

# “SIN IS OVER”

## How Jesus Christ put an end to sin.

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**GREETINGS:** It is such a blessing for me to minister the Gospel of God's grace to you. I am very excited about today's message and I trust that it is just going to bless all of us.

Welcome ! Our Web Church is all about ministering the message of God's grace, the love, the kindness and the goodness of God that was put on display in the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ wherein Jesus is the final message, the declaration of God's love and righteousness towards us. We walk in righteousness by believing on this truth and having God give us life based on what He accomplished in Jesus. I want to welcome you and all the faithful viewers that slot in regularly. I know that you are going to be encouraged as always.

**PRAYER:** Father, I want to thank You so much that we can be together. Thank You for Your love and kindness. Thank You for Your goodness. Spirit of God, thank You that You will speak powerfully through me today and that we will just see people's lives impacted and we will just hear Your word of life again.

Thank You, that we can gather around Your message which was from the beginning which is the message of life! Thank You, Lord. Amen

### COMMUNION

**James 1:**

*21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity (overflow) of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls (save your lives).*

*22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

*23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass (mirror):*

*24 For he beholds himself, and goes his way, and straightway forgets what manner of man he was.*

*25 But who looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues therein (to continue to look into it), he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

That is a magnificent passage of great blessing if you truly understand. It is very appropriate to do the Communion with this passage and it will flow into **1John 3:9-10** where the Bible says that those who are born of God cannot sin. I am going to explain that today. It is a very powerful passage which cannot be understood outside of the revelation of the resurrection. There is no other way where that passage can be accurately understood.

When it comes to Communion, what we are doing in the Communion is we are looking into the mirror not forgetting what kind of man we are. Here it says that a doer of the word is he who does the word that was from the beginning. What is the word that was from the beginning? The word that was from the beginning is the message that God has promised us eternal life. That message then became flesh or materialized, dwelt among us, conquered our sin, conquered our death. Now there is a human at the right hand of God, which is God's message to people.

How can you be a doer of this message? I mean, if God has a message for you and that message is, "I promise you eternal life and I already showed you, in the resurrected Jesus, how I have conquered your sin and how I have conquered your death where it is not up to you to conquer your sin or up to you to conquer death but where it is the doing of God. How do you do that word? The only way that you can do that word is by believing it! How do you do a promise? The only way that you can do a promise is by believing in the promise! The work of a promise is for the one to whom the promise was made, to simply believe upon the one who made the promise.

So, here we clearly see that the scripture says that we should not only be hearers of the word but doers. It says that a person who is a doer of the word is he who looks into the law of perfect liberation. What is the law of perfect liberation, the law of liberty? The law of liberty is Jesus Himself.

The law of liberty is there is a law that says should Jesus conquer your sin and death and there is an immortal human at the right hand of God, that man has now come to a place where he has access to eternal life. That man in the Godhead now has rulership over sin and death. How do we obey that law? We simply believe and look at the Man Jesus at the right hand of God. When we look at that man and we can then behold that man and we can see what kind of man we are now, since we see a human in the Godhead, everything has changed.

When we would look at Adam, we would see a dying person. And if we would do the work of Adam we would do the work of living by your own works. That would be the work of Adam and that would be looking at the mirror that Adam has put there where we see ourselves then reflect the death that Adam walked into by living in a system of works. But, now we see here that he who is a doer of the word is a person who does not forget what kind of man he is.

So, when we see the resurrected Jesus and we behold who He is and we see that He is not the kind that dies but He is the kind that is the possessor of eternal life and we continue to walk in that as the truth about us we are not forgetful hearers, but, we are doers of the word and we will be blessed in what we do. We will be blessed in that believing. How? Because since we then have passed from beholding death unto beholding life, we will find the power of the resurrection shaping and forming our life.

What does that have to do with the Communion? I believe when we look at the Communion, we cannot look at the death of Jesus without looking at the resurrection of Jesus. You cannot just celebrate the death of Jesus. The celebration of the death of Jesus is for the Jew and Gentile, a celebration that the difference there is between Jew and Gentile has ceased. That has now ended. The celebration is that the body of death that He died so we don't have to behold the body of death anymore. We see that His blood flowed. He gave His life. He made His life available for us. The blood of the old man flowed completely out of Him. He completely died. He entered into utter death. Then we see the Father raising Him up and from there we are celebrating the end of the old and the blood of the New Covenant which is the covenant where God has come and given us life. Amen!

Father, I want to thank You so much for the body and blood of Jesus and what You have done for us in Christ. Amen!.

## TODAY'S MESSAGE: SIN IS OVER

Today I am going to talk about the end of sin. We are going to look at **1John 3**. I don't think we will get this done in one session. We will have to do two or three sessions in a series on talking about the ending of sin. What I am going to say to you today, I believe, is going to revolutionize your life. It has revolutionized my way of thinking about myself, thinking about sin and thinking about what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

When we start to realize that there is a completely different way of looking at sin. It is a way that is outside of the traditional way where sin was simply just a transgression of the Commandment in the sense of you don't obey the Ten Commandments. When you start to realize that there is a different way of looking at sin, a way that is not judicial. It's another way, a relational way, of looking at sin. When we start to see that, we start to see the language that John spoke. The Apostle Paul spoke so much on the resurrection. I mean everything about his life was based on the resurrection of Jesus and the same for John.

When we read just the Gospel of John we find that everything is actually about the resurrection. When we look at 1John it is almost "scary". You find an absolute 'obsession' with the resurrection, if you want to call it like that. Everything is written in the light of a glorified human, who has a physical body, that is seated at the right hand of God wherein salvation came to a human being where there is no darkness, whatsoever, in that human being. Then that darkness is connected with sin and death. That is what John says.

During the week I spoke to the Web Pastors and said that I want to minister on this. It is challenging to minister on this because it is a difficult concept to communicate. I am just going to give it my 'best shot' and like you guys know that I prayed and my trust is in the Holy Spirit to bring this forth clearly.

I want to say this: If you can, when you listen to this, take your Bible and read with me. As you read with me, you pause, and you read two or three verses further, read a little bit of the previous chapter. You will start to see how these things start to make so much more sense because of seeing a little bit of light and then you take that light to the other scriptures. This will help you a lot.

### **1John 3**

***1 Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knows us not, because it knew him not.***

***2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.***

***3 And every man that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as he (He, Jesus), is (already) pure.***

***4 Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.***

In a penalty substitution atonement theory, I believe that Jesus was an atonement for us and that the consequences of Adam's disobedience did come upon Jesus. But, what I mean when I say penalty substitution atonement theory I am talking about the judicial approach of the salvation plan wherein it works like this: God is holy. He made man upon the earth and He had to basically see if man would be faithful to Him and man had to obey Him, therefore He put a Tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden.

Then man had to obey God and if should obey God he would be blessed. If he didn't obey he would be punished because God is an infinite Holy God. This is where the real penalty substitution starts. It's all judicial. Since God is then an infinite holy God the only punishment that would justify disobedience to the commandments would be infinite torture and punishment in hell. That is, basically, where everything starts. It starts with a judicial approach to who God is and our relationship with Him.

When we would read this passage, where it says, *Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*, we would immediately have a judicial mindset. We would immediately look at this thing as well, God has placed laws and if you don't obey the law you qualify for punishment. Because you qualify for punishment, you actually have to die because God will have to punish whosoever is disobedient. Then we come with a kind of a good news and we say, 'Therefore God brought forth Jesus. He prepared a body on the cross or the anger of God was poured out on Jesus and God punished Jesus upon the cross. As He punished Him upon the cross because of man's disobedience to the law, therefore, it was just and right that God inflicted that punishment on Him. Now the legal requirement of the law is justified. Since that is now justified God has no legal standing where He can ever punish us again. Basically, referring and thinking that when we come before God then we can stand before God within the perspective and the safety of the law. That would mean that God has no legal basis where He can ever punish us because Jesus was punished for all our sins.

I want to say to you that the deepest revelation you can of God, in that understanding, is a loving Judge. .. a good Judge. It's like watching YouTube where you get some of these judges that are very good and kind and you will see that he is a loving judge but you will also know that he is a judge. You will never see him as a father. You will just see him as a loving judge. That is how deep this love will go to your heart.

But now I want to look at a different perspective of this law. This law, when it says, *Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law:* you have to go to **Romans 10** to get a deeper understanding of the law. Church, we have to continue understanding in what the laws is.

The law was given to the Jews (not to the Gentiles). The purpose of the law was to preach Jesus. It was a schoolmaster pointing us to Jesus. If a schoolmaster wants to keep his job, he must do his work. What is the work of the law? The work of the law was to point it to Jesus so that you can believe upon Jesus that He can save you. That is the work of the law.

So, the whole Old Testament law is called righteous and holy and good! Why is the law good? The law is good because it points you away from trying to obey the law by doing the commandments of the law but obeying the true commandment of the law which is believing Jesus. I'm going to read that from **Romans 10:**

***1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.***

He was saying that Israel, at the time he was writing this, was not saved.

***2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.***

This means that they were passionate for God but they don't have knowledge of what this law is actually all about. That is why they were trying to seek righteousness by the works of the law and not by the faith that the law actually pointed to.

***3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.***

***4 For Christ is the end (the conclusion) of the law for righteousness to every one that believes.***

What he is actually saying here is ... the Afrikaans says it beautifully: It basically says there that the bottom line conclusion of the law is Christ! That is why I love the law because the law commands me to believe in Jesus and not to be saved by my own works. That is what the law actually says.

He who is a transgressor of the law, or a sinner according to the law, is he who wants to obey the commands of the law. When I talk about the Ten Commandments and all these rituals, Jewish feasts and all those kind of things, if you by those can have a righteousness before God. The law actually points you away from the commandments of the law. You might say, "Bertie, that cannot be!"

Let's look at the verses just before this in **Romans 9**:

**30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.**

**31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.**

**32 (Why)? Because they sought it (the fulfillment of the law) not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone;**

So, you can read the law to see the commandments of the law or you can read the law as seeing that the law is a schoolmaster. How do you obey your schoolmaster? The schoolmaster's message is "Listen! You believe upon Jesus because that is how you will be saved." If you believe the schoolmaster, you will believe upon the Lord.

What was the end purpose of the law interpreted in its full message? The purpose of the law, interpreted in its full message, is to point you to Christ so that you may have life. But, if you look at the law and you want to obey the commandments of the law where you use your own ability to use the rules of the law to find life by it, you will find that law still instructs you to Christ pointing out your inability and the death that is inside you. That is what it is.

With this in mind, let's read again from **1John 3**:

**2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God** The moment you see 'son of God', you must see it means eternal, immortal, holy, righteous, forever, the son of God, Jesus, at the right hand of God is showing what it means to be a son of God.

**Beloved, NOW are we** (NOT will be but NOW are we) **the sons of God. and it does not yet appear what** (that which) **we shall be** So we are the sons but this son is not manifested, but we are sons. That is very important to remember!: **but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

**3 And every man that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure.**

How is Jesus pure? Jesus is pure by having no death in His body... by having no sin... having nothing that can cause death and having no death. He has conquered that which can cause death and He has also conquered death itself. Now he says, **every man that has this hope** (of the manifestation of sons) **in him purifies himself, even as he is pure.**

How do you purify yourself? You are purifying yourself from transgressing what the true commandment of the law actually is. People would listen to the law and the commandment they would hear from the law is: "You shall love your neighbor.. You shall do this... You shall do this...You shall not, etc" But now we know that the commandment was actually pointing to Christ and now he is saying that the only way we can stand pure before God is by having the hope of **bodily** resurrection which is called the manifestation of the sons of God.

I need to stay here for awhile. Some of you might be watching this for the first time. Please bear with me as I explain this because this will, I can promise you, this will change the way you think about yourself, change the way you think about other people, change the way you read the Bible, change the way you see God, to a place of effortless, powerful, life that is born from the resurrected Jesus Christ and Him only. That is what it will have so bear with me.

***2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear*** What do we talk about when we say that Jesus shall appear? John is having in mind here the day when Jesus will return to this earth where He bodily, the very same body that was raised from the dead, that has no bones in the grave, the very same physical body shall return. And in that day what we really are, which is sons of God, to whom belongs eternal life, shall manifest in the very same way as it was manifested in Jesus when He was resurrected and seated at the right hand of God. Our bodies shall be saved from all death. So what he is pointing to here is, he who has the hope of the bodily resurrection... not the hope of going to heaven one day when your spirit goes to heaven when you die. The hope of **bodily** resurrection... the Bible says that he purifies himself even as Jesus is pure. ***we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.***

What are we believing when we believe upon that? When you believe upon that you have passed on from death into life. You are now beholding bodily purity where sin in the flesh was condemned. Death in the flesh was condemned and you are beholding the resurrected Jesus as the truth about your life. You are now having an expectation from that reality that that truth will manifest in your life. That's how you purify yourself. You purify yourself from death and whatsoever leads to death. That is what is happening!

So how are we pure before Him? The only way you can purify yourself or be pure before Him as He is pure or holy, is simply by having the hope of bodily resurrection. That is what it says. It is that easy!

***4 Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law*** (Talking about, I believe, in the law of life): ***for sin is the transgression of the law.***

***5 And you know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.***

***6 Whosoever abides in him sins not: whosoever sins has not seen him, neither known him.***

***7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.***

***8 He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works (sin) of the devil.***

***9 Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin; for his seed remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.***

When we read that we can easily say, “But what if I drink one beer too much or what if I swear at someone? That now means that I have committed a sin and here the scripture is clear. It says that: He that is born of God cannot sin.

When you read 1John 3, you need to completely change your definition of sin. When we look at sin here, he actually says that righteousness is to be in the way of life which means to believe upon Jesus. Then, in this way of life, which is to believe upon Jesus, which is the path of righteousness or what is called in verse 4, to be purified by believing upon Him. That is called righteousness. Sin is then basically called the way of death which leads to death. I'm going to share with you how I have come to that conclusion.

**8 *He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning.*** In other words, the devil sins from the beginning and you can commit sin or endorse that sin or actually have that sin continue to flow in you. That is what it is. The Bible says that the devil sinned from the beginning.

During the week I put something on Facebook: I said: Was there sin before man sinned? Was there any sin? Yes, the devil sinned from the beginning and we are going to see what that sin was.

**John 8:**

**34 *Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin.***

**35 *And the servant abides not in the house forever: but the Son abides forever.*** He is saying that the Jews will not abide in the house forever because they will commit sin which would be to continue to walk in the law and not believe upon Jesus..

**36 *If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.***

**37 *I know that you are Abraham's seed; but you seek to kill me, because my word has no place in you.***

**38 *I speak that which I have seen of my Father: and you do that which you have seen with your father.***

**39 *They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham.***

What was the work of Abraham? He believed upon Jesus that Jesus could raise his son from the dead, conquer death, and give him what he has promised which was life. That is what he believed. You must remember that Abraham thought that his whole plan was going to die out and it was just him and his wife. The two of them were going to die and they would just return to the dust of the earth and nothing is going to come from that. Then God promised him life by promising him a seed so that his name can continue to live. What did he believe? He believed that God could give him life. To say that if you are a child of Abraham you will not sin which is to walk in unbelief.

**40 *But now you seek to kill me, a man that has told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.***

He says, “You want to kill me” It says here that you are sinning ***Whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin.*** He says, 'Now you want to kill Me! He is actually connecting sin here with killing and murder.

We are going to see what this is now.

***41 You do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.***

***42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, you would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.***

***43 Why do you not understand my speech? even because you cannot hear my word.***

***44 You are of your father the devil, (Now listen to this:) and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.***

***45 And because I tell you the truth, you believe me not.***

***46 Which of you convicts me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do you not believe me?***

What He is saying here is, and the Afrikaans says it better. The Afrikaans says that Satan was a murderer of man from the beginning. Satan was a sinner from the beginning, a murderer of man from the beginning. So what is sin? Sin would then be to want to kill... to want to murder. That is sin. So the devil wanted to bring sin which would lead to death. He wanted to kill man. That is what he wanted to do and that is seen as sin.

***1John 3:8 He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.***

What was the work of the devil? The work of the devil was to get sin to enter humanity. And what would sin be? Sin would be a pathway to death. That is what sin would be. What would the pathway to death be? The pathway to death would be the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

So what Satan wanted was to kill man and then bring man to a pathway that leads to death. That pathway to death is called sin. So, sin, in other words that which brings death, entered the world through one man. It was something that existed in the heart of Satan... a works righteousness way of thinking. That sin entered the world and Satan had a work in Adam and Eve for the purpose of killing them, destroying them. Adam wasn't an inherent, immortal being. He could die. But, this being created from dust, should this being abide in the message of God or the promise of God's life, he would live for ever. But, should a way unto death enter his heart, which is work's righteousness, that way would lead him to death. That is what he is talking about here. Let's read verse again:

***:8 He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.***

What was the works of the devil? The works of the devil was to kill man. How did Jesus destroy the work of the devil? Jesus destroyed the work of the devil by being raised from the dead. So sin is to walk in mortality. Righteousness is to walk in immortality. That is what this whole thing is talking about.



He comes and is saying here, "Listen. We are called the sons of God." Sons of God means you have eternal life, meaning pure, without having any cause of stumbling. You have eternal life. You are the sons of God but know that what you are does not yet now manifest. So please don't think that you are not in the way of life. This is what John is trying to communicate here. He is trying to say that should you believe on the resurrected Jesus Christ, you are now in the way of life. You are not anymore in the way of death although what you are, this way of life, does not yet fully manifest. It's almost like with Adam and Eve. When they sinned, the day that they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, sin entered their life. They disobeyed. They didn't believe in God. Sin entered or the way of death, entered their life. Their nakedness was revealed and it led to death even though it was 900 years later.

After Adam ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil they found that they were now walking in their own ability. They found that they don't have eternal life by their own works, yet what they were, which is dust, did not yet manifest at that time. It manifested later. Remember what God said to Adam in Genesis 3. He said, "Adam, dust you are and you will toil the dust of the earth until you return to the dust that you came from." What He was actually saying to Adam was, "You are but dust, but what you are does not yet appear. But it shall appear one day when you will die." But here He comes and he basically uses the same understanding in the light of Jesus. He said, "You are now called the Son of God." That means, "You have eternal, immortal, life. You are pure before Him. You are purified before Him. You are as holy as what the Son of God, Jesus Christ, Himself is!" But you might say, "But, I'm seeing nothing of that in my life!" Yet, He is saying, "If you have the hope of the resurrection, you have purified yourself with the same purity as what Jesus had for what you are does not yet appear.

When you have this hope of bodily resurrection, you are now purified from whatsoever promise there is in the law in obeying commandments of the law. I am not talking about looking at it from a legalistic point of view where you try to obey the commandments of the law. You are now removed from that and you have moved from death to life. You've moved from sin to righteousness. The way leading to death is called sin and he who commits sin is he who believes in works righteousness. The committing of that sin is actually then having the work of Satan, which is to kill you, manifest in your life. He who commits... a better word for it would be, He who makes use of, the murder plan that Satan had from the beginning, he is a sinner because he is implementing death. Why was Satan called a sinner? He was called a sinner because he wanted to bring death. He implemented a system that could kill people. That system of dying, that sin, the sin the devil committed, entered the world. The sin the devil committed, which was, "I want to live by my own works." Then it brought death to him. He brought that system to man and then sin of, "I will live by my own works", entered this world.

Now the Bible says that you cannot sin. How does he get to that? Let me explain. Jesus came to destroy the work of the devil. The only way that He could destroy the work of the devil is to provide bodily resurrection for the work of the devil was to kill man.

**9 Whosoever is born of God** (believe in the resurrected Jesus that has a life that is now born from the revelation of the **bodily** resurrection Jesus), **does not commit sin** (He is not committing the system that brings death anymore. He's not committing that anymore; So the way you commit sin is by not believing on Jesus and by being in a system where you die. But we who are born of God have His seed in us and according to Peter, that is the incorruptible seed. What is the incorruptible seed? It means bodily immortality. We have a seed of bodily immortality or the message of bodily immortality inside us. As long as you believe on the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ and expect that you shall be like that on account of God, you cannot enter into death. Although your body might die, Paul would call that falling asleep. He wouldn't even call it death. He calls it falling asleep. He says, "Those who have slept in Christ (1Corinthians 15). You cannot sin because you have eternal life.

Can you see how the difference between righteousness and sin is actually a difference between eternal life and death. So, how do we sin? We sin by having death abide in us. We have death abide in us by being in the way of death. The way of death is living by your own works thinking that by your own good works you can build up a righteousness for yourself and then that righteousness would give you life. That is sin. So why can we not sin? We cannot sin because we cannot die. Why can we not die? We cannot die because God has put a human in the Godhead that cannot die and we have purified ourselves from sin and death by believing upon the resurrected Jesus. You may say, "Yes, but we do find Christians who do die?" We call that sleep. They have not died. Those who don't believe in Jesus Christ, they will, in the end, enter the lake of fire which is called the second death. Those who haven't believed will die there. That will be a complete utter death. But, we who have believed upon the Lord, have the hope of the resurrection and we have purified ourselves from sin which is abiding in the way of death. That is what it means.

We conclude this: If you believe that Jesus was bodily raised from the dead and you have the hope of bodily resurrection and you are expecting that, you have purified yourself as He is pure and you cannot break the law for the law points you to Christ who will be raised from the dead who gives to you eternal life. You freely obeyed the law. You cannot break any law as long as you are believing in the resurrected Jesus, you cannot sin for it is fully righteous to believe upon God. To commit sin is to take the sin that the devil actually brought forth which was belief in your own works. Now when you commit that is when you believe in that. How do you commit righteousness? You commit righteousness when by believing on Jesus Christ. You commit righteousness by having the hope of bodily resurrection. That's how you commit righteousness... He who does righteousness.

### **1John 3:**

**9 Whosoever is born of God** (How are we born of God? You guys remember the teaching where I talk about being born of God which means to have the resurrected Christ as your right and you believe upon that and then you are born from that) **does not commit sin** (You commit sin by not being born of God. How are you born of God? He who believes upon the Lord is born of God.. He believes that Jesus is Lord is born of God. He that acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in the flesh is born of God.)

**9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.**

Can you see that sinning or not sinning has everything to do with if you live forever or not. We thought that you shouldn't sin so that you can live forever. No! It doesn't work like that. The way it works is like this: When you live forever you cannot sin. When you are not living forever, you are sinning. In other words, we had to be forgiven from dying! We had to be delivered from dying! That is what it means.

We have forgiveness in a very legalistic parameter where it is a transgression of a certain commandment., like, "I didn't tithe and God must forgive me because He is actually keeping score of my sins." That's blasphemy! That is actually saying that God keeps His mind busy with the transgressions of 8 billion people on the earth. Or, some would say that He kept Himself busy with that until Jesus came and after Jesus came He doesn't keep Himself busy with that anymore but only for certain sins. No! When we look at sin we are looking at the sinner who was from the beginning which is the murderer of man. As his plan succeeds in you, by you believing in his logic, you have entered sin and sin has entered your life and now you are sinning by not having the promise of bodily immortality. That is what it is. But, he who is born of God cannot sin because he has been purified by the hope of immortality. We purified by the hope of immortality when we don't look at anything else to give us eternal life but the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead..

***10: In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever does not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loves not his brother.***

So, how is the children of God manifest and the children of the devil? He who does righteousness. What is righteousness and how do you do righteousness? The Bible says that the righteousness of God is now revealed without the law (Romans 3:19-21) and that righteousness of God is then Jesus being raised from the dead conquering sin and death. How do you do this righteousness? You do it by believing on what that resurrection means and promises to us. When you believe upon that, you have done righteousness. You are doing the righteousness of God. You are believing. Righteousness is imputed to us by believing that God can do what He has promised. (Romans 4 and Romans 5) Paul comes and he says, "Abraham believed that God could do what He has promised which is to give him an heir... to actually give him eternal life." That is what it is all about.

So, when we look at that promise, when we see that promise, and we believe in that promise, we are doing righteousness because to do righteousness is to believe what God said. To do sin is to believe what the devil says. That is as simple as what it is! I want to say to Christians: You believe in the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ and you believe that means that it is not just your spirit getting saved and your body returning to dust but we actually believe that salvation is salvation from bodily, physical, death. If you have that hope in you, I want to tell you that you can never sin for you have passed over from death into life. It is impossible for you to sin as long as you believe that. It's impossible!

***11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.***

***12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother.***

I want to just end off by explaining love to your neighbor because that's where we stumble. If you love your neighbor, what do you want for your neighbor? The Bible says, "If you see your neighbor having need of earthly things and you don't give it to him, how does the love of God, which is the resurrection of God, how does it dwell in you? This is a type and a shadow that he is trying to explain here. If you see your brother dying without food and you cannot give something to him, if you don't want life for him, how does the love of God, which is the message of life, dwell in you?"

Back in the day of John and the apostles, there was big, big, massive hatred between Jew and Gentile... massive hatred! The Jews hated the Gentiles. They hated the Samaritans. The Samaritans hated the Jews. There was no peace among one another. What he is saying here is that if you see bodily immortality as the hope for you but you hate your brother, (Hating your brother here is defined as not seeing that he is sharing in that life) then you are like Cain! You have not believed on the message. You have not believed on what He has done.

So I want to say to you that everyone of you that believes that Jesus was raised from the dead, and you believe that the same resurrection applies to Jew and Gentile, you are loving your brother. Loving means to see that he can also have eternal life not wishing death and destruction upon him. So how do we love our neighbor? We love our neighbor by seeing that this message of the resurrection of Jesus is for both Jew and for both Gentile. We who believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, we can never be an agent of death. That would be sinning. How do you sin? You are an agent of death. How are you an agent of death? You are an agent of death by preaching the way of death, or believing in the way of death, which is that you have inherent immortality in you and this inherent immortality will manifest by the works of the law. That is how you are an agent of death!

But if you are an agent of life, you are the being that believes that the resurrected Jesus, His life is your life and you cannot sin... meaning you cannot die.

Somebody wrote to me on Facebook and said, "Are you saying that you are never going to die?" I think what he was trying to say, "Do you say that your body can never die in this world. Can you never go to the grave or be cremated or something like that?" No, I am not saying that. What I am saying is that even if that would happen, I will treat it as I treat a cough as pertaining to the life I have now. If I cough does it mean that I am dead? No, it means that I am coughing. If I am sleeping in Christ, have I died? No, I have not died! That means that yes, bodily you see this man has died but I will be raised for to me belongs eternal life! I am not in sin. I cannot sin. I cannot enter into the way of death, or die, anymore because His seed, like **1Peter** says, the message of the resurrection and the hope of immortality is inside me by the Holy Spirit.

***13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.***

***14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loves not his brother abides in death... sins***

How do you sin? You sin by abiding in death. That is sin. Abiding in the message of death, not believing the message of the resurrection, that is the context of sin here. If you are at a place where you believe in the Gospel in a way where you are, and it is difficult to have that context in today's Church because we don't live like that anymore. In those days they believed that Jesus only came for the Jews. The Jews believed, "The Messiah came for us." They believed the Gospel message. They didn't even preach it to the Gentiles in the beginning. They still hated the Gentiles and they said, "Jesus was raised from the dead but only for us." If you believe that, you have not truly understood the Gospel. We know that the early Church was open for the true Gospel because when the Lord shared with them, they believed it. But, there were people in this time, in John's time, Gentiles as well, Paul addressed it in Romans, where they said to them, "The Gentiles started to believe that the Jews cannot be saved for God has cut them out and the resurrection is not to them." That is called, "Hating your brother." Hating your brother is like Cain who is in the way of death, who sees death to his brother, who cannot allow his brother to have life.

This is my message to you today: Sinning, to sin, is not to believe on the resurrection of Jesus. If you believe in the resurrection of Jesus, it doesn't matter what is going on in your life, you are on the way of death for what you are doesn't yet appear. But, you are holy, you are righteous! The Bible says that ***every man who has this hope*** in him (of being manifested, bodily, in the fullness of what Jesus was manifested), he ***purifies himself even as he is pure***. Purified from what? Purified from death and whatsoever leads to death.

So sin would simply be abiding in death which is the Satanic system of, "You are what you do and you can have life by your works." That would be seen as sin. I would actually say that a better way to say what sin is: Missing the goal that God has for you. Not sharing in what God has dreamt for you, and that is the way of death. He that believes in Jesus does not commit sin. You are not committing the way of death but you are committing the way of righteousness. Amen and amen!

Thank you so much for listening to this message. I know it will get us to think. There is a lot to say about this. There are many passages I didn't touch on but I trust that this will bless you.

**PRAYER:** Father, I want to thank You so much that we are not sinners. We who believe in Jesus that He was bodily raised from the dead. But, Father, we can also see how the devil has come and tried to trick the Church into an almost a “resurrection-less” gospel where Satan wants man to be deceived again into the way of death where everything is about our spirits: Where our spirits just go to heaven. Where salvation is defined as going to heaven. Where salvation is defined as where you go when you die. But, Lord, thank You for Your truth. Thank You for the Spirit of Truth where You have come to reveal the Truth that our hope is not in going to heaven anymore. Our hope is not in where our spirits go when we die but our hope is, that in the day when You come, we shall be manifested as the true sons of God which is only revealed in bodily resurrection where we bodily, as full humans, share in the fullness of God.

Thank You that that truth is permeating the Church and will go forth like a fire and manifest and burn in people's hearts and that people will see that as they believe this truth they cannot sin. It is impossible for them to sin. They will also find, from this truth, that they love the lives of their brothers. They are not wishing death on any person. Amen and amen.

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Thank you so much for watching this. I just want to say this. It is a little off the topic but it can also bless you.. In America they just had their midterm elections and the whole political thing. We find that politics is all over the news and the whole of the nation in a time of election, is full of, “What does this one say? What does that one say?”

I found the same thing in South Africa maybe not as big, as powerful, as in the United States. People don't have the money to do those campaigns. But, one thing I have seen about politics is it is like the law. It points you to Christ for you can see, even if a whole nations, millions, put all their power together to come to a solution on how to keep a country safe and prospering, we find that it never works! It just points to man's inability to do something and we cannot find our hope in that!

I want to just say to you, “People, I am not saying not to be involved in politics. I think Connie Witter wrote: “The greatest way you can ever be involved in politics is to pray for your leader that you will have a peaceful time.” That's it. I think that is the greatest way. Smaller ways which are also ways that you can be involved and people want to crucify me but I've been crucified many times by people. I'm not scared of saying what I believe in my heart and I will say it straight out. This is just the truth: One of the smallest ways you can ever be involved in politics is voting. The greatest way is praying! And I would say the most beautiful way of seeing politics is see it as man's ability to implement laws, to take constitutions and apply the law of the constitution to people, thinking you are going to have safety. It's an empty lie, man! The only thing that will ever bring peace to this world is the Prince of Peace... Jesus! No other way!

I'm not saying you shouldn't be involved. I'm just saying, “Don't be tempted to go in the way of death. Believe upon the bodily resurrection of Jesus for that is the only way where people in this world will look like Jesus. There is simply no other way. So be involved in the politics. Do your thing. Post your posts but I want to say this: It is not a way unto life! Be careful that you are not starting to sin. That sin would be not to have your hope in the bodily resurrection of Jesus but a political leader can destroy your life.

I want to say that you are loved and blessed of God!