

Sin vs. Salvation Part 3
Ephesians 2:8–9

Question: Since we have been washed clean from our “sin” and God chooses to remember our sins no more so why do mankind continue to sin after salvation? [Psalm 103:12](#)

You do know we are [not sinners](#) because we sin, but we sin because [we are sinners](#). We still sin because although forgiven, are still fallen human beings. [Romans 7:18](#), [Romans 8:8](#)

We were slaves to sin and served it willingly [Romans 6:20–23](#), [7:14–15](#).

How many of you would be honest enough to admit that if you thought you could get away with sin you would?

Salvation begins the moment we receive, God’s offer of forgiveness by faith, through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus [John 1:12](#). [John 3:3](#)

By repenting and giving up our old lifestyle, we receive the new life Jesus purchased for us with His blood ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#), [21](#)).

Once [surrender](#) of our lives to the lordship of Jesus Christ, we become the sons and daughters of God. [Ephesians 1:5](#); [Romans 8:15](#)

But just as children sometimes disobey their parents as they grow, God’s children sometimes disobey Him. We rebel, get angry, or doubt for a while; the difference is, we can no longer live lifestyles of sin [1 John 3:4–10](#)

A fish may long to live on the beach, but once it has flipped itself onto the sand, it wants nothing but to return to the water because by nature is not designed for dry land.

We may flip into sin at times, but we can’t survive there. The nature of those indwelt by the Holy Spirit is to live in righteousness. [Psalm 91](#), [Psalm 23:3](#), [Proverbs 12:28](#), [1Peter 2:24](#)

The degree to which we allow the Holy Spirit access to every area of our lives is the degree to which we live as God intended us to live. [Galatians 5:16-18](#)

When we, as God’s children, stiffen our necks and charge toward evil. Our Father comes after us. [Hebrews 12:5-6](#)

We must be honest when it comes to sin, we must be transparent with God. [1 John 1:9](#)

God can pardon us and maintain His justice because our sin was already paid for by Jesus. There is no need to punish us because He has already punished His Son [Colossians 2:14](#).

God’s desire for us is that we do not sin, because one day our sanctification will be complete [1 John 3:2](#).