

Every Christian is painfully aware that he still sins. This is because salvation doesn't remove the sin nature which resides in our flesh or body. Our sin nature will dominate us if we are not careful to be controlled by the Spirit (ex. the filling of the Spirit).

**Romans 7:14** “For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”

**James 1:14** “But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

**Key verse: 1 John 1:9-10** “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (v.10) If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”

We are thankful to God that He has provided for us a cleansing that we need for our sins. His cleansing from sins is necessary for us to have fellowship with God and service for God.

The basis for our forgiveness of sin is the blood of Jesus Christ (1 Jn. 1:7). The Christian is forgiven of Sin (completely and entirely) through the blood of Jesus in a judicial sense. And the Christian can be forgiven and cleansed of sins (completely and entirely) in a practical sense on the same merits of the blood of Jesus.

1. The Christian is responsible to examine himself regarding sins. (Ps. 32:5; 1 Cor. 11:31; 1 Jn. 1:9)
2. When the Lord shows us our sin(s) we must confess and forsake it. (Pro. 28:13)
3. We are responsible to seek forgiveness from the people that we have wronged. (Matt. 5:23-24)
4. We are also responsible to have a forgiving spirit towards others who have wronged us for sinned against us. (Matt. 6:12; 14-15; esp. if they are repentant, Lk. 17:3)
5. When we deal with our sins, our fellowship with God is restored. Therefore, we must keep short sin accounts with God. (1 Jn. 1:6-7)
6. Our future rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ is affected by our sin(s) and if we do not confess and forsake it, and maintain a genuine fellowship with God. (Col. 3:24-25; 1 Peter 1:17; 2 Jn. 1:8).
7. Sin brings sorrows but obedience to God brings joy.