord and you sincerely gave your life to Christ, you still find yourself going back to that addiction. It weighs you down, and you began to think, can I ever be free from this habit? And you are honestly seeking for freedom from these addictions. I have good news for you. The truth about this is found in the word of GOD I pray you will see this truth. It is written in **John 8:36**:

If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Listen. The word of God cannot lie. The truth is that you have been set free from that habit of addiction since you received Jesus Christ as your **LORD**. Do you know the meaning of **LORD**? It means **MASTER**. Therefore, that addiction is no longer your master; Jesus is now your master. Do you believe it?

But the issue is that addiction will not leave you until you believe what happened on the cross of Calvary; and you have to also constantly declare the testimony of God's word, that is, **you must speak**

John 8:36 constantly to your life and You must believe it. You must use your mouth to wage war against the devil and his lies because to accept the devil's lies is to remain in bondage.

Some addictions may be influenced by demons, and what Satan wants to do is to destroy your life with that addiction but you must refuse to accept it. Tell yourself, I am not a Smoker because Jesus set me free. I am not a drunkard. I am not a drug addict Jesus set me free. I am not addicted to sex Jesus set me free. This is what you must be saying constantly. **Take note you must say it continually.**

The other important aspect is to learn to use **THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST**; this is the name that all demons and situations respect and trembles at.

So, the next time that urge to smoke, or drink or whatever it is, comes again don't keep quiet. Start calling **that wonderful name of Jesus. Say like this, I rebuke you spirit that causes me to smoke, or drink. Say it like you mean it, say it with authority. Continue by saying, I am no longer in bondage to you, therefore leave my mind and my body in the name of Jesus. I decree I am free.**

Because **Philippians 2:9-11** explains the power in that name of Jesus. Look at how the Bible puts it:

⁹Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

¹¹And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Keep using the name of Jesus. Don't let it leave your mouth because overcoming the devil and addictions is with the use of your mouth and faith in your heart. Look at this scripture.

Revelation 12:11

And they overcame him [THE DEVIL] by the blood of the Lamb and by the WORD of their TESTIMONY; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (Emphasis mine).

Then the other thing to do is to avoid environments that are liable to make you sin or go back to that addiction. And I pray the lord will give you grace to always know that even before you pray you have been delivered. You only need to claim the freedom given to you by Jesus Christ. Please, don't listen to that guilty conscience. Only PRAY TO GOD YOUR FATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS, and know that GOD LOVES YOU.

If you seem not to be able to handle this, look for a Christian who can agree with you in prayers. Don't cover it up as a secret, because the first way to deal with addictions is to expose it. Tell a genuine Christian friend or your pastor. Many people have been delivered from addictions. Yours cannot be an exception.

I pray that you will know, recognize and believe that it is natural now to live holy because it is a nature that God puts in you when you accepted Christ as savior and you surrendered to him as your Lord. **Living righteously is a walk of faith not a work from self.** So, keep walking in the Word of God and keep growing, this is your responsibility. God's verdict from his word should be your concern, not the world's argument, because it is absolutely possible to live victoriously above sin.

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