

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT OVERCOMING SIN

I. WHAT IS SIN?

THE BIBLE SAYS: I JN 3:4 I JN 5:17 ROM 14:23

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Sin is breaking God's law—living in opposition to God's Word. 1Jn 3:4
2. Sin is unrighteousness—lying, cheating, stealing, immorality, abuse. I Jn 5:17
3. Sin is anything that violates our faith—not worshipping, not attending church, praylessness, not reading Bible—any failure to keep your faith. Rom 14:23

II. WHY DO I SIN?

THE BIBLE SAYS: ROM 5:12 I COR: 15:45-49 JA 1:13-15

ROM 7:18-25 I JN 2:15-16

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Because we inherited a sin nature from Adam. Rom 5:12; I Cor 15:45-49
2. Because our sinful nature desires wrong—lack of control leads to sin—*anarchy*. Ja 1:13-15
3. Because whenever we try to do good, we must battle our selves. Rom 7:18-25
4. Because we are tempted in 3 major areas. I Jn 2:15-16
Lust of the flesh—desire to do something – steal, take drugs, illicit sex, homosexuality, lie
Lust of the eyes—desire to have something—lust for things
Pride of life—desire to be something—rich, famous, powerful

III. WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT MY SIN?

THE BIBLE SAYS: II COR 5:21 HEB 12:5-11 GAL 6:7-8 I JN 1:9

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Your sin was judged by God at Calvary. II Cor 5:21
2. If you continue in sin, God will chastize you as a father would his child. Heb 12:5-11
3. God will allow you to reap according to what you have sown. Gal 6:7-8
4. If we earnestly confess, God forgives. I Jn 1:9

IV. WHAT CAN I DO TO OVERCOME SIN?

THE BIBLE SAYS: PRO 28:13 II COR 10:5; 7:1 ROM 13:14; 6:11-14

I COR 11:31-32; 10:13 PS 119:9-11 HEB 4:15-16 GAL 5:16

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Accept responsibility for your sins. Your sin is your own fault. Pr 28:3
2. Begin by changing your thinking. II Cor 10:5
Control your thoughts. Stop! Think! Do I really want to sin when thinking of buying dope, sleeping with someone else's mate, stealing, drinking, murder, abortion. Rom 13:14
3. Do not make plans to do wrong. Avoid places, situations, people who lead you wrong. II Cor 7:1
4. Remember your decision to live for Christ & to die to sin. Rom 6:11-14
5. Agree with God quickly about your sin. You judge your sin. I Cor 11:31-32
6. Become familiar with scripture. Ps 119:9-11
7. Trust God's Word about forgiveness & cleansing—make a fresh start. II Cor 7:1, Heb 4:15-16
8. Remember, God always promises a way of escape from temptation. I Cor 10:13
9. Walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. Gal 5:16