

LIVING RIGHT IN A WRONG WORLD
THAT NASTY THREE-LETTER WORD
1 JOHN 3:4-10



The Heart of the Matter

Of the many things we could name that cause Christians grief and heartache, nothing can compare to *sin*. We are assured that at salvation God removed the curse of sin from us, “as far as the east is from the west” (Psalm 103:12). What a *glorious* truth! And yet—sin never really went away. Sin invades our thoughts, degrades our motives, and weakens—even ruins—our relationships. Sin infects our attitudes, damages our marriages, and discolors our reputations as it prompts us to think what we shouldn’t think, say what we shouldn’t say, and head toward dangerous destinations where we shouldn’t go. Amazingly, even though Christians know all of this and even though we have the Holy Spirit permanently living within us to restrain us from acting out—we often go right ahead and sin. So, does this mean we are not really born again? Let’s find out!



Discovering the Way

1. Sin: An Ever-Present Reality (Selected Scriptures from Romans 5 and 7)

Christ died to forgive our sins and to give us newness of life, but the old sin nature continues to live within us as well.

2. Analyzing Sin and the Christian (1 John 3:4–9)

John concluded that the practice of sin is a continual, habitual lifestyle, the nature of sin is lawlessness, and the origin of sin is the Devil.



Starting Your Journey

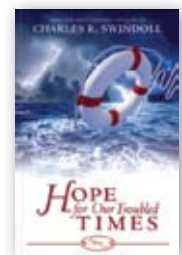
God’s seed (1 John 3:9), the Holy Spirit, is within every Christian though we remain sinners. However, God loves sinners even though the Devil seeks to confuse lost sinners into thinking they are saved and Christian sinners into thinking they are lost.



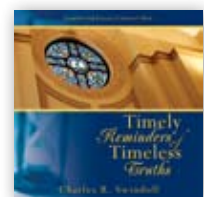
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