



"Man comes out of the womb an enemy of God, a slave to sin, slave to Satan, slave to our passions, lost and alienated from God, and living in darkness."

- E. Welsh

Hebrews 3:13 -

But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

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"Sin is lawlessness (I John 3:4). Sin is breaking God's law and going beyond the bounds that God has set for us. It is living by your own definition, on your own terms, according to your own desires."

(Deception #2)

No one else will find out.

(Deception #3)

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"What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask."

- James 4:1 & 2

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"I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; and You forgave the guilt of my sin." - Psalm 32:5

"Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." – Romans 6:4