

## It Is Finished

**John 19:30** Jesus said, “*It is finished*”

**2 Corinthians 5:19 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not **imputing** their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

- God is not holding our sins against us
- Through Jesus God declared, “God isn’t mad at you. Your sins aren’t a problem!”

If you buy something and say, “*Put it on my account,*” they would write it down and then at the end of the Month you would come and pay up, but when you went to pay there was no balance

**2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 21 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

<sup>18</sup> Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation

<sup>21</sup> For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- Jesus made a difference in the way God relates to mankind
- Jesus brought all of mankind back into harmony with God
- The debt has been paid
- The books have been reconciled

Jesus took care of it all!

**Hebrews 9:13–14 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

<sup>14</sup> how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The problem we all have is that we have a conscience that has been defiled

- If we don't purge our conscience with the truth of what Jesus has done for us the devil will drag up all of the things you've done and remind us of how bad you are
- That will destroy your faith

Remember, because of Grace you aren't getting the things you deserve, and you are getting the things God deserves

- You get to use the name of Jesus
- He paid for all of your sins
- Past, present and future

You have a spirit that is made perfect

- It doesn't get perfecter

However, you do have a body and a soul that do get defiled by sin

- That's where the battle is

**Hebrews 12:23 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup> to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect

The average Christian approaches God saying, *“Oh Lord, I come before you so humbly today. Please forgive me of my many sins.”*

We feel that if we mention all of our sins – and mention them quickly – then God might not mention them

- If we don’t, He’ll definitely bring them up
- We have a constant sin consciousness

The problem is, so many of us model our relationship with God after the way our father or someone else treated us

- God is greater than any person you have dealt with
- He has forgiven your sin

Preserved and Protected

**Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise

- Once you believed on Jesus you’ve been sealed with the Holy Spirit
- We were made righteous, true and holy in our new man
- Then all of that goodness was immediately sealed tight with the Holy Spirit

When you can food, you sometimes seal the jar with paraffin

- This makes an airtight seal that protects and preserves the food within from rotting and spoiling
- That exactly the way this word is used

The truth is that your spirit was sealed when you were born again

- Sin, and its effects cannot enter you spirit
- When you sin, your spirit doesn't participate
- It retains its original holiness and purity

### 1 John 3:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

- This means you are as righteous and holy now in your spirit as you'll ever be
- Many people find it hard to understand this verse because the context clearly shows that Christians do sin

### 1 John 1:8,10; 2:1 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

<sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup> My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

- These are all from the same letter that John is writing
- Both scripture and experience show that Christians can sin
- **John 1:9** isn't saying it's impossible for a born-again believer to do something sinful
- Yet, it clearly says that you cannot sin
- How can this be?

Some people take this to mean that you can't "habitually" sin

Saying *"If you were a drunk before you got saved, you might get drunk once or twice after, but eventually you'll stop drinking."*

- In order to brace this view, you would have to categorize sin
- But God doesn't categorize sin
- To Him there are no "Big" sins and "Little" sins
- By His definition we all habitually sin
- We fail to study the word as much as we should
- We fail to love and forgive others the way we should
- We fail to be as considerate as we should
- We all get into self-centeredness and God must deal with us
- We can see through scriptures that God views adultery, drunkenness, or gluttony the same
- I'm not trying to condemn anyone, just trying to put this into perspective

If you view this scripture to mean that no one can habitually sin after being born-again, no one would qualify

- To understand this scripture you must understand spirit, soul and body
- Your soul and body have been purchased but not yet redeemed
- This means your performance doesn't affect the purity and holiness of your spirit

**Ephesians 1:14 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

## We Need to Approach God with Confidence

### Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- Mercy – I don't get the punishment I deserve
- Grace – I get the favor I don't deserve

Remember Jesus made one sacrifice forever and our spirits are perfect! – **Hebrews 10:11-14; 12:22-23**

The Spirit of Christ is in you!

### Galatians 4:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

### Romans 8:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

### Romans 8:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

- If you say, "*I don't believe I have the Spirit of Christ,*" then you need to be born-again
- If you don't have the Spirit of Christ, then you aren't His
- If you are born again, you have His Spirit on the inside of you

God deals with you based on who you are in your spirit

### Romans 8:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

- Notice it says, “*in us*”, not “*to us*”
- Yes, its true that it will be wonderful when we get our glorified bodies and souls
- This scripture is not talking about something we receive in the future
- Its talking about now!
- The glory of God is something in us, not coming to us
- His glory is something moving from the inside out not the outside in
- Its not coming to us it’s in us
- This will change your prayer life
- God hears you when you pray because His Spirit is on the inside of us

Start acknowledging the good things that are on the inside of you, in Christ

### Philemon 6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup>that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

- Your healing, deliverance or breakthrough is on the inside
- It’s a FINISHED work

### 1 John 3:20 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

- Many Christians can't even blame the devil for the condemnation they feel
- It's coming from their own heart
- It's their own religious thinking
- God isn't mad at you
- He isn't even in a bad mood
- God sees your potential
- He sees His own glory that He placed on the inside of you

Even though we have been forgiven all of our sins, past, present and future we still need to repent

- Repent means to change direction
- We have the power to change the direction of our choices in life
- If you continue to live in sin it will give Satan an inroad into your life

Un-repentant sin will harden our hearts and defile our conscious  
That's the danger of continuing in sin rather than letting the truth of God's word renew your mind

- God will not turn His back on you, but you might walk away from God

### Hebrews 3:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> but exhort one another daily, while it is called "*Today*," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.



### 1 John 1:7–9 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son **cleanses us** from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Even though we are perfect in our spirits and don't have to get re-saved every time we sin, or be expected to remember every sin we commit, there is a reason for confession of sin

- **Cleanses us** - a continual process
- When something in our life is brought to light we should confess it
- When we bring it to the light and expose it, it strips Satan of any power over us
- When we continue to practice areas of sin in our lives we are submitting to the kingdom of darkness

### Romans 6:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading to death*, or of obedience *leading to righteousness*?

- Our soul and body aren't sealed (*Sin affects them*)
- Sin legally opens the door to a life of pain and misery
- Confession drives the enemy out!
- When we are confessing we are simply coming back into agreement with the Lord that the sin was wrong
- This shuts the door on the devil

When you realize you have sinned you should...

- Repent immediately and ask the Lord to forgive you
  - *“Don’t ask in the sense that you think that sin has come between you and the Lord.”*
- God sees you and deals with you based on Christ
- He sees people either in 1<sup>st</sup> Adam or last Adam

If we make our relationship with the Lord based on confessing or turning from every known sin, then there will be some sins we forget and don’t turn from or confess

- This causes many people to live in a broken relationship and fellowship syndrome
  - *This is what religion constantly preaches*
- This might be where you are today
- You know God exists – You don’t doubt that
- You know He has power to move in your life
- You just doubt that God is willing to move on your behalf because you feel unworthy
- You believe your sins have separated you from God

### Romans 8:35–39 (NKJV)

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

<sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Communion:

Under the new covenant, remission of sins comes through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus' blood

### Matthew 26:26–28 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” <sup>27</sup> Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

- It is not turning from our sins that saves us
- It's the turning to Christ in faith that saves us

When the Philippian jailer ask Paul what he needed to do to be saved Paul didn't tell him to turn from his sin

### Acts 16:30–31 (NKJV)

<sup>30</sup> And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” <sup>31</sup> So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

### Romans 8:32 (NKJV)

<sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?