UNMASKING BIBLE TRUTHS School

Lesson 5 Evidences Of The New Birth

There are certain evidences of the new birth that are plainly stated in Scripture that will prove to the individual and to others that he has been born again.

Biblical Evidences of the New Birth

(1) You will be changed down in the depths of your being and be made a new creature: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.

And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 5:17-18).

If you have never been changed like this, then it is certain that you have never been born again.

(2) You will have the witness of the Spirit in your life that you are a child of God: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba Father.

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:14-16).

(3) You will have freedom from condemnation and from the law of sin and death and you will live and walk in the Spirit: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death . . . That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit . . . And if Christ be in you the body is dead because of sin; but the

- Spirit is life because of righteousness" (Rom. 8:1-13; Gal. 5:16-26).
- (4) **You will be cleansed from all sin:** "He shall save his people *from* their sins" (Mt. 1:21);
- "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin . . . If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 Jn. 1:6-9).
- (5) **You will be free from sin:** "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free . . . Everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin...If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed" (Jn. 8:31-36);
- **Rom.6** "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid.
- How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? . . . **v.5-8** Knowing this that our old man was crucified with him that the body of sin might be destroyed, that *henceforth we should not serve sin*. For he that is dead *is freed from sin* . . . Reckon yourselves to be *dead indeed unto sin* . . . *sin shall not have dominion over you* . . .
- **v.14-16** Do you not know, that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? . . . you were the servants of sin . . . being made *free from sin*, you became the servants of righteousness . . .
- even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.
- **v.21-23** For when you were the servants of sin, you were free from righteousness . . . but now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, you have your fruit unto holiness, and the end (or result) everlasting life" (Rom. 6:1-23);
- "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:1-4);
- "Everyone that *does righteousness* is born of him . . . he that does righteousness is righteous *even as he is righteous* . . . He that commits sin *is of the devil* . . . whosoever is born of God *does not commit sin* . . . whosoever is born of God *overcomes*

- the world . . . whosoever is born of God sins not; but he keeps himself, and that wicked one touches him not" (1 Jn. 2:29; 3:7-10; 5:1-4, 18).
- (6) You will be delivered from the power and dominion of sin: "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14; Titus 2:11-12.
- (7) You will receive power to become a son of God: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (Jn. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:7; 1 Jn. 3:1-3).
- (8) You will receive a definite crucifixion of the flesh with the affections and lusts: "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Gal. 5:24; Eph. 4:22-24; Romans 6:3-8; Colossians 2:11).
- (9) **Your sins will be blotted out:** "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you," (Acts 3:19-20).
- (10) You will be washed, sanctified, and justified: "And such were some of you: but you are washed, but you are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:9-11).
- (11) You will have salvation: "That if you will confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God hath raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9-10); "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth" (2 Th. 2:13).
- (12) You will be created in righteousness and true holiness: "And that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:24).

- (13) **You will depart from iniquity**: "No soldier on active duty entangles himself with civilian affairs, that he may please the enlisting officer.... Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."" (2 Tim. 2:4, 19).
- (14) You will have God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit dwelling in you: "Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him." (Jn. 14:23); "But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His." (Rom. 8:9).
- (15) You will be free from the power of Satan: "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me" (Acts 26:18).

Do Born Again People Sin Daily?

I am fully aware that many teach that no man can live free from sin, that we sin every day, and that there is no one that does not sin every day he lives.

One can see that this teaching is entirely out of harmony with the Bible by reading the Scriptures I've just given.

If these men sin every day, then they are sinners every day and there is no time that they are not sinners.

If they are sinners all the time, then there is no time they are not under the penalty of the broken law, and they will be sent to Hell as sinners to pay the death penalty.

They are not Christians or saved from sin any one day they live if they sin every day they live.

Christ means nothing to them if they are sinners and if they cannot be saved from sin.

Naturally, no man that does not believe in salvation from sin can ever get saved from sin.

If Christ came to save us from our sins and He cannot do it, then He has failed in His mission.

If the New Testament teaches freedom from sin, then it is either the truth or a lie.

If it is a lie, then we might as well throw the whole Bible away and have nothing to do with religion. Christianity, in that case, is a mere sham and a false religion, teaching something that is not true.

If salvation through Christ is true, however, then these modern teachers of religion are false and no man can safely believe them.

It is not right even to listen to them deny the truths of the Bible. It is a sin to support them in such a program.

If Christianity is a sham, it is a sin to support it and its leaders.

Do not let men deceive you into thinking that there is no such thing as a clean, holy, and victorious life in Christ, secure from sin, the flesh, the world, and the devil.

If you are not saved from these things you are not saved from Hell!

Listen to me, Christians DO NOT SIN!

The Bible mentions TWO GROUPS OF PEOPLE

1Pet.4:1

Therefore, since Christ suffered (death) for us in the flesh, **arm** yourselves also with the **same** mind, **for** he who has suffered (death) in the flesh <u>has ceased from sin</u>.

2Pet.2:13-15

¹³ suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you, ¹⁴ having eyes full of adultery that <u>never cease from sin</u>,

enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children; ¹⁵ forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

Everyone under the sound of my voice is in one of these two groups of people

Those who: **have ceased from sin**

and those who: never cease from sin

And you cannot be both anymore than a bath, a bar of soup and a red ribbon can change a pig into a poodle!

It just does not...!

You've either ceased from sin or you have not!

Mt.1:21 - drowning in lake, burning in house....

Heb.12:1-4 Christians are in a life long struggle against sin not with sin!

1Pet.2:21-24

- ²¹ For you have been called **for this purpose**, since Christ also suffered for you, **leaving you an example for** you to **follow in His steps**,
- ²² **who committed no sin**, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;
- ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;
- ²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, **so that** we **(having died to sins) might die to sins** and **live to** righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

We quoted most of this entire passage earlier...

1Jn.3:5-6

⁵ You know that **He appeared in order to take away sins**; and **in Him there is no sin**.

⁶ **No one** who **abides** in Him **sins**; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.

1JN.3:8 He who **sins is of the** devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was **manifested**, that He might **destroy the works of** the devil.

1JN.3:9

Whoever has been born of God does not commit sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

[**commit**] Greek: *poieo* (GSN-<u><G4160></u>), to do; commit; practice; perform (<u>1Jn. 3:4,8,9</u>; <u>Lk. 12:48</u>; <u>Jn. 8:34</u>).

[because his seed remains in him; and he can not sin, because he is born of God]

This explains how a man born of God does not commit sin.

The secret of a proper understanding of this verse is in the word "in," which means in harmony with or in union with.

The seed is the Word of God by which a man is born again (<u>1Pet. 1:23</u>; <u>Jas. 1:18</u>).

The simple idea is that as long as one remains in union with or in harmony with the seed, or the Word of God, he cannot sin.

One who is consecrated to obey the Bible and refuses to sin, cannot break the commandments of God.

Therefore, he cannot sin, for sin is transgression of the law $(\underline{1Jn. 3:4})$.

The reason given here for not being able to sin is that "His" (God's) seed (the Word of God) remains (abides) in him.

That is, the one born again refuses to transgress the commandment of God and commit sin.

As long as this consecration remains he will be unable to sin. If he grows cold in his love for God, ceasing to pray and maintain his spiritual life by hiding the Word in his heart, he then may be overcome again and sin by transgressing the Word of God (1Jn. 2:1; 2Pet. 1:5-10).

1Jn.5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

1Jn.2:1 My little children, I am **writing** these things to you **so that** you **may not sin**. And **if** anyone sins, **we have** an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

John wrote these things that we would not sin. This is the purpose and demand of the Gospel. We do not sin if we walk in the light (v.6,7). But if one does fall into sin he still has hope and can confess sin, repent, and be cleansed again.

Romans 6:15-16

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!

16 **Do you not know** that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, **either of sin resulting in death**, or of **obedience**

resulting in righteousness?

People who think they cannot live free from sin must be really mistaken as to what sin is or they just love their sin!

If they consider lack of knowledge, temptations, and common mistakes that do not break the law of God as sin, then they are right to believe that no man lives free from sin. But these are NOT sin

But if they think one cannot live free from the soul-damning sins mentioned in the N.T., then they are wrong, for such must be true of anyone who will be saved.

Those who argue that no one can live without sin are simply using every excuse under the sun to continue in sin.

They want to make people believe that they are Christians, and yet they want to indulge in some sin or bad habit that will condemn them in the end.

Men can live free from sin if they get saved from sin and permit Christ to live in their lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

If men live in sin daily then there is not a day in which they are not under the condemnation of a broken law and they will be sent to Hell to pay the death penalty for sin.

Are All Christians Holy?

Charles Finney said, ""a person must be completely holy or totally sinful.

There can be no gradation or degrees.

Every person is therefore at any given instant perfectly sinful or perfectly holy.

Moral agents are at all times either as holy or as sinful as with their knowledge they can be".

It cannot be overemphasized that Finney makes these states mutually exclusive.

"Sin and holiness, then, both consist in supreme, ultimate, and opposite choices, or intentions, and cannot, by any possibility, coexist."

One of the great scarecrows of modern religion is the word "holiness."

People of various churches are more afraid of this word or the word "holy" than they are of the very devil himself.

In fact, many would rather have fellowship with the devil than anyone who believes in holiness.

Now, don't misunderstand, we are not advocating some of the peculiarities of certain groups that call themselves "holiness."

We are not suggesting that you have to be branded as such before you can be saved and be holy, according to the Bible.

We merely want to point out that there is no reasonable excuse for anyone to be afraid of the words "holy" and "holiness."

No man needs to think that holiness is going to jump on him and take him to Hell without his consent.

One can only become holy in Christ and by full obedience to the gospel.

Devils are in the business of keeping men from becoming holy, hence, the great scare that they have caused among people.

They do not want you to live any kind of life that even looks like it is holy, so just calm yourself and don't be afraid you will get something wrong while we consider what God says.

Believe it or not, everyone who is a real Christian is holy and, therefore, is a holiness person.

If men today get the salvation of the New Testament they will be holy.

The words "holy" and "holiness" are used in the following passages, which prove that all children of God are holy people:

"That we . . . might serve him without fear, *in holiness and righteousness* before him, all the days of our life" (<u>Lk. 1:74-75</u>); "Even so now yield your members servants *to righteousness unto holiness* . . . you have your fruit *unto holiness*, and the end everlasting life" (<u>Rom. 6:16-23</u>);

"For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches" (Rom. 11:16);

"Present *your bodies* a living sacrifice, *holy*, acceptable unto God" (Rom. 12:1);

"You are the temple of God . . . the temple of God *is holy*, which temple you are" (1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19-20);

"That she may be holy both in body and in spirit" (1 Cor. 7:34); "Cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Cor. 7:1);

- "He has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Eph. 1:4);
- "And that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:24); "That it [the church] should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:25-27);
- "in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— 23 if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard" (Col. 1:20-23; 3:12);
- "For God has not called us unto uncleanness, but *unto holiness* (or to live a holy life)" (1 Th. 4:3-7);
- "I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all *the holy brethren*" (1 Th. 5:27);
- "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up *holy hands*, without wrath and doubting" (<u>1 Tim. 2:8</u>);
- "She shall be saved in childbearing [from death in child birth], if they continue in faith and charity *and holiness* with sobriety" (1 Tim. 2:15);
- "Who has saved us, and called us with an *holy calling*" (2 Tim. 1:9); "A bishop must be blameless . . . sober, just, *holy*, temperate" (Titus 1:8);
- "Teaching us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (<u>Titus 2:11-14</u>);
- "Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling . . . Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fall short of the grace of God" ($\underline{\text{Heb. 3:1}}$; $\underline{12:10}$, $\underline{14}$);
- "But as he which has called you is holy, so be holy in all manner of life. . . You also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood" (1 Pet. 1:15-16; 2:5, 9; 3:5; 2 Pet. 3:11).

In the light of such clear Scriptures, can anyone with a clear conscience claim to believe the Bible and still deny that Christians are (and must be) holy to be saved in the end?

These passages speak for themselves—they demand holiness from every believer.

If men are not holy, they are not saved; if they are saved, they are holy.

In fact, every person who is born again *is* holy according to the passages cited above and <u>1 John 2:29</u>; <u>3:5-10</u>; <u>5:1-4</u>, <u>18</u>; <u>2 Corinthians 5:17</u>; <u>Galatians 5:24</u>; etc.

No man will have any part in the first resurrection without holiness of life: "Blessed *and holy* is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign a thousand years" (Rev. 20:4-6; 22:11).

Some will argue that no man can be holy and live free from sin, but it is certainly clear that no man who does not live this way will ever see God in peace.

If men cannot live this way, then there cannot be any such thing as Christians—either now or in eternity.

One must experience salvation the "Bible way" or be lost.

Therefore, let us all become holy in Christ and be more tolerant toward other holy people.

We have given you the truth about the new birth, salvation, and how to live a sanctified life in Christ to the end.

The responsibility of conforming to truth is yours.

You will be saved or lost as you accept the message of God and obey the gospel.

Give your heart to God and do not be satisfied with anything short of becoming a new creature in Christ, and then you can experience eternal life.

I close with this:

Listen to the 6 "AS HE IS" statements from one book of the Bible – **1 John**. "AS HE IS" referring to Christ the sinless One...

- **1JN.3:2-3** "Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because **we will see Him just** as **He is**. And everyone who has **this hope** *fixed* on Him **purifies himself**, just **as He is** pure.
- **1JN.1:6-7** "If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we **WALK IN THE LIGHT AS HE HIMSELF IS IN THE LIGHT**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son **cleanses** us from all sin.
- **1JN.2:5-6** "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**.
- **1JN.3:7-8** Little children, **let no one deceive you**. He who practices righteousness is **righteous**, **JUST AS HE IS RIGHTEOUS**. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose** the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy the works** of the devil.
- **1JN.4:17** "By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; **because as He is**, so also are we **in this world**.

Are you purifying yourself JUST AS HE IS PURE?

Are you **WALKING IN THE LIGHT AS HE HIMSELF IS IN THE LIGHT?**

Are you in Him because you're **WALKING JUST AS HE WALKED?**

Are you living in righteousness **JUST AS HE IS RIGHTEOUS?**

Are you living AS HE IS IN THIS WORLD?

Will you **SEE HIM AS HE IS when he appears?**

And will He welcome you into heaven, or will the angels with flaming swords consign you to the lake of fire?