

According to Scripture

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Do we want Jesus or Sin? What does the Bible have to say of people who lived in Old Testament times concerning sin and the believer? Did those of ancient times understand that they were free to sin or from it?

Genesis 39:9 "There is none greater in this house than I, neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"

Clearly Joseph, as a believer in God, did not feel free to sin against God, but rather, felt an obligation to be loyal to God. This was shown in his love to God.

See John 14:15.
Q. When a sinner was forgiven of old, were they forgiven in sin or cleansed from it?

Psalm 51:2 "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin."

Leviticus 14:19 "And the priest shall offer the sin offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness, and afterward he shall kill the burnt offering."

A: Cleansed!!! What if we have a favorite sin that is very little that we stubbornly refuse to give up?

1 Samuel 15:23 "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."

A: If we make provisions for the flesh (Romans 13:14) and hold on to sins that appeal to us, God will have to reject us finally because we are rejecting His will for us.

Q: What does God have to do sometimes to get us awake as to our true condition?

1 Kings 8:35 "When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee, if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them."

A: God will let affliction come to us to purify us so that we will continue to grow closer to Him. Or if we will not humble ourselves to do His will as He reveals it to us, we let sin cut us off from Him!

Q: What does God desire from us? To live in sin or turn away from it?

11. Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Q: Does God automatically forgive (acquit) us or do we need to depart from that sin first, through the power of Jesus, in answer to our prayers of confession and petition of forgiveness?

Job 10:14 "If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity."

Jeremiah 36:3 "It may be that the house of Judah will ear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."

So then, we see that forgiveness is granted if our intent is to turn away from sin. More examples?

Ezekiel 3:20 "Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because thou hast not given him warning."

he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered, but his blood will I require at thine hand."

Ezekiel 18:24 "But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned, in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die."

Verse 26: "When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them, for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die." Ezekiel 33:12 "Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, the righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgressions; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth."

Ezekiel 33:18 "When the righteous man turneth from his righteousness and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby."

Ezekiel 33:19 "But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby."

How do we do that which is right?

Next week we look at how we are to let go of sin. How do we receive the strength to do that which is right and cease from that which is evil?

Pembroke Class of 1968 to reunite

The last graduating class of Pembroke High School, the Class of 1968, will hold their 30th year reunion with a 7-day Alaskan cruise-Northbound on Carnival's spectacular "Jubilee." Departure is June 10, 1998. For more information, call Robert Earl Chavis at 910-521-8891.

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All public school classes who are
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September 16..... **POWWOW**

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September 17..... **Movie: "Dance Me Outside"**

a seriously funny look at modern life
among a group of young people
living in an American Indian community
8 PM, Chavis Center Lounge

September 18..... **Discussion:**

Contemporary Issues Facing Native Americans
Dr. Stan Knick
2:30 PM, Chavis Center, Room 213

September 18..... **N.A.S.O. Dance**

10 PM, Chavis University Center
UNCP students \$1 / guests \$3

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