



Sinning After Salvation

1 John 2:1-2

How many times have you sinned since you first received Jesus as your personal Savior? This is an impossible question to answer. The harsh reality is, every single person sins. Yes, that includes Christians. All sin, before or after salvation, stems from the desire to have our needs met apart from God. Whenever we take matters into our own hands, outside of His will, we're headed down a sad, sinful road.

Faith in Christ brings many things—a new relationship with God, a new spirit, a new outlook on life. However, it does not erase all traces of our old life. We still have the same body and the same mind. That can lead us into some of the same difficulties.

Why do we still sin after salvation? It is because that same old “programming” directs our thinking in certain patterns, which leads us into trouble. War has been declared in our lives, as the sin nature struggles against the new life brought about by Christ. If we do not make a commitment to re-train our minds, we can expect a lifetime of trouble.

Scripture offers the answer for this ongoing conflict in Romans 12:2. “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” We must intentionally fill our minds with the things of God, allowing Him to realign our thoughts.

Where are your thoughts taking you today? Are you grounding your thinking in Scripture? Or, does your thinking simply lead you aimlessly through life? That way leads to sin. Don't wait. Focus your mind on the Lord today.