

Christ Our Life

From Sinner to Saint. The Good News.

I recently asked a Christian congregation: “how many of you are Sinners?” Without hesitation every hand went up. Then I asked: “How many of you are saints?” After some hesitation, a few hands began to go slowly up, like there would be some embarrassment to acknowledge to be a saint. What do **you** think and how do **you** feel about these questions? If you feel embarrassed and would be hesitant to respond with a rejoicing, “**yes**”, you do not fully understand the experience of “**righteousness by faith**”, and you are still burdened and laboring under the defeating life style of “**righteousness by works**”. Please do not take this as criticism but rather as a diagnosis. There is good news for you. Permit the Spirit of God to open your mind and heart for this life changing truth of the gospel of Christ. Please understand that I am writing this to Christians that are born of God because the natural mind would not be able to understand this at all.

1 Cor 2:14

14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Let me ask you another question: “Are you saved?” Do you hope so, or know so? Picture in your mind for a moment that you are shipwrecked, swimming in the ocean, no land in sight. You know you are lost. Saving your self, impossible, no way. All your screaming splashing, struggling would not save you. You know that you would have to totally depend on some one else or you will drown. But suddenly you see a ship. The coast guard got the distress signal of your sinking ship and here they are coming for the rescue. They throw you a flotation ring. You would not say I do not take that because I do not like that color. You would be delighted to get saved even if it is not in your own fashion.

Do you think the coast guard would have completed their rescue if they left you with that flotation ring in the water? No, they did not save you in the water, they saved you from the water. Now you are back on solid ground. Do you know that you are saved? Would you not say: “thanks to the coast guard, they did it”. I am saved. It is your choice to stay on board and be saved or to jump back into the water and be lost.

Now let us see how this illustration applies to our spiritual salvation from eternal death into eternal life

We are all born of the flesh, with carnal minds into a deadly spiritual ocean of sin. This is the realm of the devil. Sin is the cause of eternal death. And mankind are the living-dead in this dark ocean from which they cannot rescue them selves

1 Cor 15:56

56 The **sting of death is sin**, and the strength of sin is the law.

Eph 2:1-3

And **you** He made alive, **who were dead in trespasses and sins**, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted

ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

What is sin? Only God can answer this. [Be watchful Satan has deceived many on this.]

“Sin is transgression of the **law of God.**”

I Jn 3:4

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.**

“What ever is not from faith is sin.”

Rom 14:23

23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for **whatever is not from faith is sin.**

“To him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

James 4:17

17 Therefore, to him **who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.**

Can the law save us? No, it just tells us what sin is, and condemns us if we disobey

Rom 3:20

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for **by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

Rom 7:7

7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, **I would not have known sin except through the law.** For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."

Please note< the reference is made to the ten commandments.

Rom 7:11-13

11 For **sin**, taking occasion by the commandment, **deceived me**, and by it **killed me.**

12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

13 Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But **sin**, that it might appear sin, **was producing death in me** through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

The law is like a mirror. It shows us if we are dirty or untidy. Its purpose is not for cleaning or grooming, nor can it do any such functions

Only who can save us? Jesus Christ = The Anointed Savior.

John 3:16

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16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 10:9

9 **I am the door:** by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Acts 4:12

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 16:31

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shall be saved, and thy house.

Rom 5:10

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Eph 2:5

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved;

Eph 2:8

8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God:**

2 Tim 1:9

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but **according to his own purpose and grace,** which was **given us in Christ** Jesus before the world began,

Titus 3:5

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Now since we are saved by Christ, without any merit of our own [no work, no screaming, no splashing,] we can say jubilantly with all our hearts and minds: 'Praise the Lord, He did it.' I am saved.

If we had the wrong opinion, that our salvation would have depended on something we had to contribute, then hesitation would be in order and give the appearance of modesty. But for such a marvelous Gift of God, how could any one hesitate praising God, confessing and sharing, the great things He has done. We have entered in Christ from death into eternal life. He saved us. We are saved. If we **abide in Him**, the solid foundation, we remain saved for eternity. No one can take us out of His hand.

John 10:29

29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and **no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.**

John 5:24

24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me **has everlasting life**, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 3:36

36 "He who believes in the Son **has everlasting life**; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

I Jn 5:11

11 And this is the testimony: that God **has given us eternal life**, and this life is in His Son.

I Jn 5:13

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that **ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Please comprehend this wonderful truth, that when you believe in Him and are born of God, you have now eternal life. It is a free gift of God to you and you will receive immortality when Christ returns to take us home.

What is a sinner? One who lives in sin. His mind is carnal. His nature is contrary to the will of God. He disobeys Gods laws. Self is number one. The seeming good he does has self centered motives. He bears the fruits of the flesh. Sin is the fruit and work of the devil. A sinner is born of Satan's spirit. and under condemnation. He or she is lost and in a state of spiritual death..

Gal 5:19-26

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Even religious people and their leaders [pastors, priests, popes, cardinals, reverends, rabbis etc]. may be born of their father the devil.

John 8:44

44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Please note that Jesus said this to the clergy of his dais.

Matt 7:20

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

So there are only two kinds of people in this world: Children of God, and children of the devil.

Two spiritual kingdoms with their citizens

Satan's kingdom:

Matt 12:26

26 "If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will **his kingdom** stand?

His citizens have always been the majority in this world.

Matt 7:13-14

13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are **many who go in by it.**

14 "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are **few who find it.**

The Kingdom Of God.

Rom 14:17

17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but **righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

Matt 12:28

28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely **the kingdom of God has come upon you.**

Luke 17:20-21

21 20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; "nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, **the kingdom of God is within you.**"

Everyone that is controlled and born of God's spirit is His and lives in His kingdom.

Rom 8:9

9 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.**

Rom 8:14

14 For **as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**

Does God accept sinners?

Praise the Lord, He does. If He would not, we all would be lost. But **He accepts only repenting sinners**, who turn away from sin. They know they are lost in that terrible deep ocean of sin and long to be saved not **in** sin, but **from** sin They no longer have a desire to live in sin

Rom 6:22

22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, **you have your fruit to holiness**, and the end, everlasting life.

Matt 18:11

11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

Luke 15:7

7 "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who **repents** than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

Matt 4:17

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "**Repent**, for the **kingdom of heaven is at hand.**"

Mark 6:12

12 So they went out and preached that people should **repent**.

Luke 13:3

3 "I tell you, no; but **unless you repent** you will all likewise perish.

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 3:19

19 "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

Acts 17:30

30 "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but **now commands all men everywhere to repent**,

Acts 26:20

20 "but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should **repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance**.

Repentance means to turn away from your sins. When you come to Christ for salvation, you confess your sin, turn away from it, ask for forgiveness and deliverance, believe and receive it. The repenting sinner in baptism dies in Christ and is resurrected into a new life. He is born of God and lives in His Spirit, Grace and Power. He receives a new robe which is "The Righteousness of Christ", and a new name which is "Saint". The second name he receives will only be known by the recipient

Rom 6:4-7

4 Therefore **we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly **we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,**

6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the **body of sin might be done away with**, that we should **no longer be slaves of sin.**

7 **For he who has died has been freed from sin.**

2 Cor 5:17

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

Eph 4:24-5:1

24 and that **you put on the new man** which was **created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.**

25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath,

27 **nor give place to the devil.**

28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

Col 3:10

10 and have put on the **new man** who is renewed in knowledge according to the **image of Him who created him,**

Rev 2:17

17 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a **new name** written which no one knows except him who receives it."

Does God give birth to sinners or saints?

1 Pet 1:23

23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

I Jn 2:29

29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that **everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.**

I Jn 3:9-10

9 **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.**

10 **In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God**, nor is he who does not love his brother.

I Jn 4:7

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and **everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

I Jn 5:4-5

4 For **whatever is born of God overcomes the world.** And this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith.

5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

I Jn 5:18

By faith we live consciously in the presence of God, who is always with us, in us and for us. If the tempter with all his interesting toys or the gorgeous promiscuous temptress try to invade your mind, you will not linger or play their game. Your faith will activate even your legs and you will flee.

Heb 11:27-28

27 By faith he left Egypt, **not fearing** the wrath of the king; **for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.** 2

Rom 8:31

31 What, then, shall we say in response to this? **If God is for us, who can be against us?**

2 Tim 2:22

22 **Flee** the **evil desires** of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

1 Cor 6:18

18 **Flee** from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

18 We know that **whoever is born of God does not sin**; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and **the wicked one does not touch him.**

So children of God are no longer called sinners. They are **saints**. Sons and daughters of God. This is how God addresses His children. And this is how they address one another. This is not fantasy but truth.

It is reality. Experience to all who are born of God.

Rom 1:7

7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be **saints**: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 9:13

13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your **saints** in Jerusalem.

Acts 9:32

32 Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the **saints** who dwelt in Lydda.

1 Cor 1:2

2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be **saints**, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

1 Cor 14:33

33 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the **saints**.

2 Cor 1:1

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the **saints** who are in all Achaia:

2 Cor 13:13

13 All the **saints** salute you.

Eph 1:1

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the **saints** who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:

Eph 1:15

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the **saints**,

Eph 2:19

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the **saints** and members of the household of God,

Eph 4:12

12 for the equipping of the **saints** for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Eph 5:3

3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for **saints**;

Phil 4:22

22 All the **saints** greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household.

Col 1:12

12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the **saints** in the light.

Rev 14:12

12 Here is the patience of the **saints**; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Rev 19:8

8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the **saints**.

These are just a few texts that show us how children of God communicate and address one another.

Sinner designates the work of the devil. Saint is the gift and work of Christ who is our Life. Christ was not a sinner. He became our sin and suffered our death, so that we become His righteousness and manifest His life.

2 Cor 2:14

14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and maketh **manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place**.

2 Cor 4:11

11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the **life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh**.

Gal 2:17-21

17 **"But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!**

18 "For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

19 "For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

20 "I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

21 "I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

How did we become saints? Is it through our diligent achievement? No it is not achieved, it is received.

What glorious inheritance we have graciously bestowed on us in our Lord Jesus. No hesitation when we can brag about Him and what He has done and is doing. If you have the achievement or work related righteousness, you certainly are still a sinner, and it is understandable that you feel presumptuous to be named a saint. Some even pride themselves in their "humility" by referring to themselves as sinners.

Children of God by His gracious gift in Christ are saints. Oh yes, some bible student might argue that the apostle Paul referred to himself as "chief of sinners" or the greatest sinner.

1 Tim 1:15

15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:" Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the worst.

It would be totally absurd to think that he referred to his present condition. Reading the previous verses clearly show that he was writing about his former life as a persecutor of God's children and of the Son of God. But he repented for these sins and did them no more. The saying he quoted is still trustworthy "Jesus came to save sinners." He is the only hope.

1 Tim 1:12-14

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,

13 although I was **formerly** a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

Why do people sin? They sin because they like it. Why do they like it and do not want to give it up?

Because they have become slaves to sin and to Satan. They are not born of God. Some do sin ignorantly,

2 Cor 4:4

4 **whose minds the god of this age has blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

John 8:34-36

34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.**

35 "And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.

36 **"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.**

Indeed means in reality. This is not fantasy or philosophy or wishful thinking.

Are saints perfect? If a saint stumbles into a sin, does he lose his salvation and does he become a sinner and a child of Satan ? Certainly not. We buried once our pet dog that got killed. Did that make us undertakers? Sin is something foreign, painful and detestable to a child of God. Did you ever have a splinter in your foot? When every step was painful and you did not rest until it was removed. And if residual impurities were left in the lesion, all body systems were mobilized in order to remove them. Inflammation and expulsion is the effective reaction. Immediate confession and repentance is followed by forgiveness And God remembers that sin no more.

I Jn 2:1-6

1 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.

2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

3 Now by this we know that **we know Him, if we keep His commandments.**

4 **He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**

5 **But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.**

38 **He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.**

I Jn 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins and to **cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

My Christian friend if you still think you are a sinner I encourage you to identify the sin in your life, name it, confess your sin, repent and surrender it to Christ for forgiveness and cleansing. He is able to set you free from your sin instantly.

Do not just ask for forgiveness. Ask for being delivered right now. Believe Him. He is willing to do it now.

Matt 21:22

22 If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Mark 11:24

24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Is it God's will to take your sin away? Right now? Is He able? Surrender it to Him. Believe that He has done it.

Believe that you are dead to that sin.

Rom 6:11-12

count [consider, believe,] yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

1

In God's family we find the mature elders, the young and the newborn. For their age, they are all relatively perfect, not mature, not completed. The babes are still quite selfish, make a lot of noise and many messes. But the grown ups and older siblings love them anyway, patiently cleaning them, feeding them, giving them space and time to grow. No body would even think to kick them out of the family. Such a thought would be appalling to our Father and to His children. We love one another, forgive as we are forgiven, we serve and seek to edify every one in the family,

Isa 49:15-16

15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet **I will not forget you.**

16 **See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands;** your walls are continually before Me.

Eph 2:10

10 **For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**

And God is not done with us. But He promised to finish in us the work that He began. But whatever He does is always 100%. Never less.

Heb 12:2

2 looking unto **Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The mystery of godliness:

1 Tim 3:16

Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great:

Only when you experience it will you understand it.

2 Peter 1:3-4

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. **4** Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them **you may participate in the divine nature** and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Col 3:9-11

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is **being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.**

To be godly or godlike is God's will for us. He dwells in us as He dwelled in Jesus.

Manifestations of the Father's dwelling in His Son Jesus:

Jesus was sent by His Father to do His work:

John 5:36

For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me.

John 5:19-20

"I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.

Jesus always did the will of His Father:

John 6:38-39

38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

John 8:29-30

9 The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him."

John 8:55-56

I do know him and keep his word.

Jesus spoke the words of His Father:

John 7:16

16 Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me.

John 8:28-29

I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.

John 12:49-50

49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. 50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

John 14:7-11

7 If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

God's children are also the dwelling or temple of Christ and God.

John 14:20-21

20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

John 14:23-24

"If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and **we will come to him and make our home with him**.

John 15:4

4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

John 15:7-8

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 17:26

26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

John 17:22-23

22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, **that they may be one as we are one**: 23 I in them and you in me. **May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me**.

1 Cor 3:16-17

16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

2 Cor 13:5-6

5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

The Greek word translated here as reprobate means: "reject, failure, not authentic, fake."

2 Tim 3:5

5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

Does Jesus and the Father live in you? When people, including family, friends, strangers see you, do they see Jesus and the Father?

How do children of God deal with sin? I heard one Christian brother ignorantly pray: "And we will fail again, as long as we live". Do you hear the applause of the deceiver? Now there is part truth in this if the emphasis is placed on we. How about when Christ lives in us? Does He fail in keeping us from failing? Is He unwilling or unable?

Can you think of one sin in your life that Christ approves of, that He wants you to keep, or that He is not able to free you from? If you believe this, you neither understand nor believe in the good news of the saving power of Christ. Remember: "You are saved by grace, through faith". What and whom you believe will bring you victory or failure. Satan's bad news says you can not live without sin. Christ's good news says I am able and willing to set you free from all sins if you believe Me and let Me do it.

Jude 1:24-25

24 Now to **Him who is able to keep you from stumbling**, and to **present you faultless** before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

25 To God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

From pulpits I heard: "As long as we are in the flesh, we can never be perfect." .Does this not sound like faith in defeat? Satan, the master deceiver has always been successful in making men believe in lies. If you believe that sin will always be part of your life, then you will experience that spiritual law: " **It will be onto you as you believe**". Can you hear the devil's

approval of this? He likes you to be his workmanship created to sin. Would you even start a fight knowing that you will lose it?

Believing in defeat robs you of vitality, initiative and perseverance. Children of God receive righteousness by faith in Jesus who has **all** power in heaven and on earth. He promised to be with us every day until the end of the world. Living by faith is living always in His presence. Could you even think of stealing, lying or committing adultery with Christ and your angel standing at your side? Do you consciously live in their presence? How wonderful, powerful and rewarding our faith is! And I mean faith in the wonder working power of Christ.

Heb 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Heb 11:27

27 [Moses] By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured **as seeing Him who is invisible.**

1 Cor 15:57

57 But thanks be to **God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Remember the story of David and Goliath. The armies of Israel including king Saul were afraid of the giant Goliath. He seemed to block their vision of God. Then came David. Too young to be a soldier. He saw a much greater reality than Goliath. He lived in the presence of the Almighty God. He knew that He was with him and for him. He reasoned with King Saul: "The God that delivered me from the paws of the bear and of the mouth of the lion, will deliver this blasphemer into my hand." Faith is victorious. Doubt brings defeat

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1 Sam 17:4-7

4 And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

5 He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.

6 And he had bronze greaves on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders.

7 Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him.

1 Sam 17:10-11

10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together."

11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

1 Sam 17:32-33

32 Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

33 And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."

1 Sam 17:34-36

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock,
35 I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it.
36 "Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God."

1 Sam 17:37

37 Moreover David said, "**The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.**" And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

1 Sam 17:40-42

40 Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.

41 So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield went before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking.

1 Sam 17:45-46

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But **I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God** of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

46 "**This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand**, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, **that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.**

1 Sam 17:49

49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.

1 Sam 17:51-52

51 Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

52 Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron.

This is faith in action. This is not self-confidence but God confidence. Under the new covenant, the faithful no longer take part in physical warfare but by faith they are victorious in all their spiritual battles. Christ has defeated the giant and by faith we know that our victory in Him is 100%

Is this not the best news the world has ever heard? Christ our victory. Freedom from Satan and his slavery of sin. Shout it from every mountain top. Experience and proclaim it 24/7. And if you discover an evil spirit still hiding in one of the closets of your heart, command him in the name of Jesus to get out and stay out for ever. You have received that authority and power from Christ who has all authority in heaven and on earth.

Luke 10:19

19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and **to overcome all the power of the enemy**; nothing will harm you.

Matt 10:1

10 He called his twelve disciples to him and **gave them authority to drive out evil spirits** and to heal every disease and sickness.

Eph 6:10-13

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **12** **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

2 Cor 10:3-6

3 For though we live in the world, **we do not wage war as the world does.** **4** The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. **On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.** **5** We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. **6**

1 Cor 15:57

57 But thanks be to God! **He gives us the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have experienced that God had the power to free us from sins in the past, therefore we know that there is no sin too big in our lives that the Almighty God is not able to overcome. Who would limit the Holy One by unbelief? When we knew that the seed of David = Jesus defeated the giant Satan, there is for us no fear or doubt until every stronghold of the devil is broken and every evil spirit is overcome. Christ, who is in us, is more than a conqueror. When we are in Him, our fortress, we are invincible. Satan only has power over you if you give it to him. Praise the Lord, Satan is defeated. Christ will free us from every unclean spirit and their strongholds that keep us in sin so that the world will know that there is the Almighty God and Savior in us, who is willing and able to save to the outermost. He does not work part-time nor does He do patchwork. From the beginning His workmanship is very good, it is always perfect. When He calls us to perfection, who are we to limit the Almighty?

Matt 5:48

48 Therefore **you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.**

Can He overcome sin by making us obedient to His will? Are you willing? Most of the time? Do you find that the good that you desire you can not do, but the bad you do not like you do? If so, you are experiencing the **law of sin** in your life.

Rom 7:23-25

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to **the law of sin** which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! **Who will deliver me from this body of death?**

25 **Thanks be to God, who does this through our Lord Jesus Christ!** This, then, is my condition: **on my own I can serve God's law only with my mind, while my human nature serves the law of sin.** [TEV}

There is good news for you. What you are not able to do, Christ is able to accomplish. Yes He is also willing. Will He be defeated? Never. Do you believe Him? Is there a sin in your life He is not able to overcome? Oh yes, but only the ones you are not willing to surrender to Him. How much time does He need? Do not limit in your unbelief the Almighty. Let Him have His way right now, and experience what He can and will do. Christ came to destroy the works of the devil and set you free. There is freedom in Christ.

I Jn 3:8

8 **He who sins is of the devil**, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

Do you want Christ to destroy all the works of Satan in your life? All without reservation? Now? Do you believe Him or the devil?

Satan inspires reasoning based on past realities: I have sinned so often, therefore I am a sinner, this is my Nature. I can not help it. I have lied so often, therefore I am a liar and I will lie when I have to.

I have stolen things, therefore I am a thief, because I have needs. God inspires us to look upon Jesus and trust that The One that overcame one sin in us is able and willing to overcome all sins, also the ones that are not known to us at this time. He does not work part time or partly, He completes what He started. What He does is always 100 %.

Heb 12:2

2 looking unto **Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

What we could not do, Christ has done and is doing in our lives. But remember, **He** is the one and only author of our faith. Let non other influence and shape your faith.

Rom 8:1-4

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ **Jesus has made me free from the law of sin** and death.

3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

4 that the **righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us** who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Our minds and faith are not set on what we can do or on the flesh, but on **Christ and what He can and will do.**

Rom 8:5-9

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the **carnal mind is enmity against God**; for **it is not subject to the law of God**, nor indeed can be.

8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 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.

You may have also heard the expression: "My old man made me do it," or "that was my old nature."

Our belief need to be grounded in the word of God. If we truly want that God puts our "old man" to death, He does a thorough job. And He buried that old carnal man in baptism with Christ, never to be resurrected. Christ is not in the business to resurrect "the old man" or "old woman". Do not give Satan that authority.

Rom 6:6-15

6 knowing this, that **our old man was crucified with Him**, that the **body of sin might be done away with**, that we should **no longer be slaves of sin**.

7 For **he who has died has been freed from sin**.

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also **live with Him**,

9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

11 **Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ**. Jesus our Lord.

12 Therefore **do not let sin reign in your mortal body**, that you should obey it in its lusts.

13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but **present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God**.

14 **For sin shall not have dominion over you**, for you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

Likewise or in the same manner, reckon or **consider yourselves dead indeed to sin, but alive in Christ**.

It is by inspiration of the holy spirit that we think that way, feel that way, live by faith that way, because Christ lives in us. And if Satan injects any other idea into your mind, bid him to depart immediately.

2 Cor 10:5

5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing **every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**.

It may appear that we work our salvation with fear and trembling, but we know that it is He that is at work in making us willing and also to complete it.

Phil 2:12-13

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

13 for **it is God who works in you both to will and to do** for His good pleasure.

Without Him we can do nothing. But all things are possible to him that believes in His ability and willingness.

John 15:5

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for **without Me you can do nothing.**

Mark 9:23

23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, **all things are possible to him who believes.**"

Rom 8:37-39

37 Yet **in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him** who loved us.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39 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.

1 Cor 15:57

57 But thanks be to **God, who gives us the victory through our Lord** Jesus Christ.

How do we understand "whatever is not from faith is sin?". Rom. 14:22,23

What is the basis for our faith?

Rom 10:17

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by **the word of God.**

The faith and conscience of a child of God is based on the word of God only. Religions and also "Christian denominations" have captured and bound the mind, faith and conscience of their members to their doctrines and traditions.

Matt 15:3

3 He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"

Mark 7:8

8 "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men-- the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."

Mark 7:9

9 And He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition."

Mark 7:13

13 "**making the word of God of no effect through your tradition** which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

Matt 15:9

9 **And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'** "

We meet confessing Christians with a Catholic faith and conscience, a Protestant faith and conscience or an Adventist faith and conscience etc. Depending on their indoctrination. I met Catholics who believed that eating meat on Fridays was sin. If they did eat, their conscience would condemn them. I met Adventists that believed to eat any meat is sin. If they eat meat their conscience would condemn them. I met Protestants who believed that working on Sunday is a sin. If they would work on Sunday their conscience would condemn them. Are there any such laws given by God? Certainly not. These are rules and traditions of men. No matter how good they seem to be, they are not defining sin. The only authority to define sin is God. Men set themselves above God when they teach something to be sin when God's word says it is not, or when they teach something is not sin when God says it is. God's moral commandments are not changed or deleted.

Matt 5:17-20

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

18 "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, **one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.**

19 **"Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**

20 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

As we grow up and mature, many sources have programmed our minds and it is important to question ourselves: Why do I believe what I believe? Is it because it is written in God's word or did it come from an other source. The spirit of God will lead us into **all truth**, if we let Him.

2 Cor 10:5

5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

The sin of omission. To know to do good and not doing it.

This does not mean a monetary response to every beggar or give me letter. It also takes guidance of the spirit to know were, when and how to respond to any situation at hand.

Matt 25:45

45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

Matt 25:34-37

34 "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

36 'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

Matt 25:40

39"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

Remember that your spouse is a son or daughter of your King and He takes it very personally how you do or talk to him or her. This also applies to your children, relatives, friends and strangers.

James 2:15-17

15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,
16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?
17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

James 2:9-10

9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.
10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

If we would try to achieve righteousness by works, we would fail in despair. It would be like trying to consciously regulate every function of your body – every breath, every heart beat, every chemical process etc. It is impossible. It would take a super genius. Righteousness by faith experiences the super genius Jesus in us who causes us to will and to do His will.

Phil 2:13

13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

This is the righteousness of Christ which is experienced in peace and great joy.

Col 2:9-10

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;
10 and **you are complete in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power.

The gospel, which is the good news of Jesus, that promises us salvation from sin and freedom from sin, stands opposite from the bad news of the deceiver that persuades men to believe that they are life long slaves to sin.

Whom do you believe? You will know it by the fruits of your faith in your life.

God bless you with the mind of Jesus.

What is the sin that does not lead to death?

1 John 5:17

17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

Scripture makes reference to a period of ignorance.

Acts 17:30

30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

We all had or have periods of ignorance, when our understanding of the will of God was limited. We were mistaken and did not know it. What we thought to be right turned out to be wrong. We are held accountable for what we know or could know if we so desired.

There are also people who never had access to a bible or have not been able to read. They will be judged according to the light that was given to them by the holy spirit or the internal law. It is not our job to decide whom Jesus has saved. Only He knows that.

Rom 2:14-16

14 for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, 15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them 16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

Ignorance is not bliss. It robs us of many blessings that come from knowing and living the will of God.

Elective ignorance does not avoid judgment.

To know and live in the perfect will of God is peace and joy. It is life more abundantly.

John 10:10

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

God and all heaven is for us and with us. It is His will that no one should be lost. But we are blessed with a free will to choose life or death.

Ro 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Which sin will not be forgiven?

Heb 10:26-29

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and **insulted the Spirit of grace?**

1 Jn 5:16

There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.

Mt 12:31-32

31 "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but **the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.**

32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but **whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.**

Mk 3:29-30

29 but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"

30 because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."

The position of the theologians, that the spirit of Christ, who is the word of God, is unclean or not true, made it impossible for them to repent, accept the truth and find forgiveness. Rejecting truth, justifying evil or sin, deadens the conscience and makes repentance impossible.

Unrepentant sinners do not find forgiveness.

The evil spirit of enmity and dissention leads to intentional misunderstanding and misquotation for the purpose of influencing false witnesses to bring accusations and condemnation. The "accuser of our brethren" is at work.

Lk 19:47

47 And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests , the scribes, and **the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him,**

Mt 26:59-63

59 Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council **sought false testimony against Jesus** to put Him to death,

60 but found none. Even though **many false witnesses came forward**, they found none. **But at last two false witnesses came forward**

61 and said, "**This fellow said**, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

62 And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"

63 **But Jesus kept silent.**

Mt 27:1

11 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, **He answered nothing.**

Truth has no need to defend it self.

As it was in the days of Christ's humanity, carnal minds possessed by the spirit of enmity and strife, misquoted Him and appeared as false witnesses against Him, so it always was and will be in the experience of His servants.

Jn 15:20-24

20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me , they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 He who hates Me hates My Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

Mt 5:11-12

11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Many religious hierarchies, in order to control their believers and keep their minds captive, prohibit them to listen to differing views. According to their doctrine, if you doubt their leadership, you commit heresy, a deadly sin.

Jn 7:48

48 Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?

Human nature tends to meet what is new, not customary or inconvenient, with hesitation, skepticism and rejection.

Closed minds are prisons. Only truth can set us free.

Blasphemy against the holy spirit is a very common occurrence. To consider any revelation of the spirit of truth to be error and reject it as such, darkens the mind, dulls the conscience and negates repentance. It is unwise to talk in ignorance and make judgments.

Jn 8:32

32 And you shall **know the truth** , and the **truth shall make you free.**"

Jn 8:36

36 Therefore **if the Son makes you free , you shall be free indeed.**

1 Thess 5:24

24 The one who calls you is faithful and **He** will do it.