

Standard Gospel Questions

Lesson 10 – Outline

1. Once people understand that their performance—either good or bad—doesn't affect their born-again spirits or their relationship with God, serious questions usually arise.
2. “Since God will love me and I won't lose my right standing with Him no matter what, can I just go live in sin?”

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid” (Rom. 6:1-2).

- A. Unless this question comes up, you aren't preaching the same Gospel as the Apostle Paul.
 - B. Typical preaching today produces a works-righteousness (self-righteousness based on your actions) in most believers because it ties God's love and acceptance to your performance.
 - C. Righteousness is not based on your actions.
3. “Are you saying it doesn't matter how I live?”

- A. If you are truly born again, God has changed your nature.

“How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?” (Rom. 6:2-3).

- B. If you're truly born again, you have a desire to live for God.

“And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure” (1 John 3:3).

- C. Sin gives Satan access to your body and soul.

“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Rom. 6:16).

- D. It's to your advantage to live holy, because your actions and attitudes determine how you get along with other people.
4. Knowing that I can relate to God based on the perfection, holiness, and righteousness in my spirit has set me free *from* sin—not *to* sin.
- A. This makes my relationship with Him stable and secure.

- B. I've lived a holier life accidentally than most people ever have on purpose.
 - C. I live holy because I want to, not because I have to.
5. God would still love me if I lived in sin (because my spirit is changed), but I wouldn't love me and other people wouldn't either.
- A. Living holy doesn't make God love you more, but it does increase your love for Him.
 - B. A lack of holiness won't cause God to love you less, but it will definitely decrease your love for Him.
 - C. Although God's love for you doesn't change, your performance directly affects your love for Him.
6. Sin is never a wise choice, but it's also never an issue between you and God.
- A. He dealt with your sin—past, present, and future—when you were born again.
 - B. You can still come boldly into the very presence of your Father and receive from Him because your spirit didn't lose any of its right standing with Him.
- “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).**
- C. Your heavenly Father has invited you to draw near to His throne at any time by faith in His Son and who you are in Him.