

## **Evidence #2 Have you turned from sin?**

Complete repentance is a non-optional proof of life.

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, ...” **1 John 5:13**

“Why do you call Me, Lord, Lord, and do not [practice] what I tell you?” **Luke 6:46 (AMP)**

“My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. . .” **1 John 2:1**

“My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin.” **1 John 2:1(NLT)**

### **Have you turned from sin?**

You cannot claim to be born again and still practice sin

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### **How Do You Know if You Repented?**

“If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.” **1 John 2:29**

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### **Repent = turn from your sin (disobedience) to obedience**

“Everyone who sins is breaking God’s law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God.” **1 John 3:4 (NLT)**

“And you know that He [Jesus] 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 know Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.” **1 John 3:5-7**

### **1/ Without Repentance You Are Still Going to Hell!**

“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” **1 John 3:8**

### **2/ The Second Evidence of Salvation is Repentance!**

“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.” **1 John 3:9**

### 3/ You Are Either a Child of God or the Devil? Which Are You?

“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.” **1 John 3:10**

“Here's how you tell the difference between God's children and the Devil's children: The one who won't practice righteous ways isn't from God, nor is the one who won't love brother or sister. **A simple test.**” **1 John 3:10 (MSG)**

#### The Fake Christian Makes Claims but Does Not Obey!

Remember John states, “He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in Him.” **1 John 2:4**

Let me be clear, hypocrites can't obey! They will scream for love, understanding and a broader mindset. This idea of obedience is too narrow minded to them. Surrendering to the complete control of the Lord Jesus is out of the question, and they have no passion to reach the world for Jesus!

Yes they want to go to heaven. But they actually think religious freedom means liberty from the restricting life of the do's and don'ts of God's Word, and falsely believe God saved them without requiring obedience to His commands. Would God free people to sin or free people from sin?

John not only states that those who will not repent are lost but also reminds us again that the first Evidence, “you must love fellow Christians”, is proof also.

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### 4/ Repentance is not optional!

“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.” **1 John 5:18**

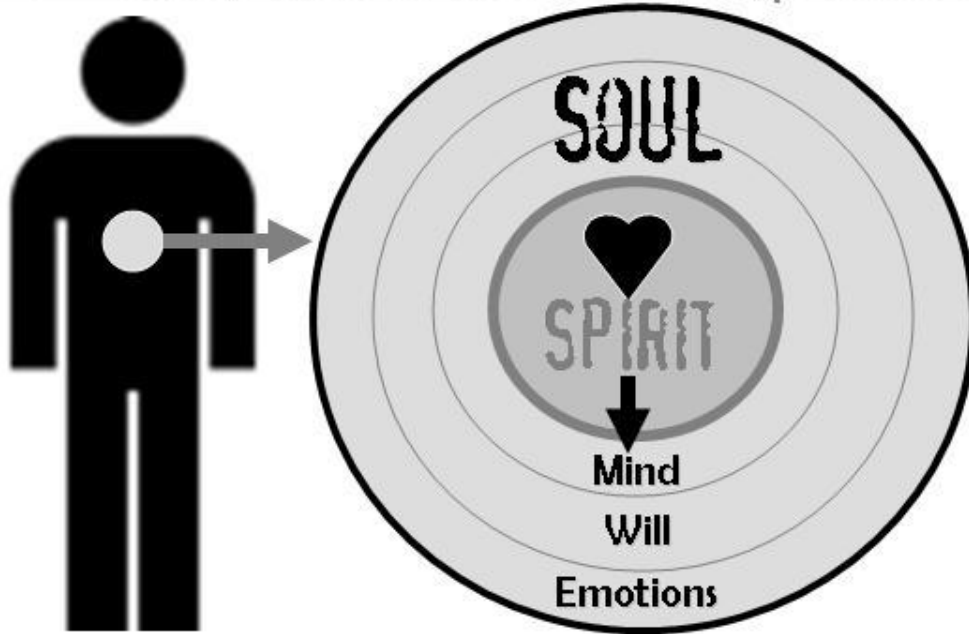
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**How may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. 5:23**



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For all that is in the world—the **lust** of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the **lust** of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and **the pride** of life [assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things]—**these do not come from the Father** but are from the world [itself]. 1 John 2:16 AMP

**...even when we were dead in trespasses... Ephesians 2:5**

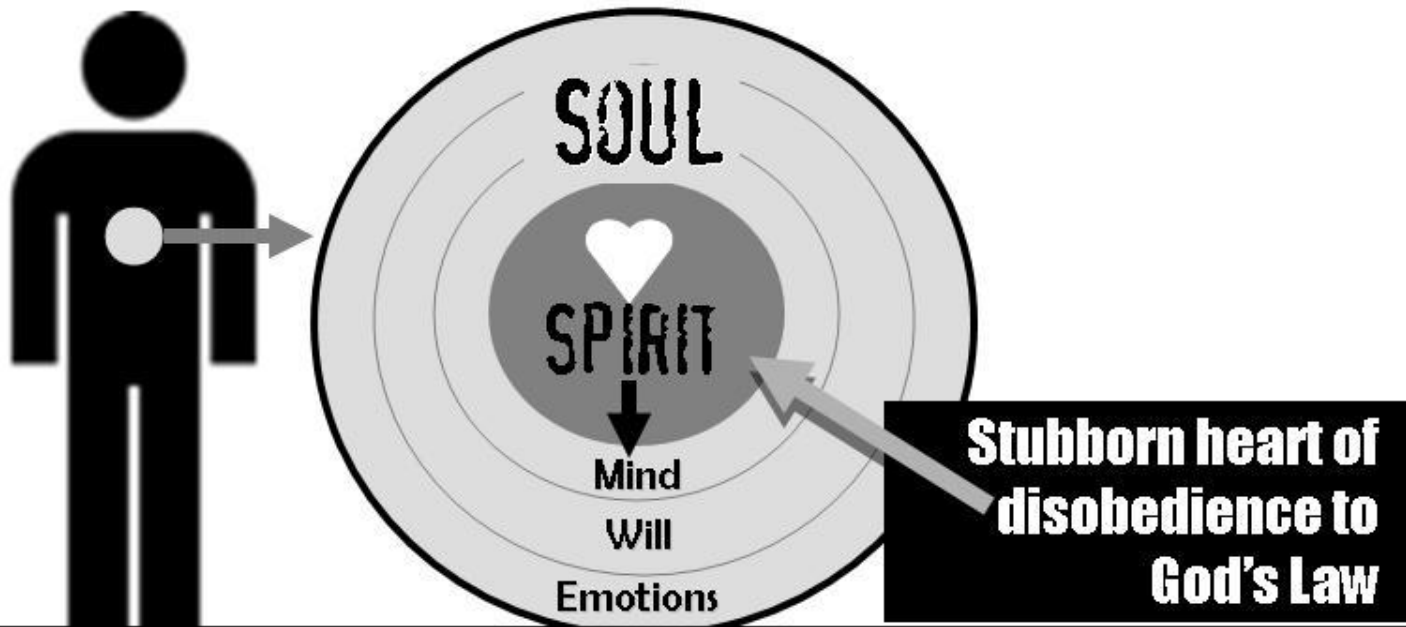
Galatians 5:19-21 (GW)

19 Now, the effects of the **corrupt nature** are obvious: illicit sex, perversion, promiscuity, 20 idolatry, drug use, hatred, rivalry, jealousy, angry outbursts, selfish ambition, conflict, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild partying, and similar things.

I've told you in the past and I'm telling you again that **people who do these kinds of things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

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**Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. [Zech. 7:12]**

Romans 3:9-18 GW

We have already accused **everyone** (both Jews and Greeks) of being **under the power of sin**, [10] as Scripture says, "Not one person has God's approval."

[11] No one understands. No one searches for God.

[12] **Everyone has turned away**. Together they have become **rotten to the core**. No one does anything good, not even one person.

[13] Their throats are open graves. Their tongues practice deception. Their lips hide the venom of poisonous snakes.

[14] Their mouths are full of curses and bitter resentment.

[15] They run quickly to murder people.

[16] There is ruin and suffering wherever they go. [17] They have not learned to live in peace. [18] They are not terrified of God."

## The Unrepentant Hard Heart

1/ Our spirit is the center for human life and spiritual activity

2/ the steering wheel for our thoughts, emotions, will, and our words

Proverbs 23:7 "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."

Matthew 12:34 "Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For **out of the abundance of the heart** the mouth speaks."

## Everyone Needs A New Spirit!

Jesus answered and said... Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

[6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [8] The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

“I will **give** them a single purpose and **put a new spirit in them**. I will remove their stubborn hearts and **give them obedient hearts**.” Ezekiel 11:19 GW

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**Rescue From Spiritual Death (Corrupt Nature) and Sin** - Nor is there **salvation** in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be **saved**.” Acts 4:12 (NKJV)

## SALVATION

noun; **rescue** or safety (physical or morally) :- deliver, health, salvation, save, saving. Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary.

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## GRACE

graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or **act** (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; **especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life**; including gratitude) :- acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy). Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary.

**GRACE** - the divine influence upon the heart

“For God is **working in you, giving** you the **desire** and **the power to do** what pleases him.” Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

“for it is God who **works in you** both **to will** and **to do** for His good pleasure.” Phil 2:13 (NKJV)

## Grace is not a license to ignore God’s written commands!

So we know that disobeying and ignoring God’s commandments is lawlessness. Refusing to submit to the law, the commands of the Lord Jesus, is rebellion against God’s authority over you. Just like an American citizen is required to obey the laws of the land or suffer the wrath of the government, men are required to serve the living God.

# WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO TO BRING US SALVATION?

AMP John 16:8

**And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and**



AMP John 16:8

**about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:**

Now **you must repent** and turn to God **so that your sins may be wiped out**, that time after time **your souls may know the refreshment that comes from the presence of God**. Acts 3:17 (Phillips NT)

**"To open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may thus receive forgiveness and release from their sins and a place and portion among those who are consecrated and purified by faith in Me."** AMP Acts 26:18

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**Don't Just Pray to Receive Christ, Repent to be Born Again!** (Acts 2:36-40 (NKJV))

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, **whom you crucified**, both Lord and Christ." 37 Now when they heard this, **they were cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, **what shall we do?**"

38 Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and **you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**."

39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." 40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "**Be saved** from this perverse generation."

# How To Repent and Follow Jesus...

## 1 The Law of God

1/ Acts 2:36 GW "All the people of Israel should know beyond a doubt that God made Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."



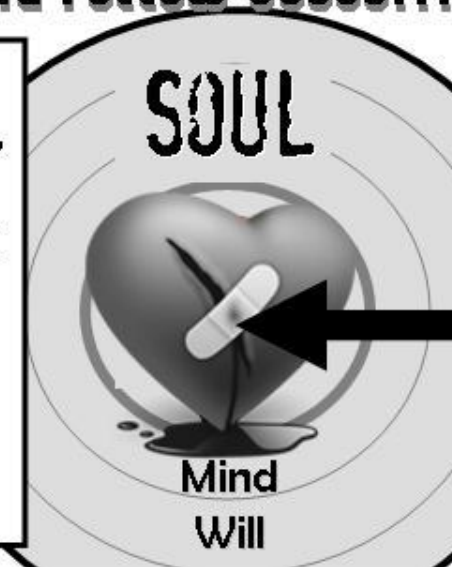
For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. [Hebrews 4:12]

**"Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" [Jeremiah 23:29]**

# How To Repent and Follow Jesus...

## 2 Guilt

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. [Romans 3:19]



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# How To Repent and Follow Jesus...



"Let the thief steal no more, but rather let him be industrious, making an honest living with his own hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need." Eph 4:28 AMP

Repentance means to turn from sin and change to obedience to God. You change your mind about your life! For example, a thief repents when he decides stealing is wrong, changes his course in life, and instead helps others.

Does what you cling to for salvation include admission of your specific sin and turning from it, belief that Jesus died in your place for that sin, and a new confession that Jesus is your lord and savior by following Him obedience?

My guilt \_\_\_\_\_

My sorrow \_\_\_\_\_

My repentance \_\_\_\_\_

# What happens when a person repents and turns to Jesus Christ?

## 4 The Holy Spirit Enters The New Believer!

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. [Ephesians 2:8, 9]



His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, [4] by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature [2 Peter 1]

**...I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26**

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Well remember, there are things we can disagree on, but you cannot disagree with the Bible over your salvation and eternal life. Unless you allow the Bible to direct your faith and beliefs you will be lost forever. God so loves you He gave His Word to be clear and concise to prevent you from being confused and miss His gift of eternal life.