

**EQUIPPING THE SAINTS**  
**20/20 Vision in 2021**  
**LESSON STUDY: *Simplicity of the Gospel***  
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**SINNERS DON'T HAVE TO SIN; IT IS A CHOICE.**

**The Gospel Simplified: Jesus In, Satan Out**  
**SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 11:6; ROMANS 10:17**

“<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

**There is no excuse for sin. Jesus can keep us from falling. Jesus is the solution to our sin problem. Why do you and I think we have to sin?**

1. Rev. 3:20: “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”

**The only way we can stop sinning is to recognize our helplessness in order for God to help us. We have to have a superglue-like faith; “It won’t let go, once it sticks.”**

2. John 15:4,5,7,16: “<sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. <sup>7</sup>If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. <sup>16</sup>Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.”
3. Phil. 2:13: “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”
4. Phil. 4:13: “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

**Some people have been deceived; they think Satan the devil is more powerful than Jesus Christ our Lord.**

5. Heb 2:14-18: “<sup>14</sup>Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; <sup>15</sup>And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. <sup>16</sup>For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.”
6. 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.”
7. Jude 24,25: “<sup>24</sup>Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, <sup>25</sup>To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”
8. Rom. 5:20 “But where sin abound, grace did much more abound.”
9. Rom. 6:1,2: “<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”

**If we are born again do we choose to keep sinning willfully? Does sin and selfishness bother us? It should if we are born from above. Our constant cry should be, “Not my will but thine will be done.”**

10. John 3:3-7: <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”

**Why do we think sin so strong? Is it because we have tried to stop sinning, and have fail miserably? We all know this to be true because “All have sin and come short of the glory of God.” Our only hope is death of the Old Man, we have to die on the cross of Jesus, then we will become new creatures.**

11. Rom. 6:3-18: <sup>3</sup> Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: <sup>6</sup> Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. <sup>7</sup> For he that is dead is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: <sup>9</sup> Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. <sup>11</sup> Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. <sup>13</sup> Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. <sup>15</sup> What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. <sup>16</sup> Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. <sup>18</sup> Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.