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## CAN A PERSON TRULY LIVE FREE FROM SIN?

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Let's look at this passage.

**1Jn. 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

The above scripture is often misunderstood and often used to condone living in sin. How is that, you ask? It says "if we say we have no sin," which is interpreted by the ignorant to mean that "everyone has sin" or "everybody sins" or "everyone lives in sin." It does not mean this at all. It is in conjunction with the scriptures before and after it. It is actually saying *if you are living in sin or are walking in sin* and you say you have no sin, that you deceive yourself and the truth is not in you; because the Bible actually teaches that you are to walk and that you are able to walk completely free from sin.

**1Jn. 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

In God, there is absolutely no darkness. He is light. He is in you. In you is the light of God. In you is no darkness in your spirit. If you choose to let darkness in through your eyes or ears, then that is your choice; but when you are born again you are completely free from darkness and are full of light. You are free from sin.

**1Jn. 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:**

We are commanded to walk free from darkness. If we do walk in darkness we are liars and are not having fellowship with God.

**1Jn. 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 cleanseth us from all sin.**

If we walk in the light then we prove that we are abiding in Him and that Jesus has cleansed us from all sin. We have no excuses for walking in sin. The price has been paid. The power has been given. All we have to do is abide in Christ by reading His Word and pray, seeking Him daily.

The reason people do not walk free from sin in heart, mind, and body is because they are following other gods, seeking other things.....watching TV, surfing the internet, spending time with people who do not seek God, working too much(money god)...the love of money is the root of all evil. You can't give your soul away to everything in the world and expect to be a Christian, and you can't claim to be a Christian if you are walking in

darkness, because you can't claim to have fellowship with Christ if you are walking in darkness.

**1Jn. 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

Now we come to the proper interpretation of the above scripture. If we *are* living in sin and in darkness and say that we aren't, then we deceive ourselves, the truth is not in us and we are, according to IJo1:6&8, liars.

**1Jn. 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

This is saying, as in IJo 1:8, that if we say we haven't sinned, when we have, then we make Him a liar and His word is not in us. It is *not* saying that we all sin all the time and that nobody can live free from sin, because He just commanded us in the surrounding verses to walk free from sin.

**1Jn. 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**

Look at this! He doesn't even say "when you sin," but "*if* you sin." He doesn't expect us to live in habitual sin, sinning everyday. "I write these things that you sin not!" John was expecting us to live free from sin all the time. How? By faith...by knowing that we have been made righteous...by abiding in Christ, in the light.

**1Jn. 2:3-4 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**

Here again, we are called liars if we do not obey Him. Why? Because He is light and we cannot claim to walk in that light if we do not obey Him. If we are abiding in that light, spending time, then we will obey Him and keep his commandments.

**1Jn. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**

As Jesus walked!? Is this a tall order? Not at all. If you are abiding in Him, that is who you will act like. After all, hasn't He said that He was going to live His life now through us?

So when we live feeding His word into our hearts, spending time with Him, and His word is in us, we will keep in stride through an ability that is supernatural. We aren't doing this on our own. The Spirit of God is tied to that word you are hiding in your heart. With each word, your human spirit gains power from the Lord over sin in your life. Staying in the presence of His word, means His grace and Spirit are bringing truth into your life and changing and cleansing your heart. In addition, once His word has taken hold of our lives, our walk looks like the one we are following.

**Matt. 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.**

If we are following what John is saying and abiding in him, our walk will be as our Lord's and *He will save us from our sins* through His grace and the ability of His Holy Spirit.

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**Discussion & Prayer Time -**

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