

What we do daily:
*** It's not sinning

(Romans 6:1-2)

1. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2. God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live in it any longer?

Romans 6:16-18

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? 17 But God be thanked that though you were (past tense) slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

1 John 2:28-29

28. And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. 29. If you know that he is righteous, you know that every one that does righteousness is born of him.

1 John 3:7-9

7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. 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. 9 Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin; for his seed remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

What we do daily:
*** It's not repenting

(2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

How many times do you need to flip between being in danger of perishing and coming to repentance to have a stable, loving, committed relationship with God? He wants our faithfulness just like we want it from people we are in relationships with. When we disobey Him and sin, that is our unfaithfulness towards Him. And we show we love Him when we obey Him - John 14:15. Repentance opens the door to forgiveness of (passed) sins, reconciliation with God, the receiving of the Holy Spirit and thus a new relationship with God starts based on love which implies

reverence and obedience towards God. There is no call in the gospel to "walk in repentance" or "repent daily". That is a perversion of what repentance means. Look up 1 Kings 8:46-52: it's a picture of repentance. The parable of the prodigal son is another picture of repentance - Luke 15:17-19: "17 But when he came to himself he said, 'How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough to spare, and I'm dying with hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and will tell him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight. 19 I am no more worthy to be called your son. Make me as one of your hired servants.'" If every day he had to "come to his senses" about some situation like this, that means he is flipping back and forth between wanting to please and honor his father and living his life of sin. Imagine that, every day being found in the same place of saying "I am no more worthy to be called your son." That would more likely be true than not. 1 John 3:10 reads "In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother." Jesus said "repent or perish" (Luke 13:1-5). Make sure you understand what that means.)

What we do daily:

*** It's denying ourselves and taking up our cross to follow Jesus (Luke 9:23)

(This understanding of following Jesus must not escape you:

Mark 8:34-38

34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? 37 Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Matthew 10:37-39

37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

Luke 14:26-27

26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

NB (Luke 14:26): Your love for God whom you should love with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength (Mark 12:30), compared to how you love your

neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:31) should be like comparing love to hatred. You must not hate your neighbor and even you must love your enemies (Matthew 5:44). So this is a metaphor so you can relate to something and understand as a human what kind of love relationship God is calling you to. He will not settle for less in any way. It's up to you to examine yourself (2 Corinthians 13:5) and see of what love you do love God.

What we do daily:

*** It's walking in holiness and righteousness (Luke 1:75)

IF we are striving to enter in through the strait* gate... (Luke 13:24).

Matthew 7:13-14

13. Enter in at the strait* gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many are they who go in there: 14. Because strait* is the gate, and narrow** is the way, which leads unto life, and few are they who find it.

*stenos in Greek (G4728, adjective) has to do with size: narrow

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**thlibo in Greek (G2346, verb) has to do with difficulty/trial: causing affliction/tribulation - maybe incorrectly translated 'narrow' - has nothing to do with size

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Acts 14:22

... we must through much tribulation*** enter into the kingdom of God.

***thlipsis in Greek (G2347, noun):

a pressing, pressing together, pressure

metaphorically oppression, affliction, tribulation, distress, straits

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Have you been preached a twisted gospel of sin? If you have a false gospel under your hood, it's a fable (2 Timothy 4:3-4) that's going to blow on the day of judgement.

Galatians 2:17

But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

Romans 5:6-10

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were (past tense) still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Hebrews 10:35-39

35. Therefore don't throw away your boldness, which has a great reward. 36. For you need endurance so that, having done the will of God, you may receive the promise. 37. "In a very little while, he who comes will come, and will not wait. 38. But the righteous will live by faith. If he shrinks back (because the door is narrow and the way is made of afflictions?), my soul has no pleasure in him." 39. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the saving of the soul.

Romans 2:4-11

4. Or do you despise the riches of his goodness, forbearance, and patience, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5. But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath, revelation, and of the righteous judgment of God; 6. who "will pay back to everyone according to their works:" 7. to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory, honor, and incorruptibility, eternal life; 8. but to those who are self-seeking, and don't obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, will be wrath and indignation, 9. oppression and anguish, on every soul of man who works evil, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (Gentile). 10. But glory, honor, and peace go to every man who works good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 11. For there is no partiality with God.

REPENT

Luke 13:1-5

3 Now there were some present at the same time who told him about the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 Jesus answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all perish in the same way. 4 Or those eighteen, on whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them; do you think that they were worse offenders than all the men who dwell in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no, but, unless you repent, you will all perish in the same way."

Luke 15:7

I tell you that even so there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

Luke 5:31-32

Jesus answered them, “Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick do. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Acts 26:19-21

19 “Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20 but declared first to them of Damascus, at Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance (by their deeds/works proving their repentance). 21 For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple, and tried to kill me.

Luke 24:45-47

45 Then he opened their minds, that they might understand the Scriptures. 46 He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Has the Gospel presentation to you been twisted?

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Daily repentance, being a saint, and what the bible teaches
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peM3W5ETLDc>

How to Stop Sinning Through Grace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1kNIXl8-ps>

Sinning, Struggling and Stumbling is a Choice

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