

1st John # 27

“He is Faithful and Just”

1st John 1:9; Galatians 5:16-21; Joshua 6:1-5, 20

We’ve discovered that the interruption in experiential abiding fellowship with God is not the sin because the sin is only a symptom or result of the root cause which is a conscious decision NOT to walk by means of the Spirit but by means of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16 “So I say, walk by (means of) the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

The spiritual life begins with our thoughts which cause us to abide or not abide; walk by means of the Holy Spirit or walk by means of the sin nature.

We don't sin first and then that causes us to stop walking by the Spirit, we stop walking by the Spirit and that causes us to sin.

Walking in the Light is walking in what God revealed about Himself; including His required standards consistent with His character, accomplished His way in His power or we can't have fellowship with Him.

God can't have fellowship with a creature that falls short of His glorious righteousness and that includes our eternal relationship as well as our experiential fellowship.

The ritual sacrifices of the Old Testament taught of God's grace based on His promise that He would provide a sacrificial Lamb who would pay the full penalty for the sins of the world, once for all in the future.

Exodus 12:15 “For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh, must be cut off from Israel”

Exodus 30:20 “Whenever they enter the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water so that they will not die.”

Leviticus 16:20-22 “When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat. He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the wilderness in the care of someone appointed for the task. The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a remote place and the man shall release it in the wilderness.”

Ps 32:5 “Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. You forgave the guilt of my sin.”

Ps 51:2-4 “Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when You judge.”

Dan 9:20 “While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God for His holy hill.”

1st Cor 11:28 “Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.”

Every day, every situation we face requires a choice as to whether we’re going to rely on our own resources which is the default position of our sin nature with its mental attitude sins of anger and bitterness or the sins of the tongue like gossip and judging or will we choose to be filled with the Holy Spirit and walk in the Light of His love?

When we walk by means the Holy Spirit and apply biblical truth, we go forward in the plan of God and there will be all kinds of tests along the way.

When we trust in Jesus Christ as Savior; immediately we enter into the family of God as newborn babies and we have to grow, we have to be nourished, we have to build spiritual muscles and we must be disciplined so we have to be taught discipline and all of these things develop through the Word of God.

The Word of God is the primary agent under the ministry of God the Holy Spirit that God uses to mature us.

Galatians 2:20“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”