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OVERCOMING SIN!

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1 John 3:5-6

⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him (TNIV)

Sin is our enemy. We are all Christians but categorized in different levels of Sin. Behind every Sin there's a demon. The meaning of Sin means: **satan in** therefore the moment you Sin you open the door to satan. It is useless to come to church whilst you know your Sins and doing nothing about them. A Christian has a conscious and before doing something wrong there's a feeling you are ought to feel. Every Christian is having awareness which is derived from the conscious. Before you talk, you must think. You must not talk like you don't know where you come from, you must live like a child of God. The Sin you do tells us that you have not seen God and to not know Him it is dangerous. We all have our weaknesses and where we are weak, we need God but we are not to dwell in our weakness for they are the ones to make us stronger, drawing us nearer to God.

James 4:17

¹⁷ So then, if you know the good you ought to do and don't do it, you sin. (TNIV)

Too much knowledge regarding the word of God is very dangerous, there more you come to church the easier it is to go to hell for if you do not do good you Sin. SIN IS OUR ENEMY. Our goal must be heaven. The reason why we are dying here (earth) is because our eyes are focused here (earth) rather than focusing on Heaven because many make their bellies their god. Sin will always make us to lose the best things. You can't open the doors of heaven if you can't open them here. Your reality of worship is when you hate Sin but if now you are worshipping with Sin you will be closed here and in heaven meaning that your worship will be diluted by your Sin. If you're conscious is dead in your weakness know that's where you Sin. If you are struggling with Sin, find strategies to fight it or stay away from it.

Let us find where our conscious is not working, when it is not working you can hide your Sins. It is useless to serve in the house of God if you continue in Sin.

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Romans 3:23

²³ *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (TNIV)*

Christians have a standard that God has set; Sin breaks that standard that God has given you, the standard of Life. You can't judge are Christian because God has His own standard for everyone. There's a standard that God has set, that whether you are facing tribulations or not you will always have peace. What we are supposed to be is determined by what we are doing. Never judge your level for what is important is to hate Sin.

Psalm 32:1

¹ *Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. (TNIV)*

The reason why we are going down is not because God is not aware, it might be that you a not aware. You need to always check your life. When you come to God people around you remember your past Sins, but God is there to cover them. Don't judge yourself by the Sins of yesterday for through repentance God covers your Sins. You need to know yourself that you may not be reminded by satan of you past mistakes. You are not blessed because of certain possessions in your life but by a righteous stand with God. You will be the one to cover your Sin if you are not aware of you weaknesses making yourself to appear righteous before people but wicked before God.

This is the mistakes we are facing; we go by groups, talking useless things which are not biblical. It is only when you pray that satan and demons watch you. To leave Sin is not nice in this world for there are desires. If you know the principles of the word of God then you will be willing to stop Sinning. You can be like Lot who didn't want his children to be part of the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah. Once Sin conquers you, it is no longer you who live but Sin. Sin is very dangerous. Please know your Sins! The moment you confess and stop Sinning you become Holy. If there is a Sin you continually repeat and you always confess it know that you're consciousness in that area is dead. If you are not aware of your Sins it is very dangerous but don't condemn yourselves just come back to God.

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Galatians 5:17-20

¹⁷ For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions (TNIV)

The bible is a mirror of our souls where you can take the bible and check if you are living right then if not you are to go and pray to God asking for forgiveness. Life is too short. Verse 17 says that by living right you know that you are edifying your Spirit, never try to protect yourself. If you are a child of God, you must know that your soul and the Spirit of God upon your life is very much important so that you may be edified and be led by the Spirit. The more you are in spirit the more you can't see the flesh. There are certain things you can't watch for what you watch you become.

Listen, you are happy where your heart is. Where your riches are your heart is there, so you must watch where you are spending your time. Let us show that we are Christians. As Christians within the church, we need to live in unity with each other. We need to know where we are failing and we are not to justify ourselves nor are we to protect ourselves. Every Christian is having a discerning spirit therefore as a Christians you are to know what is evil and good. You need to reach a level whereby you hate Sin. When light is too much on you because of the word of God, people around you will not do wrong for you will see the wrong in them and reprimand them. This is not the time to hide peoples Sins though they may be close to you, for we are the light of this world. Where do you belong?

This is how you know there's Sin in you, you go and check your heart, and if you judge yourself no one will judge you. We need to be conscious in doing what is right all the time. A Christian can still be sick of any disease but what is important is your response towards the sickness. Sometimes you can live longer so that you may repent. Let us try to check our lives where our conscious is weak for there, is where we commit mistakes. You can destroy your conscious by confessing all the time for you become used to your Sin. Heaven is our home. Know your area of Sin that you may deal with it. We need to learn that it is not money that makes us better but God for money can make you stingy.

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Romans 7:17

¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. (TNIV)

1 John 1:8-9

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (TNIV)

Please if we say we have no Sin we are liars, can we go every day and check our lives. We need to be aware of our Sins that God may forgive us. Please, be aware of your Sins! What works well in a Christian's prayer is peace and as a Sinner there is no way you can have peace. You must confess your Sin.

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