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What happens when I sin after I become a Christian? Does God still love me? Am I still a Christian? I thought Christians didn't sin. What should I do? These questions and ones like them rage throughout the mind of the believer when they sin. We know from the previous lesson in this series that the believer is secure in their salvation. So, what happens when I sin? Take some time to walk through this lesson, study the verses, and answer the questions to discover what God has to say about our sin.

Coming to grips with how to deal with sin after conversion is critical to living as a believer. Without a clear understanding of what to do or what to believe about forgiveness of sin will lead the believer to live a life of guilt, and can ultimately cause an emotional rift between that believer and God.

Sin separates man from God. We just have to look at the Garden of Eden to see how man runs and hides from the presence of God when he sins. We are no different today. When we disobey God, we emotionally and sometimes physically run and hide from God.

We've learned that the believer is secure in their salvation. So, what happens when I sin? That's the gist of this lesson.

What is Sin?

1. Where did sin come from? Genesis 2:16-17, 3:1-3
2. How does sin happen? James 1:13-15, 1 John 2:15-17
3. What are the consequences of sin? Psalms 32:1-7, 66:18
4. What should our response to sin be?

Steps To Forgiveness

1. Confess your sin 1 John 1:9
2. Believe you are forgiven Psalm 103:12
3. Turn from your sin: repent Proverbs 28:13
4. Ask God to help you avoid the sin next time 1 Corinthians 10:13
5. Does God really forgive us? Psalm 103:12, Colossians 1:13-14, Colossians 2:13-14
6. Does God promise victory? Romans 6:10-12, 1 Corinthians 10:13

Our goal must be obedience, but when we sin, we must confess our sin and believe that God has forgiven us (according to his promise in 1 John 1:9). We must forsake our sin and yield our lives to the Holy Spirit who lives in us. Learning to keep short accounts with the Lord will lead to a fulfilling walk with God.

Suggested Memory Verse

1 John 1:9