

Unrighteous & Sanctified?

Sanctification Lesson 4

We have explored What Sanctification is and what Righteous living looks like, but there is this pesky problem of the modern church in which many claim to be Christians but they clearly have the fruits of ones that are called unsanctified, or defiled. So we need to dig into this a little bit.

Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all men and holiness, *without which no one will shall see the Lord*: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble and by this many become defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, *for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears*

Again the Bible points out that holiness is mandatory to be able to be in the Lord's presence. So that we can as the text says "look carefully" so we don't "fall short of the grace of God" let us explore a few scriptures that break down what Holiness looks like and what things are deemed as unholy and what is repairable, and how to do so.

Let's start by acknowledging that the Bible addresses various groups of people and only with close attention can one see that not every single statement is relating to the Christian. So here are the basic categories addressed when thinking about the verses that we will cover to clarify all of this.

Humanity

Justified



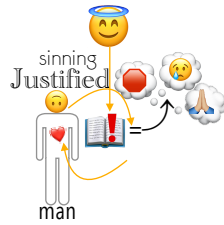
- saved
- lives under grace by choosing Christ
- walks in the Holy Spirit
- free from the bondage of sin
- will have *eternal life* w/righteous living, justification and holiness

sinful



- unsaved
- lives under law by default
- lives under a Spirit of Bondage to sin
- enmity toward God
- will have *eternal damnation* unless becomes saved

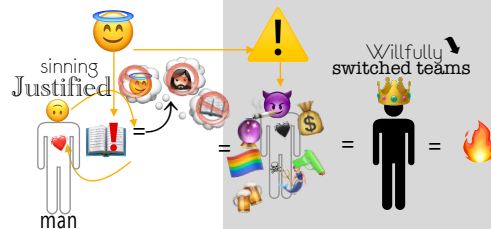
Sin Confusion



- saved
- unknowingly slips into a sin
- the Holy Sprit convicts of sin via the Bible, another Christian or a sermon
- the man is remorseful, prays to stop doing that wrong
- he has never lost his justified status with God, he is learning to become more righteous every day
- will have eternal life w/continued righteous living, justification and holiness



- appears to be saved
- speaks Jesus, attends church
- lives like the defiled world
- supports the world's beliefs, methods & philosophies over the Bible
- is not saved
- will have eternal damnation unless becomes saved



- saved
- knowingly sins
- the Holy Sprit convicts of sin via the Bible, another Christian or a sermon
- the man will not listen, continues in defilement & unrighteousness
- his sin spirals deeper into unrighteousness until he denies Christianity verbally or by worshipping idols, or by choosing to willfully go under the law and denying grace
- will have eternal damnation for rejecting God

What Kind of Sin is it?

The next thing we need to acknowledge, although not popular, is that God does have varying degrees of sin, some are Capital sins worthy of death and others are sins of ignorance, which also have a level of defilement between the person and God, but each take on a different motive, and thus changes how each party needs to approach God. We are told continually in the modern church that "sin is sin" to God, murder is equal with cussing also equal to a passing thought of jealousy. On some level, any divergence from righteousness is sin, but in the context we are talking about here, the Bible is clear that not every offense is identical God's eyes.

1 John 5:16-18 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death. We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

brother (adelphon) a member of the same religious community; ie. a fellow christian

sinning (hamartanonta) to miss the mark, to commit an offense against God, an eternal loss because of missing the mark; all actions done apart from faith

sin (hamartia) hamartia ethical failure; sinful deed, missing the mark; not originated from God; self-empowered; anything not of faith (Rom 14:23)

does not lead to death (me pros thanaton) no moving toward the goal or destination of spiritual and physical death that is without God forever and the soul is destined to the wicked state of the wicked in hell.

unrighteousness (adikia) of the heart and soul: the opposite of justice; a violation of God's standards that brings divine disapproval; iniquities, wrong doing; wickedness; all which carry the guilt and penalty due

born of (gegennemenos) to be born of a father, to bring forth a child; to regenerate (bc of the HS within baptism)

not sin (ouch hamartanei) without, not, cannot, impossible, unable to continue to sin and miss the mark, missing God's standard for eternal loss

keeps (teri) to protect, maintain and spiritually guard; to observe and watch over

God's Vocabulary.... because words mean things....

sin ←————→ not honoring God

sin ←————→ faith

death ←————→ life

judicially guilty ←————→ righteousness

unrighteousness ←————→ innocent

divine disapproval ←————→ justice

walking in the flesh ←————→ walking in the Spirit

filthy ←————→ walking in the Spirit

ungodly ←————→ godly

unholy ←————→ holy

defiled ←————→ pure

unclean ←————→ consecrated

foolishness ←————→ wise

deny ←————→ profess

enmity, hatred ←————→ peace

illusion ←————→ truth

UNDER LAW BY DEFAULT

Unrighteous & Ungodly

Sin
not fearing God
lawlessness
an offense to miss the mark

Grave Sin
make gods
of gold

exchange truth for a lie
worship the created
not worship the creator

vile passions
lesbianism
homosexuality
sodomite

suppress the truth
not glorify God
not thankful to God

lust of flesh
dishonor bodies

futile in thoughts
foolish hearts
dark hearts
futile in thoughts
foolish hearts
dark hearts
create idols
idol worship
darkened understanding
envy

pride
foolishness
murder

Ungodly

Unrighteous

Defiled

alienated from
the life of God

adultery
reviler
filthiness

serve the created not the creator
vile passions backbiting
lesbianism haters of God
homosexuality violent boast
not retain God in one's knowledge
strife evil minded whisperer
deceit inventors of evil things
disobedient to parents unloving
undiscerning unmerciful
unforgiving overflowing with wickedness
those who do these things
those who approve of those who do these

drunkard
covet
theft
fornication

evil thoughts
adulteries
fornications
lewdness
deceit

complainers walk after own lusts
an evil eye speak evil of dignitaries
blasphemy corrupt selves in the natural
false witness in the way of Cain
filthy dreamers brute beats
despise dominion
run after the error of Balaam
same rebellion of Korah
speak great swelling words
admired by men b/c of profit

Defiled

extortioner outbursts of wrath
sorcery selfish ambition
hatred dissension
contentions heresy
jealousy foolish talk
course jesting evil speaking
bitterness deceitful lusts
clamor malice corruptions
deceitful plotting greedy
cunning craftiness futility of mind
tossed to and fro with all kinds of doctrine
futility of mind corrupt words trickery of men

Walking in the Flesh

Consequences

error = penalty due
wrath revealed vs them
deserve death
reaps corruption
unfruitful works of darkness
destruction
not inherit the Kingdom of God
God will destroy

Verses

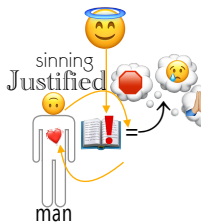
Matthew 15 Eph 4 & 5
Mark 7 Gal 5
Rom 1 Phil 3
1 Cor 3 & 6 & 15 James 1
2 Cor 7

The Sinner is bound by sin. As you can see the Justified person that is true to the Lord feels remorse and has the desire to no longer sin. The Poser is tricky because his chameleon spirit makes him appear as a Christian, but his action out him for the unjustified one that he is, and that leaves us with the Traitor who willfully switches teams. So what appears to be contrary in scripture, really is just scripture aimed at various groups of people, much like the variance in prophesy, all true but aimed at various groups.

Look :



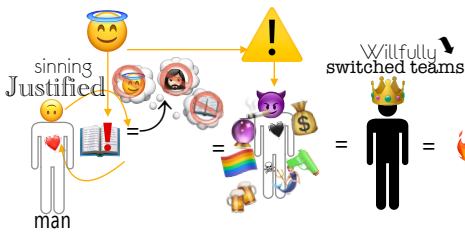
Romans 3:23 For all have fallen short of the Glory of God
Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin are death...



Romans 6:22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the fruit you reap leads to holiness and the outcome is eternal life



Titus 1:16 ...but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscious are defiled. They profess to know God but in works they deny him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.



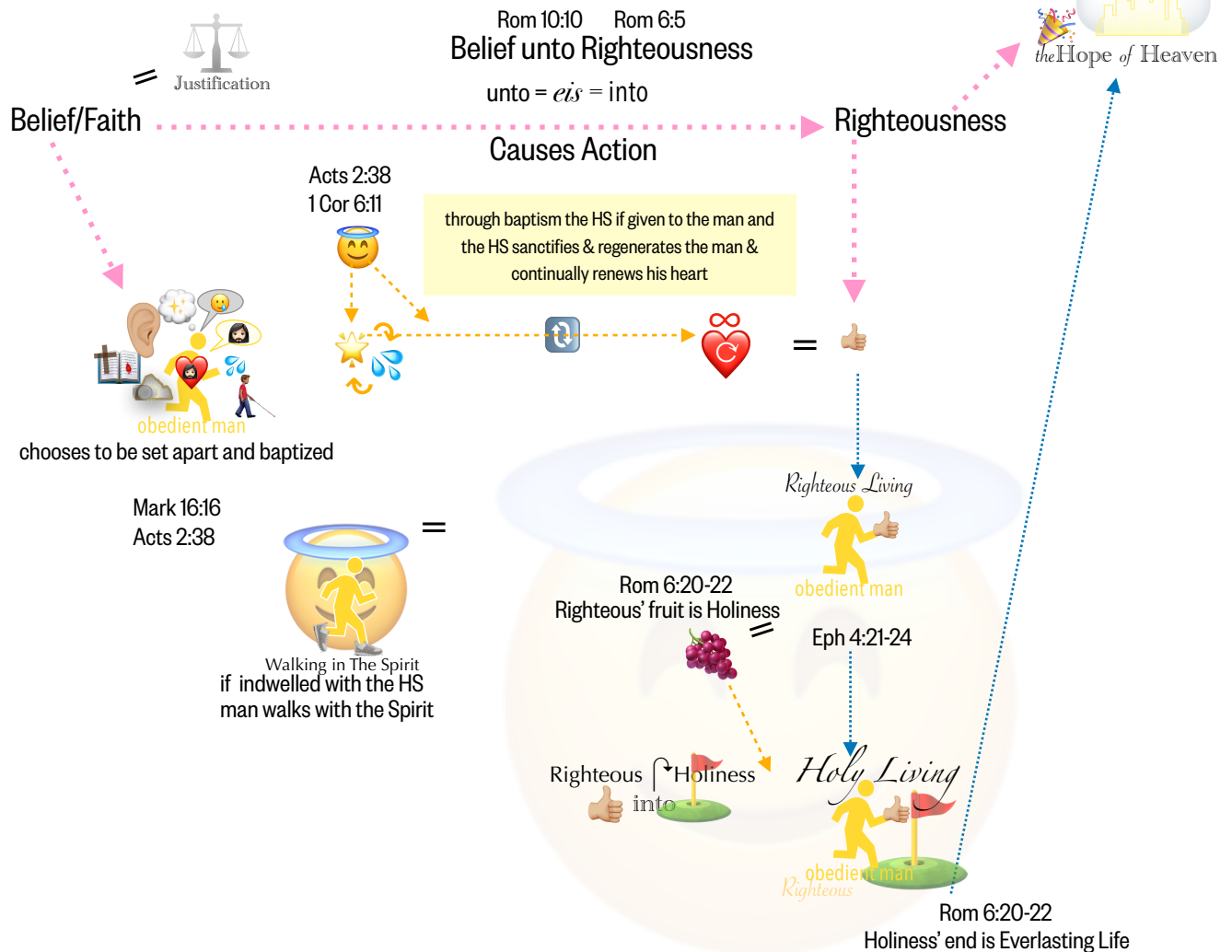
Hebrews 6:4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the ager to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God and put Him to Open shame.

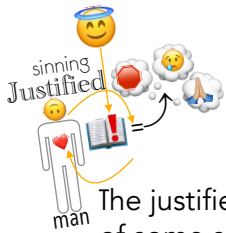
I am going to deal with if and how each group can get into a right standing with God, so that there is no confusion just incase you or one you are praying for has made some offense toward God.



The Sinner

The sinful man who is walking in the flesh, and is bound by sin, need only to realize that God is Holy and the originator of the universe, and he makes the rules for how we function best. By not understanding that the sinner man has become darkened and trapped in sin and is to be judged under the law at the end of time, which will result in eternal damnation. They need to understand the basic gospel story that God created a way, called grace to allow sinful man to be able to become holy like God and be seen as justified legally, and begin the process of obedience to all that the Bible attests. This includes repenting or turning from their old life, submitting their life whole heartedly to Christ as their leader, making a public profession of faith, becoming baptized into the father the son and the holy spirit. In that process the Holy Spirit regenerates the man, and begin the process of renewing their heart. In the process of renewal, the man must be careful in living and what is called Walking in the Spirit, which is an interactive process of nudges of the Holy Spirit, and obedience by the man, who is gradually being shaped into a perfected being through righteousness. Staying faithful to this lifestyle will cement the maturity and ultimately the eternal salvation of the obedient and faithful man.





The Justified

The justified man that slips into error, most likely without a willful cause, but on "accident" of some sort, has a different path, since they are already saved. It important that a Justified man not continue willfully in error, because it can lead to the sin spiral, like Saul, that without a total reversal, can turn a one Justified man into a Traitor. So this is going to take a second, because we are going to tour many verses and some processes even from the Old Testament so show that this is God's process, and I am not some crack pot making stuff up. We will let the scriptures speak.

First, rest assured that for 99% of Christians are in this category, so I will spend most of my time coving this. I do believe most people who are Christians are trying to be obedient to the Lord, and they may in fact know all of this, but just in case, I will cover it wholly, so that nothing is assumed, because in our day when Biblical teaching is rare, these things may not all be known.

1 John 3:2-9 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

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.

Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

ie. has this hope: is regenerated and saved

purifies (hagnizei) look this is the root of holy and sanctified, so it means to cleanse ceremonially, or morally from defilement; to take upon oneself purification used of Nazarites who would take upon themselves a temporary or lifetime vow as to make a promise to God to be set apart for God.

commits (poion) to make, manufacture to act, to do ; form, fashion, cause to occur; make a path labor and do work; exercises; be the author or cause of sin (hamartia) hamartia ethical failure; sinful deed, missing the mark; not originated from God; self-empowered; anything not of faith (Rom 14:23)

lawlessness (anomia) without law; iniquity; the utter disregard for God's law

abides (menon) to stay to remain; to endure; to tarry as a guest at a lodge

does not sin (ouch hamartanei) without, not, cannot, impossible, unable to continue

practices (pion) to make, manufacture to act, to do ; form, fashion, cause to occur; make a path labor and do work; exercises; be the author or cause of

righteousness (dikaiosynen) righteousness, justice, dive activites of which God is the source; doing what is deemed as right by the Lord and thus a judicial verdict
of the devil: (diabolos) the Slanderer par excellence; the Devil, the false accuser; one with an unjust critique; to hurt by defaming another with the goal of severing the relationship

born of (gegennemenos) to be born of a father, to bring forth a child; to regenerate (bc of the HS within baptism)

cannot sin: (ou dynatai hammartanein) ruling out as fact, the power or the ability to continue sinning, missing the mark morally

So if we are saved, why would we ever have any issues, if we are unable to sin? Notice a few things...

1 First, the Christians being spoken of in 1 John are "abiding" in God, or Walking in God's Holy Spirit. So let's say, you were not doing that, good time to see how to repair.

2 The next thing to understand is if you remember the Walking in the Flesh and Walking in the Spirit chart from the last video...

For there is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit

Romans 8:1

Living in the Spirit	Living in the Flesh
Spirit of life in Christ = free from the law of sin & death	under the law = sin & death
<u>mind on</u> things of the spirit	<u>mind on</u> things of the <u>flesh</u>
<u>spiritually</u> minded = <u>life</u> & <u>peace</u>	carnally minded = <u>death</u>
Spirit of God dwells <u>within</u>	<u>cannot</u> please God
if Christ is in you = the body is dead because of sin	does not have the Spirit of Christ = Not God's
Spirit = <u>life</u> because of <u>righteousness</u>	(unrighteousness = death) implied

Living in the Spirit	Living in the Flesh
life given to mortal bodies <u>through</u> the Spirit	(death is final) implied
live according to the Spirit = you put to death the deeds of the body = you will live	live according to the flesh = you will die
received the Spirit of Adoption to God	under Spirit of bondage = Fear
Spirit bears witness with out spirit that we are children of God & heirs	not heirs of God

Romans 8:1 it is clearly talking about having the "mind on things of the flesh or of the spirit"

walk: (*peripateo*) to live & regulate ones life, to progress, to regulate one conduct in life time

according to: (*kata*) according to, through from top to bottom; in the presence of ; in the same manner as

flesh: (*sarx*) the flesh and bone that covers a man, the "animal" nature, cravings, etc that incite one to sin; the human body with earthly influence as apposed to Godly influence

spirit: (*pneuma*) the 3rd person of the triune Godhead, the Holy Spirit

So this is about a habitual manner of living ones life. Looking at 1 John and understanding the word "abides" it is a parallel meaning, of staying in it, or living there for an extended stay. So if you are abiding in righteousness, sin will be abhorrent to you but if you are parked in sin, and living there you are not being righteous. It's impossible to do both simultaneously. This refers to a lifestyle or the way to live ones life.

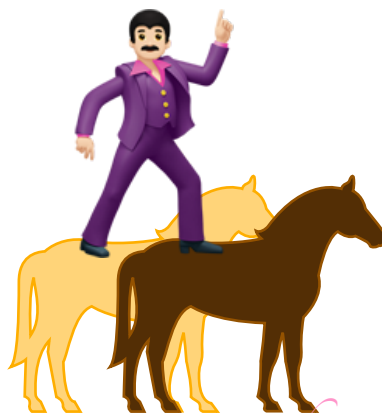
Remembering the chart that explained the differences between what traits the Unrighteous & those living in the flesh exhibit vs those walking in the Spirit... recall the end results for each...

CONSEQUENCES FOR THIS WAY OF LIFE...			
UNRIGHTEOUS	WALK IN FLESH	WALK IN SPIRIT	WALK IN SPIRIT/BHVR
<p>ROM 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERROR = PENALTY DUE • WRATH WILL BE REVEALED AGAINST THEM • B/C OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGEMENT = PRACTICE THESE = DESERVE DEATH 	<p>GAL 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAPS CORRUPTION <p>EPH 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRATH OF GOD IS UPON • UNFRUITFUL WORKS OF DARKNESS <p>PHIL 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • END IS DESTRUCTION <p>GAL 5, EPH 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD 	<p>GAL 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAPS EVER LASTING LIFE 	<p>PHIL 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PERFECTION IN RESURRECTION • CITIZENSHIP IN HEAVEN <p>1 TIM 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETERNAL LIFE <p>JAMES 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECEIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE • SAVE THEIR SOULS

I liken this to those trick horse riders. They can do all sorts of acrobatics on horses, and some can even ride two horses... but those horses cannot be going different directions. As a Christian, we have to choose which horse we are going to ride and commit to it... there is no trick riding, because the horses end up at different destinations.

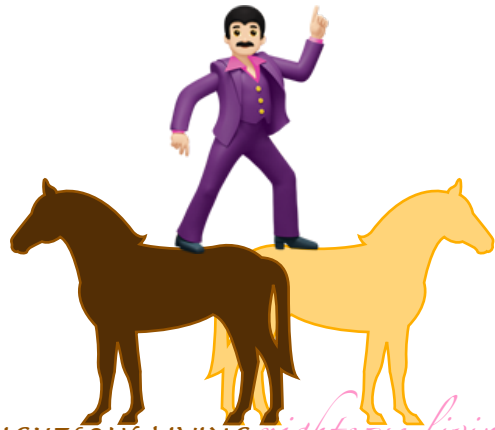


You cannot drink of the cup of the Lord and of demons;
You cannot partake of the Lord's table and the table of demons.
1 Cor 10:21



UNRIGHTEOUS LIVING

righteous living



UNRIGHTEOUS LIVING *righteous living*



UNRIGHTEOUS LIVING
led by "you"

righteous living
led by the Spirit

You Must Choose!!

Do you see the consistent theme? Unrighteous living is self-led... and sin is self-empowered.

sin (hamartia) hamartia ethical failure; sinful deed, missing the mark; not originated from God; self-empowered; anything not of faith (Rom 14:23)

You do understand that when you grab the reigns of your life, and you are not being "led" by the Spirit, but instead you are leading yourself, that is in fact sin? To walk by faith and not by sight, that is our call.

2 Cor 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight

Rom 1:17b as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

2 Cor 4:18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal

Walking by Faith and not by sight, brings up back to Hebrews 11, remember the chart from the last video, in which each Biblical giant had Faith and then they obeyed with physical actions because of their faith, and that response in obedience was accounted to them by God as righteousness.

Hebrews 11

BY	WHO?	DID	GOD'S VIEW/ACTION	REFERENCES
BY Faith	ABEL	★ offered a more excellent sacrifice	- he was righteous - God testifying of his gifts	Gen 4
BY Faith	ENOCH	★ diligently sought after God	- taken away without seeing death - pleased God	Gen 5
BY Faith	NOAH	★ moved with godly fear ★ prepaid an ark	- heir of righteousness	Gen 6-9, Ezk 14:14, 1 Pet 3:20

Well, it is sinful, or self-led to not obey, to not walk in faith, and to try and run your own life without the wisdom and leading of the Holy Spirit. This is what defines a true Christian from the Sunday Christian who lives like the world Monday - Saturday. If you are being led by the Spirit in Faith there is no chance in the whole universe that the Spirit leads any of us into walking in the flesh. So each soiree into the characteristics of the flesh, is indeed a self-led activity outside of faith. And thus, sinful by definition. And why is this? Because in order to be self-led a true Christian must quench the Spirit... because the Holy Spirit always gives the believer that little "ehhem.... we shall not be doing that thing you are considering" And in order to override that and go ahead and do it...the believer is quenching the Holy Spirit, which is a strict command to not do!

1 Thes 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit.

Eph 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

3 Also to be mentioned is the human tendency to want to morph into those around us. So if you surround yourself with Christians you will be more likely to seek to stay on course, but if your entire world is surrounded by non-Christians even if only via TV, Music & Movies, you may find yourself more drawn to behaviors that are "fleshly" like cursing, partying, sleeping around, etc. These are items you find on the sin chart in the categories of "walking in the flesh" or "defiled". None of these should be in the Ungodly, Unrighteous categories, since those are all clearly on a different level.

1 Cor 15:33 Do not be deceived, bad company corrupts good character.

Matt 6:32-34 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Paul even does a long discourse in Romans 7 all about how his human nature draws him to do things that he does not wish to do, even though he knows better, he is admitting that by the mere fact that he is a human, on occasion, he does things, or says things that he knows he should not. How does he know he should not? Because either they are not Righteous, or more likely because the Holy Spirit convicts him that his action was not in line with holiness. And notice his words to the Galatians... he knows some actual Christians will slip into sins, simply out of ignorance, and the other Christians around them need to help that person out by clarify God's instructions and gently bringing them back into the fold, where they can receive support and example and instruction to stay on the path.

Rom 7:19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.

Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

overtaken (prolambano) taken by surprise; should be overcome by; to take one by getting in front of him before he can conceal

trespass (paraptoma) a falling away, a lapse, to slip; to trespass or sin; properly—to fall away after being close-beside and having a deviation from the truth with a relatively unconscious non-deliberate wrong doing

restore (katartizete) to properly adjust so that the pieces can be fit together properly in order to bring it to the full destination in a proper condition; to be in good working order after an adjustment

Now understand that these what I like to call "baby" sins that Paul addresses about himself... for allowed to grow will become full on unrighteousness, but these small things where we drift into an unholy behavior, does not change our Justification status, not our holiness status. Are they a divergence from what we are called to do, yes, technically sin? Yes, but because of the blood of Christ they are made invisible to God, as long as we do not "abide" in them. Clearly

the person who has committed an even more distinctly falling away, although not deliberate, also has the opportunity to find grace and return to the full status of being seen as sinless. So these verses show that yes, a real Christian can sin, and they can also be restored. So how to be restored?

There is a proper response to these all of these diversions...

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

James 4:7-8 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Eph 6: 11-13 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Gal 6: 7-8 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

This is best done with communion, which we are told to do regularly. Now... this will take a minute... but we have to go backwards to properly go on, because God's nature does not change, and I often observe that people who have had major divergences in their Christian walk often kick themselves for years after, hanging a guilt over themselves that God never intended. So if you recall back in 1 John it was saying

1 John 3:2-9

And everyone who [has this hope](#) in Him [purifies](#) himself, just as He is pure.

and the definition of purifies was...

[purifies](#) (hagnizei) look this is the root of holy and sanctified, so it means to cleans ceremonially, or morally from defilement; [to take upon oneself purification](#) used of Nazarites who would take upon themselves a temporary or lifetime vow as to make a promise to God to be set apart for God.

We need to quickly run through what the Nazarite vow process was.

Nazarite Law/Vow

Numbers 6

The Vow & Offerings	If the Nazarite is Defiled
<p>A man or woman can take consecrate an offering for the purpose of separating him/herself to the Lord, and take the vow of Nazarite— to separate himself to the Lord.</p>	
<p>Vow: Keep these laws of separation until "the days of the vow: are complete & all the days of separation will be holy to the Lord</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no grapes in any form from vine, seed, skin, or fermented • no cutting of hair • no going near a dead body(even family) • nothing unclean (already expected by the general Law) 	
<p>When the days of separation are fulfilled:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to the door of the tabernacle of meeting & present the offering to the Lord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 male lamb = burnt offering • 1 ewe lamb = sin offering • 1 ram = peace offering • 1 basket of unleavened bread <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cakes mixed with oil - unleavened wafers anointed with oil • grain offering • drink offerings 2. The Priest will bring the offerings before the Lord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • offers the sin & burnt offerings (female lamb +male lamb) • offers the peace offering (ram) • offers grain & drink offerings <p>The Nazarite shaves his consecrated head at this point at the door of the tabernacle & it is put on the fire that is under the peace offering</p> <p>The Priest takes (see below) and puts them on the hands off the Nazarite & the priest waves them as a wave offering before the Lord— a boiled shoulder of ram</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one unleavened cake • one unleavened wafer <p>These(wave offering), the breast, the thigh of the heave offering are holy for the priest</p> 3. The Nazarite is considered holy & may drink wine & regrow his hair 	<p>Defiled: all the previous days separation are not counted if the Nazarite becomes voluntarily or involuntarily defiled. If the Nazarite is defiled by being near a dead person, in order to keep his days of separation he must go through this process in order to begin his days over.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The day of defilement 2. The day of cleansing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shave head 3. The 7th day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shave head 4. The 8th day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to the door of the tabernacle with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 turtle doves or 2 young pigeons • The Priest will use (below) to provide <u>atonement*</u> for the Nazarite's associate with being unclean by death <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 bird = sin offering - 1 bird = burnt offering • Then the Priest will <u>sanctify</u> (qadash)his head that same day • The Nazarite shall <u>consecrate</u> (nazar) to the Lord the days of separation (a re-consecration) and his day count will begin again <p>*atonement (Kaphar)- propitiation, a blood offering to cover man's sins and been seen "covered" or "guiltless" by God</p>

Clearly in this way of being set apart for God, sometimes someone would mess up, touch something unclean and have to essentially start all over. A reconsecration, and then moving forward as if this were the first try. That is what a reconsecration is. So a Christian, being justified, but living unrighteously, could reconsecrate their lives. This may include a re-baptism, but it definitely requires a stopping, and a decided setting apart that which is holy and only going down that path from that point on.

Judges	Summary
13:3	Angel of the Lord appeared to the woman...
13:4	Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean. For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. (his purpose in life was to take down the Philistines)
13:24	So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him.
13:25	And the Spirit of the Lord began to move upon him at times in the camp of Dan...
14:3-11	Samson marries a Philistine woman
14:6	And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him , and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father what he had done.
14:8-9	Samson eats honey from the lions carcass , and fed it to his parents, but he did not tell them he had taken it out of the carcass of the lion (unclean)
14:19	Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon him mightily , and he went down to Ashkelon and killed 30 of their men.... he went back up to his father's house
14:20	And Samson's wife was given to his friend ...
15:15-17	Samson kills 1000 Philistines with a jawbone of a donkey
15:18-19	Then he became very thirsty; so he cried out to the Lord and dramatically asked for a drink. Then God split hollow place in 2 and water came out and he drank.
15:20	And Samson judged Israel for 20 years in the days of the Philistines
16:1	He saw a prostitute and went in to spend the night with her
16:6	So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me the source of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued.
16:17-8	When Delilah realized that he had revealed to her all that was in his heart, she sent this message to the lords of the Philistines: "Come up once more, for he has revealed to me all that is in his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came to her, bringing the money in their hands.
16:19	Then the Philistines seized him, shaved his head, gouged out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, where he was bound with bronze shackles and forced to grind grain in the prison.
16:22	However, the hair of his head began to grow back after it had been shaved.
16:28	Then Samson called out to the LORD : "O Lord GOD, please remember me . Strengthen me, O God, just once more, so that with one vengeful blow I may pay back the Philistines for my two eyes."
16:30	Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." Then he pushed with all his might, and the temple fell on the lords and all the people in it. So in his death he killed more than he had killed in his life

In Short...

1. he was set apart before birth in Nazarite Vow
2. he was raised holy but he was not always perfect
3. he had God's Holy Spirit on him
4. he was blessed & gifted
5. he was a judge for Israel – knew his torah the best of all
6. then he sinned– that sin led to more sin– and his ultimate taking down
7. But he repented and finished his mission before he died

This reinforces from the Old Testament to the New Testament that it is God's character to have grace. He knows that on this earth dominated by sin, that as humans we will fail. He wants people to come to him with a repentant heart, and he will hear them.

Isn't that exactly what we are talking about?? You can only walk in the Spirit if the Spirit of the Lord is "on" you and "in" you, and you can only stay "in" unrighteousness if you are not walking in the Spirit, so getting to the point where you desire the Holy Spirit to lead is step one. Repenting is step two and so on, just like the process of salvation... The faith that God can save, creates actions, those actions have blessings attached to them:

- grace
- freedom from the bondage of sin
- eternal life
- the gift of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is essential because He helps us navigate life through the viewpoint of Righteousness, Holiness and Sanctification. He regenerates us and renews us, but we must submit to His leadership. Many understand this when they come to Christ. Some do in fact believe the Jesus is the Christ and may even appear to be wonderful people, but they have not ever been sanctified, so they are what some would call "carnal Christians" I don't call them that, because by definition without being sanctified they are not actually Christians. Some have to learn the hard way, they come into Christianity, but then do not stay clear of the unrighteous actions and friends, and they get sucked into a carnal lifestyle, let me just say if this has happened, they have resisted the Holy Spirit.

So the natural question is, how can a person stay in right standing before the Lord?

Clearly as we saw with Arrons sons who profaned their sacrifice by adding idol worship, and Saul who also consulted unrighteousness for advice, the Lord does not take kindly or lightly to a double minded effort, one who says they are of God, but are not separate from the world... and with the Nazarite Law it was clear if a person that was set apart and in the process of fulfilling a consecration to the Lord, if they mixed with uncleanness, they had to stop, shave, and start all over, none of the previous days were counted. So this is a foreshadow to Christians who depart from faith and intermingle with world.

Gratefully we have grace, but a person must stop, get themselves back into a "righteous state" by taking communion, focusing on the gift of Jesus DBR & asking for forgiveness of willful and unknown diversions from the standard. Scripture says that much of a Christian's every day problems are from not taking communion in irreverent manner. I will deal with what happens if you continually walk in unrighteousness in a different video, but in short Paul also addresses this within the context of communion. Look at these essential verses regarding communion.

So is that it? Once you fall off the wagon, you are now not saved? No, we have repentance, reconsecration and communion we can count on... all are acts of submission in humility to the Lord. These three are in this order for a reason. Why? Look:

Repent:

Jer 25:5 "They said, 'Repent now everyone of his evil way and his evil doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD has given to you and your fathers forever and ever.

Repent & Be Reconsecrated :

Acts 3:19-20 Repent, then, and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped away, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus, the Christ, who has been appointed for you.

But the act of reconsecration, making a decided act like a Nazarite to be set apart for God's use as He see's fit, this allows a person to walk in the Spirit, and by walking in the Spirit righteous can be attained and all sins absolved.

Communion:

1 Cor 10:21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons: you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.

Gratefully Jesus set up the institute of Communion and we have some good info on this

Jesus Established Communion

Luke 22:17-20 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."

1 Cor 11:23-26 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner *He* also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

proclaim (*katangelo*) to publicly proclaim, announce, to make known

1 Cor 11:27-32 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

unworthy (*anaxios*) irreverently, unworthy for a thing

examine (*dokimazo*) to test and examine against a standard, to scrutinize metals by testing for purity

judgement (*krima*) damnation, the sentence of a judge who is punished for a time, the condemnation of wrong

reason (*dia*) for this cause, because of this reason, therefore, for the sake of; on these grounds

weak (*asthenes*) literally feeble, impotent & sick, contextually: sluggish in doing right, having no power to promote piety and salvation, destitute of power among men; lacking in discernment regarding what is lawful & unlawful

sick (*arrostos*) infirmed, sick, without strength; to be sickly

sleep (*koimao*) to be sleep; to be calm or still, to be put to sleep, metaph: to cause to die; equivalent to being dead; extinct

chastened (*paideuo*) to train children; to cause one to learn; to chastise or correct with words who are moulding the character of others by reproof (an expression of disapproval/rebuke) and admonition (to represent firmly/to urge with strong warning/scolding/pressure/counsel)

Be sure not to think that the elements are magical, or that you partaking in communion is the thing that makes it effective.

1 John 2:1-2 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Jesus is the reason we stay sin free. The elements of communion are to help us to be introspective and circumspect about how we live our lives, and to often remind us of the sacrifice Jesus made for us, which should keep us humble and grateful, and it is a time to think about His perfection and love and his instructions spoken in the red letter words, as our directives, as the standard of measure; so we can introspectively see if we are aiming at the standard, or aiming at living in the flesh. Any discrepancies are typically prayed over, things that the Spirit brings to mind, that you did not pray over them immediately after the offense. In the end, each of us are responsible for our own Spiritual health.

Gal 6:4-5 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load.

but the work of himself (*ergon heautou*) the tasks, deeds, the inner intentions or purpose of each individual

examine (*dokimazeto*) to properly try and test, to examine with scrutiny to distinguish if one is fit; to pass a necessary test to prove as good or genuine
each

bear (*bastazo*) to carry away, to remove, to take up; to sustain and hold up like beams

Without accepting the Grace of God through Christ, man has a spirit of bondage that will continually have him walking farther and farther from God and righteousness. God makes it clear that by choosing grace through faith a person can be broken away from that bondage and allowed to walk under the guidance and leadership of the God's Holy Spirit. Paul makes it clear that one cannot continue on in the path leading away from Christ once have truly understood grace, Christ's propitiation and tasted the goodness of the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

He also made it clear that one path, and only one path has to be chosen, because the two are diametrically opposed having opposite ends. Like you cant ride two horses** that are going in opposite directions. You have to choose one and be all in with it. Remember that Romans 1 was explicit that those who do all the things of the flesh which are unrighteous and those who approve of those things are considered in the same category. So if you say it's okay for your buddy to live with his girlfriend, which is fornication, then you are also guilty of unrighteousness. So this is serious business. It takes a leaving and cleaving from the old life to the new, fully. In thought, behavior, beliefs, philosophy, education, everything. Walking in the Spirit is a willful total life makeover.

The Bible acknowledges that a man will be tempted to resort to their old nature, and we know that in every temptation, or test that if we rebuke the devil, and pursue righteousness in the Spirit instead those temptations will flee from us. But the Bible also acknowledges that a total break from ones previous culture has to be made, surrounding oneself with other Christians, with worship, with scripture reading, with serving God with righteous obedience, etc. It reminds that bad company corrupts good character and that the cup of the devil cannot be taken at the same table as the cup of the Lord, so clearly in each temptation a person has the responsibility to discern whether the action they are being pulled toward is toward unrighteousness or righteousness in FAITH. If it is unrighteousness, they need to pray and ask the Lord to give them the way out of their connection to that behavior. The Lord will provide it.

However, to avoid continually being tempted into behaviors that are displeasing it is wise to set up a "consecration" or boundaries so that the temptations are not easy access. Also wise to find new friends that are Christians that are more mature than you in the faith to help you navigate how to be faithful in the discipline of the faith. The harder and faster you grow in the Lord the faster the temptations leave you and the easier it is to not longer want to take part in them.

Here's a few practical tips:

1. The first step is ALWAYS prayer and seeking Christlikeness through Scripture...
2. Next prepare in practical ways so you are not blindsided by temptation
3. Be aware that when you first change behaviors it feels strange & foreign maybe even "not you" thats ok... if you want to become like Christ, sometimes first the actions are done out of obedience not because they come naturally. As you repeatedly act like that which you want to become you do in fact become that way.
4. Understand that non-Christians are living under your freedoms and responsibilities and that they are spiritually trapped into being the sad way that they are. You cannot hold them in expectation to your standards, you should expect that they act as their 'master' the devil.
5. The more good you do when faced with evil, the more good you focus on in scripture and worship, the more you focus on Christ, the bonds of the "old man" are annihilated. It is literally living out do not repay evil for evil but repay evil with good, even in the spiritual when being attacked, don't get angry, worship the Lord and those fights disappear.
6. Rejoice! If you are not being attacked by spiritual warfare or tempted on occasion by team s... then you are no threat at all to him, which means he has a hold on you. So by having temptations and people being agents of ugliness toward use as living flesh being taken over by demonic spirits... you are a noticeable Christian with some level of threat to the enemy. Be grateful.
7. Each time you beat the battle you only grow stronger.

temptation	strategies
cussing/swearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *chop your music down to worship music and a few wholesome songs *skip the movies, they glorify this *replace with funny alternatives -well shut the front door -bubbles! -oh minga foot! -you are a silly -oh shoes! -"perfect" *just hold your tongue and smile *bring back the most antiquated word you can -oh great Jehosphat -oh rats in the bed! -good golly -good gracious -shucks -geemonette -son of a hamster - good gravy!

temptation	strategies
<p>angry or hurt that typically caused you to lash out</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *say= "Lord you deal with them" and let it go *forgive, forgive, forgive *stop, don't speak, think a minute and if needed answer rationally *take the hit, feel the pain and forgive them
<p>party lifestyle drunkenness revelries(riots) drinking parties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *new friends *remove alcohol, drugs, etc. from your presence completely *do not attend *do not watch movies with *find new ways to spend your time *"nah I'm good" *"Oh, I'm not old enough, thanks though"(joking) *get health oriented: fitness & nutrition *keep conservative & routine hours for life & sleep
<p>irritating behaviors others do that trigger you: pride backbiting boasting coveting foolish talk course jesting angry fits toward you backbiting spreading rumors self confidence in attainments hateful unmerciful those who speak evil of those who do not run to dissipation as they do selfishness contentious jealous</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Read Proverbs, John, Romans & Ps 119 over and over ~ understand what God values and chase that *When confronted and tempted to: remind yourself — that was the old me, I m not going to retort. (ie. just don't speak) *take the hit if they are trying to slam you, and just smile, know God will give them justice *tell the truth; the truth will rise up from the falsehoods eventually *employ "oh, good for you" but don't compete with them *smile and not saying words is very effective *answer in love and in a calm unperturbed tone regardless of how you may feel... this is a discipline *be loving and forgiving *answer with kindness *do not spur others onto jealousy by pointing out things about yourself or your possessions

temptation	strategies
<p>sexual sins lewdness (dressing/viewing scantily clad people with aim of arousal, including porn, some rated R movies, explicit literature for mental images) fornication (unmarried sex) homosexuality (same gender) dishonor with bodies (all sexual sins including LGBTQ+, orgies, worship rituals, etc) adultery (sex & any one involved is married)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *find new friends at church *reconsecrate your mind in scripture to get it to be correct in through to God’s measure *do not view, read, watch, or take part in any *do not support any of it *tell prospective dates- you are a Christian and will not be having sex prior to marriage *avoid being alone or in compromising situations *avoid the appearance & temptations of evil by not sleeping over, not living together *make firm boundary rules for behavior long before the actual act would be able to occur
<p>Your Heart & Mind many of the things on the list are inward, in your mind, heart, desires, etc. I’m not listing them all here it is a lot</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *weekly communion, self evaluating compared to Christlikeness *dig deep into scripture, focus on the life of David, Jesus Words, and how you are to act within the church *socialize with Christians more mature than you, watch and learn how they relate to life
<p>Wickedness idols worship based on idols idols pagan values, beliefs, religious (this is a broad group of things) -feng shui -catechism - asian religions -MARVEL universe -philosophy -evolution - crystals - new age -fortune telling - magick -clubs like illuminati & free mason etc -etc etc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *chop your music down to worship music and a few wholesome songs *do not intake movies or books with this *be mindful of what books, movies, clothing, jewelry etc that is pagan centric, consider getting rid of it *do not associate with people into these practices *find new interests *read the Bible with passion to fill up with truth, then the deception will jump out at you

1 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; Old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.



The Poser

In our day, this is a common sight... a person who says they are a Christian, but they not only live fully in the flesh, they also support the things on the sin chart that are considered Unrighteous & Ungodly. It has already been established that you have to choose one horse and Titus is clear that the evidence of which team you belong to is in the behaviors or "works" that a person does. And Jesus points out that these things are evidence of a person's heart.

Titus 1:16 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscious are defiled. They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

profess (homologeō) to publicly declare, to confess they are in full agreement with; to endorse and align with

know (eidanai) to properly perceive and understand; akin to saying "I see what you mean", a seeing that becomes knowing as a bridge from the mental to the spiritual

in works (ergon) tasks, accomplishments, one who carries out an inner desire by doing a physical task, works, deeds,

deny (arneomai) to reject; to disown, to turn ones back upon; to refuse to confess or agree with

abominable (bdelyktoi) detestable, revolting, disgusting,

disobedient (apithace) unbelieving, not willing to be persuaded by God; outward disobedience that shows an inward rebellious spirit that is evidence of rejecting what God prefers

disqualified (adokimos) a counterfeit; failing to pass the test; unapproved; used of testing metals for purity; unfit for something

Matthew 15:18-20 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

come from (exerchomai) to come or go out of

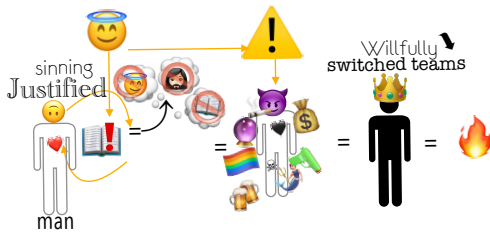
heart (kardias) the heart, mind, soul, character, inner self, the will; the place of moral preference & capacity to desire and make decisions to follow those desires

defile (koinio) to make unclean and pollute, to be ceremonially unclean; to treat that which is intended to be used as sacred but instead used as common or ordinary— not set apart, not special.

1 John 2:4 If anyone says, "I know him," but does not keep His commandments, he is a liar, and the truth is not in him"

1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they did not belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. But their departure made it clear that none of them belonged to us.

Seeing this truth no matter how many times the person calls themselves a Christian, they are only posing as Christians. They may have found some nice people that they like being with in the "club" of Christians, but they are a Christian by definition, because if they were they could not be comfortable in the lifestyles they embrace, the Holy Spirit would be on them like white on rice, and then if they did not respond to that then some major life crisis would happen to get them to turn back. But since none of these evidenced of the Spirit clamoring for their affections, they are not saved. So, for this person to get right with the Lord, they simply need recognize that they are fooling themselves into thinking they are saved, and they need to go through the salvation process just like the sinner, being careful it is with a pure and obedient heart.



The Traitor

Can the traitor come back to the Lord in repentance like the Justified? The traitor was once 100% saved, justified and walking in the Spirit, so logic says they should be able to do the exact same process as the Justified right? Not really. There are some differences between the Justified and the Traitor... The traitor has a few elements unique to them. The main element that all traitors share is that they are refuse to be restored or persuaded back onto the path.

Gal 6:1 restore (katartizete) to properly adjust to that the pieces can be fit together properly in order to bring it to the full destination in a proper condition; to be in good working order after an adjustment

Titus 1:16 disobedient (apithace) unbelieving, not willing to be persuaded by God; outward disobedience that shows an inward rebellious spirit that is evidence of rejecting what God prefers

There are a few of categories of Traitors.

1 The Angry

They may have been rolling along fine and then something they felt injustice happened to them or a loved one, and instead of submitting it to the Lord they took the reins and took a grudge, often against the Lord. So a crisis occurs, and this person regardless of counsel, scripture or the prompting of the Holy Spirit, gets angry and hateful to God, or another human, and they refuse to forgive. This might be for the death of a loved one, or a divorce, or for not stopping the rapist, or allowing their house to burn down, or for the pastor that violated their daughter, or barrenness, or a quick poverty... it doesn't matter what the trigger is, they become stubbornly angry and bitter. Their anger may manifest into unrighteous behavior in a knee jerk reaction like murder, slander or violence, or they may just stay staunchly opposed to God and often these people resort to denying God exists, or they abandon Christianity because their view of how life was supposed to go, didn't turn out,

2 The People Pleaser

Others have friends, a job, or join a seemingly innocent social club, and the longer they are involved with these other people, the more evil the shared activities become, and at some point they have to make a choice, to obey God's commands or to join in with the unrighteous behavior... essentially choosing man's approval over God's. These people end up committing horrifying crimes against the Lord like sacrificing to idols and false gods, murder, mingling with wickedness and dark magic, defiling the body in various ways considered sinful, extra marital affairs, living with a significant other outside of marriage or sleeping around and partying, etc. The entire focus is on the now and what their friends think, no focus on the long range game, and what God thinks and the eternal state of the soul.

3 The Tolerant

The person who knows better, but like a frog in a pot of water gradually increasing in heat, tolerates unrighteousness around them, eventually may adopt the behaviors. Perhaps not for themselves but saying things like "well it's right for them" ... God doesn't see any issues like that. There is right and there is wrong and that is the end of the story. So you cannot be an armchair promoter for the LGBTQ movement, and call yourself righteous, because what you support is abhorrent to the Lord, which is denying Him. Yes, this is for some, more of a People Pleasing problem, but for others it is a Tolerance issue. One may have always done yoga, and they see no spiritual deficit to it. The regular exposure to posing in the forms of worship to false god's, and repeatedly listening to the false peace language will certainly give them a foothold, and then if attending a church that is new or morphs into being unhealthy and uses similar persuasive peaceful sounding language, the person will be of dulled discernment and will not sharply notice the falsehood as offensive. And like the frog, will allow themselves to be adrift from pure theology and even be sucked into other falsehoods that are currently watering down the church, adding eastern philosophy into what is supposed to be a holy place. The Tolerant are in a slow downturn but it is so gradual they don't even notice it, until one day, they switch teams.

4 The Lawful

We are told repeatedly in the New Testament that Christians are to live in grace and faith. But there are some who willfully choose to go back and live under law, as a point of salvation. This is a form of self-righteousness, to try and earn their salvation by deeds. They feel by not keeping the Mosaic Law, that they will be sinning. This is also to occur soon in a new form. There are powerful groups who would like the whole world to live under what they call Noahide Law, in which they say all humans are of Noah, and they have 7 Laws that are not from the Bible, but to those who do not read their Bible apparently seem to think these are legit, because many pastors in Christianity support this. The promoters want the whole world to abide by their 7 simple laws to make society nice and function better.

The illusion is that all but those who worship the star of rephidim will be slaves, and if you call Jesus part of the Godhead, you will be beheaded. There's more awfulness to it, but the point is even in our day, people still try to come under law. Within the church, beyond the potential of Noahide, there are many branches of the tree that willingly come under law. They are in essence denying Christ and his sacrifice for the old system. They forgot to read Romans 7 Hebrews, I guess. Some come by this because they are diligent in studying and become fascinated with the old ways, and they want to celebrate all the old holidays, and be as close to an Israelite as possible, But in this process they deny Christ.

In all of these cases of men being Traitors, the person who was fully walking in the Spirit and a bonafide Christian willfully gives the devil not only a foothold, but eventually their whole soul is consumed. This of course could have been stopped early on with listening to the Holy Spirit's nudges to forgive, not attend, not partake of, etc. It could have been stopped by listening to

sermons, & other Christian's reprimands, which disagreed with them but was accurate. But in every case they gathered up their pride and stuck their feet in the mud to park their souls in sin, willfully. As they continued to quench the Holy Spirit, they simultaneously and repeatedly were choosing man's wisdom over God's and putting themselves back under the law instead of walking in Grace and Faith through the Spirit. Every one of them, chose to go back under law, whether they thought that through or not. Could they still return? Yes, in humility, but if they die in this state, that it for them. Whether it was initially from pain, anger, power, tolerance or perfectionism, does not matter, what matters is that they have the entire Bible just like the rest of us, and they missed the entire point, that God is God and we are to be grateful and obedient no matter what happens in life, and we can never take lightly all of the implications of this relationship. Is this not the ultimate blasphemy of the Holy Spirit to turn from true Christianity and willfully choose to walk away?

But, but but....

I know some of you are thinking, yes, but these people were never really saved, they were just very convincing Posers. Let me show you a few verses that refute this, and then we will look at what types of crimes God calls capital crimes, even in the New Testament.

Pink is a capital crime

Green is how to approach God to repair

Teal is showing a real Christian can be in this position

Gal 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

1 Tim 1:9 knowing this: that the law is not made for a Righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly, and for sinners, for the unholy, and profane, for murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if they is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

Gal 5:4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Titus 3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy. He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit

2 Peter 3:17 You, therefore, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with error of the wicked

1 Tim 1:6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle walk ...

1 John 2:3-6, 14-17, 19, 24

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him.

By this we know that we are in Him.

He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

I have written to you, fathers,

Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning.

I have written to you, young men,

Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you,

And you have overcome the wicked one.

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," [says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:38-39

38 Now the just shall live by faith;

But if anyone draws back,

My soul has no pleasure in him."

But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

James 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

"God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble."

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Rom 2:5-12 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who "will render to each one according to his deeds" eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law

Heb 12:14-17 Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; lest there *be* any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

Heb 6:4-6 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

Obviously there is much to be said on this topic of unrighteousness and how to repair it but we don't have all day... So since this is such a massive undertaking, I have simplified it into a graphic chart.

capital crimes

- Blaspheming the Holy Spirit
- Willfully returning to the Law of Moses for Justification
- Willfully living unrighteously, & refusing to stop, and thus making oneself by default under the law
- Teaching false doctrine and refusing to stop

forgivable crimes

- all other crimes are forgivable only if they:
- humble themselves before God (Jms 4)
 - stop doing the activity
 - get back in a right standing (see sinner man or justified man)
 - walk in the spirit and be led by the spirit

I will have someone out there thinking.... well, this just can't be true, there is only one unforgivable sin, because Jesus himself says in Matthew...

Matthew 12:31-2 Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven of men. Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven of him, either in this age or in the age to come.

Mark 3:28-30 Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness but is subject to eternal condemnation— because they said , "He has an unclean spirit."

Perhaps it is the definition of blasphemy that is unclear.. look:

blasphemy (blasphemia)

slander (unjust and false injury to the good reputation of another especially with malicious intent to ruin the reputation of), impious (lacking reverence for God, ungodly, apostate) & reproachful (shameful, insulting, rude, offensive) speech injurious to divine majesty, the vilification (the act of defaming or speaking ill of someone or something) of God with evil speaking (morally wrong, wicked, harmful, marked by anger or irritation) & railing (criticize, to find fault with, to accuse of as the blame for) , scorn (to openly refute or ignore with hatred)

I believe this defines the very thing I just stated. What is more slanderous, or impious, or reproachful or injurious or evil speaking, railing or scornful than to have the full knowledge of God, Jesus & the Holy Spirit and be walking in the Spirit and having all of the amazing benefits of this life, and then for one reason or another, harden your heart, reject the Holy Spirit and then reject Jesus' sacrifice & reject God? That is the worst form of blasphemy because it comes from one who knows the Godhead better than someone who is outside of Christianity, simply looking in and flinging assaults out of a darkened heart.

What is more blasphemous than going back under the law? What does it say without words? The Law will save me! — which implies that Grace is not able to... which is a form of blasphemy, saying that the Spirit has some fault in that He CANNOT save you unless you follow the law. By willfully living unrightously, not only is a person choosing to be judged by the law, which in Rev 20 it points out that all the dead were judged by the law... and their works... and because they did not have grace they were all cast into the lake of fire... but this is also a form of blasphemy by being impious, and not honoring God. In continuing to teach false doctrine within the church, even after being told to stop, this is blasphemy & scorn, slander, impiousness, in pride thinking one's own doctrine is more accurate than what God himself has laid out in scripture for all to see, which is essentially saying— sorry Holy Spirit I will not listen to your warning, because I am right and you are wrong. Blasphemy.

And to add insult to injury.... who is most associated with blasphemy? The scribes and pharisees that were trying to find fault with Christ to have Him killed, yes, but ultimately, in Revelation 13 & 17 the scarlet beast of the sea(the people) that has 7 heads and 10 horns (7 kings and 10 kings)... on this beast's head a blasphemous name. The Antichrist's most significant shift in world power is not only that the Kings all worship & support him, but in Rev 13 & Daniel 1 it reminds that he opens his mouth to blaspheme God's name, God's tabernacle & all that dwell in heaven. The spirit behind blasphemy is ultimately a team s power move to control the whole world. Anyone who joins in on this is in the end is also out forever, because all with the MOTB are unsavable. To reject God's Spirit in this way is in essence rejecting God himself, and the consequence is eternal damnation.

Okay, I know this was a long study, but again, it is not a light issue. Theologians have been arguing this stuff for centuries, it is a broad topic, indeed. But, this is how the Lord lead me to bring it forth for this series. I do hope it has been helpful to you, I know I learned a lot, even though I thought I had a handle on it.