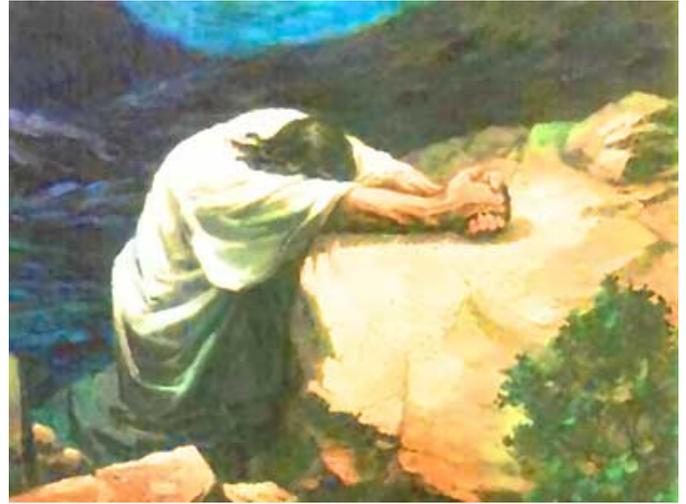


*"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, **We Have An Advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous:" 1 John 2:1no2 KJV*



Believers sin when bodily lust entices them to disobey the God they love. *"Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."* That death is separation from the of the Word of Life. Jesus Said, *"It is the Spirit that Quickeneth (makes living); the flesh profiteth nothing: the Words that I Speak unto you, They Are Spirit, and They Are Life. Whosoever is Born of God doth not commit sin...and he cannot sin, because he is Born of God."* Believers are in a "strait betwixt two" – A newly alive spirit Born again "of the Spirit" housed in a carnal body "sold under sin." Conflict begins the moment of spiritual re-birth! (See Romans 7) Our human spirit is dead at birth; separated from the Eternal Life that is God, until made alive by the presence of the Holy Ghost through faith and trust of God's Word. Before faith our body wants, so we satisfy the desire, but after our re-birth through faith, we become aware of the dimension of Truth through the inner workings of the Spirit of Truth in our thoughts. We then either obey the body, or the Spirit of Truth. *"To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey...whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto Righteousness."* Doing something you know you should not is ALLOWING sin to be your master. Sin is disobedience of God's Word, *"but if we walk in the Light (obey), as...God is Light...we have fellowship (common interest) one with another."* We are only free of sin through trusting obedience of God's Word. God never forces obedience, but allows us to reap the consequences of our sin. Truth is the only Master that makes you free, but if we sin, believers have someone to plead their case; Jesus Christ, the Blessed Barrister who pleads our case before the Condemnation of God; at once Advocate and Judge in the Throne Room of Righteousness! The Law requires a penalty; *"The wages of sin is death,"* but our Advocate has Paid our debt in full! The Law has no more claim over those covered by the shed Blood of the New Covenant. The Mercy, Grace, and Love of our Advocate removed Perdition's Penalty of for every penitent petitioner of the Promise; *"WHOSOEVER shall call upon the Name of the Lord, shall be Saved."* Our case is settled before it's presented; even for believers who continue to sin *"willfully after the flesh, [but] if we confess our sins (admit and return to obedience), He is Faithful AND Just to Forgive us our sins. If we believe not, yet He abideth Faithful; He cannot deny Himself, [because] He is the Propitiation (Atoning Sacrifice) for our sins."* Every case He represents is stamped, "DISMISSED," because, written in our Advocate's own Blood across the face of the record is, "SENTENCE FULLY SERVED BY JESUS CHRIST." Jesus bore ALL our guilt on Calvary to Eternally Free "WHOSOEVER shall call" from the bondage of sin and death!

Set free from sin, at last, to be,
For Jesus Christ has ransomed me,
The flesh imprisons here below,
But only if I make it so. –CGP

"Present your bodies a Living Sacrifice, Holy, Acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that Good, and Acceptable, and Perfect, Will of God." We crucify the deeds of the body through obedience to God's Word, because we can! Follow *"the Way, the Truth, and the Life!"* He will Give you Eternal Life and Make you Free!

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth (does), that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh (disobeys) shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit (obeys) shall of the Spirit reap Life Everlasting." Galatians 6:7-8 KJV