

# How to stop sinning and overcome

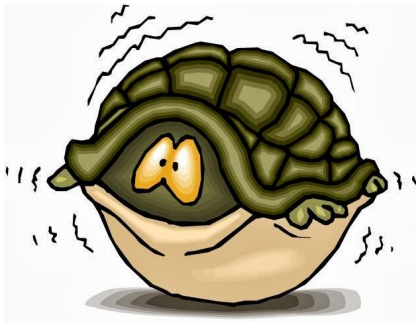
Explaining the first works

[Rev 2:5 NKJV] 5 "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; **repent and do the first works**, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--**unless you repent**.



# How I broke free of my stronghold, through the fear of God.

- [Jde 1:21-23 NKJV] keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And on some have compassion, making a distinction; **but others save with fear**, pulling [them] out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.



- [2Pe 2:20-22 KJV] For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the **latter end is worse with them than the beginning**. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog [is] turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.



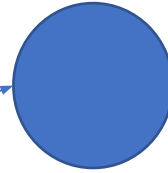
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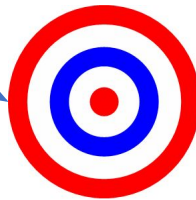
Endurance



[Neh 1:5 NKJV] And I said: "I pray, LORD God of heaven, O great and awesome God, [You] who keep [Your] covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments,

[Jas 1:12 NKJV] Blessed [is] the man who **endures temptation**; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Desire



[Gen 4:7 NKJV] "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And **its desire [is] for you, but you should rule over it.**"

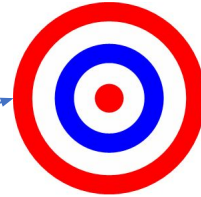
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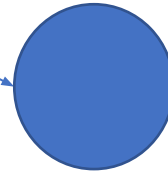
Sin



[Jas 1:15-16 NKJV] Then, when **desire** has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

[Jas 1:14 NKJV] 14 But each one is **tempted** when he is drawn away by his own **desires** and enticed.

Obey

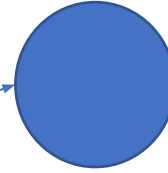


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# Explaining the consequences.

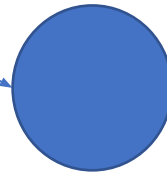


Death



[Jas 2:26 NKJV] For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.  
[Exo 32:33 KJV] And the LORD said unto Moses, **Whosoever hath sinned against me**, him will I blot out of my book.

Repent



[Jas 5:19-20 NKJV] Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way **will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.**

[Jas 1:15 NKJV] 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives **birth to sin**; and sin, when **it is full-grown, brings forth death.**



# Repentance is the first work - that is how merciful the Father is.

[Joe 2:12-17 NKJV] "Now, therefore," says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He [is] gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. Who knows [if] He will turn and relent, And leave a blessing behind Him--A grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where [is] their God?' "

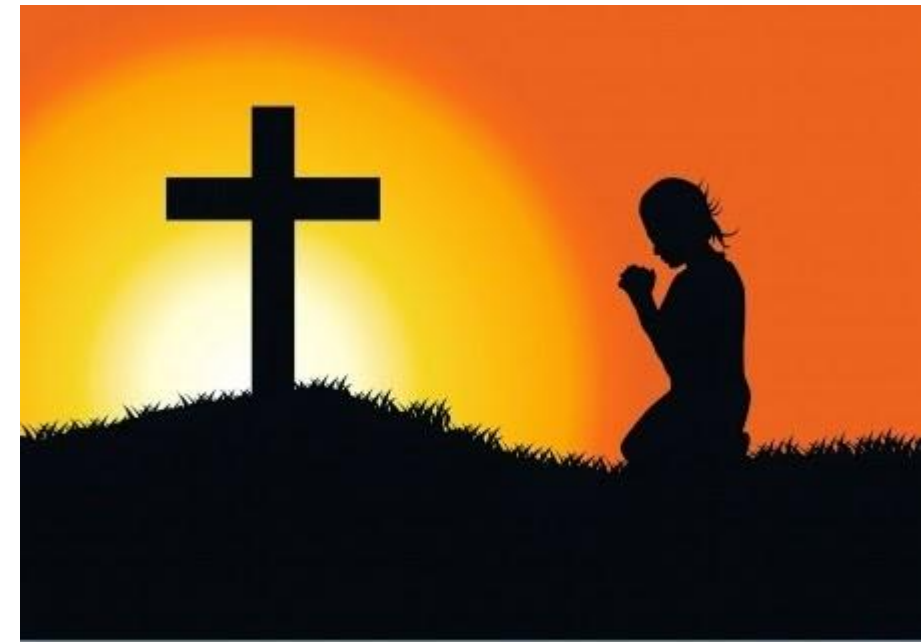


[Luk 13:1-5 NKJV] 1 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all [other] Galileans, because they suffered such things? 3 "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. 4 "Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all [other] men who dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

# How can we resist sin?

[Gen 39:11-13 KJV] And it came to pass about this time, that [Joseph] went into the house to do his business; and [there was] none of the men of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

[2Pe 1:4-8 NKJV] by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, **having escaped the corruption [that is] in the world through lust**. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, **add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love**. For if these things are yours and abound, [you] will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



# Repentance leads to life (The first works)



**Repent of your double-mindedness with Godly sorrow.**

[Jas 4:6-10 NKJV] But He gives **more** grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." Therefore submit to God. **Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God** and He will draw near to you. **Cleanse [your] hands, [you] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [you] double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and [your] joy to gloom.** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.



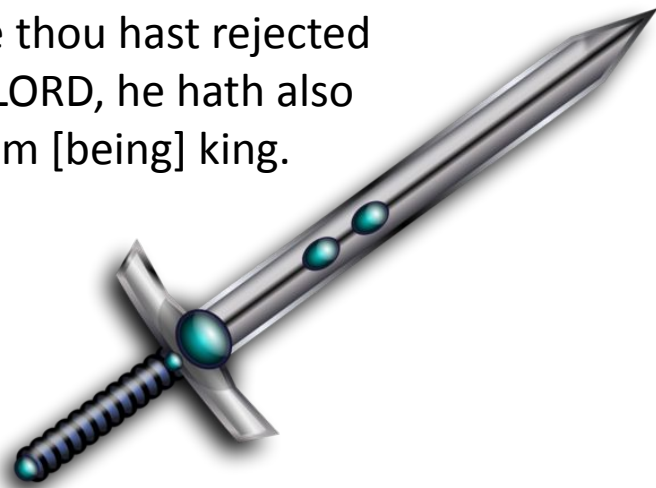
[Psa 51:14-19 KJV] Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: [and] my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give [it]: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God [are] a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.



# What are your idols?

**Smash your idols – I did this by throwing my game system in the garbage.**

[1Sa 15:22-23 KJV] And Samuel said, Hath the LORD [as great] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey [is] better than sacrifice, [and] to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion [is as] the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness [is as] iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from [being] king.



**This is How Jesus described destroying our idols.**

[Mat 5:29-30 NKJV] If your right eye causes you to sin, **pluck it out and cast [it] from you**; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. "And if your right hand causes you to sin, **cut it off and cast [it] from you**; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

# Choose this day whom you will serve!

[Jos 24:14-15 NKJV] "Now therefore, fear the LORD, **serve Him in sincerity and in truth**, and **put away the gods** which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. **Serve the LORD!** "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, **choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served** that [were] on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, **we will serve the LORD.**"



*As we'll see in the next slide,  
Abraham's obedient faith is what  
gave him imputed righteousness.*

[Deu 30:11-20 KJV] For this commandment which I command thee this day, it [is] not hidden from thee, neither [is] it far off. It [is] not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither [is] it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? But the word [is] very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

# Works of the law through trust in Father

[Gen 26:5 NKJV] "because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

**Abraham trusted the Father's ways, and kept his charge, His commandments, His statutes and most importantly?**

**Abraham KEPT THE LAW. He practiced self control against the desires of his heart.**



[Jas 2:14-26 NKJV] What [does it] profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what [does it] profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not **Abraham our father justified by works** when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that **faith was working together with his works**, and by **works, faith was made perfect**? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "**Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.**" And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent [them] out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

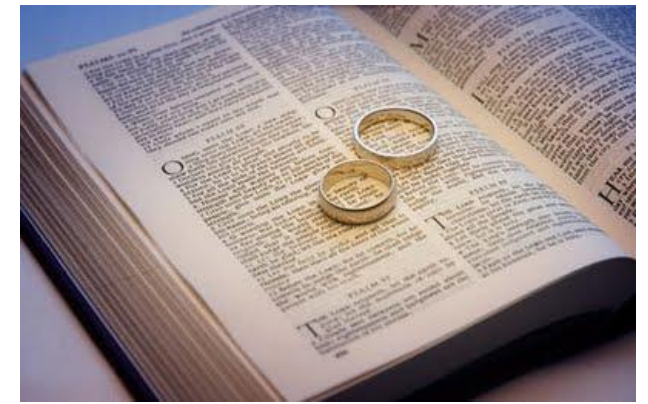
# Biblical faith is more than mental ascent.

*As James warned in His famous passage I just quoted, even the Demons believe and fear God. True faith is more than belief. True faith is obedience out of love.*

[Jhn 14:15 NKJV] "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

[1Jo 2:3 NKJV] Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

[1Jo 2:5-6 NKJV] But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.



[Exo 20:6 NKJV] but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

[Deu 4:37 NKJV] 37 "And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power,

[Deu 5:29 NKJV] 29 'Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

[Jer 32:39-40 NKJV] 39 'then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. 40 'And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.





# The narrow and difficult path to eternal life

Matt 7:13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because **narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life**, and there are few who find it.

[Luk 13:27 NKJV] "But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'

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Matt 7:23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

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[Luk 13:23-24 NKJV] Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the **narrow gate**, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

[Luk 6:46 NKJV] "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?

[Jhn 14:15 NKJV] "If you love Me, keep My commandments.  
**Matt 7:19** Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.



# Our Advocate is filled with mercy!

[1Jo 2:1-2 NKJV] My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And **IF** anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, **Jesus Christ** the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

[Lam 3:22-26 NKJV] [Through] the **LORD's mercies** we are **not** consumed, Because **His compassions fail not**. [They are] **new every morning; Great [is] Your faithfulness**. "The LORD [is] my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" **The LORD [is] good to those who wait for Him**, To the soul [who] seeks Him. [It is] good that [one] should **hope and wait quietly For the salvation of the LORD**.

