

Sin Not

Overview: In 1 Cor 15:34 God tells us to awake to righteousness and sin not. The word awake means to pay attention, to attune oneself to righteousness and live it. Jesus lived and died for us in order that we could return to the righteousness of Adam in the Garden of Eden, free from the contamination of sin and its effects. Through Jesus we have been made righteous, it is who we are in Christ Jesus. God sees you through the blood of Jesus and as a result every blessing of God is available to you. Now it is our turn to partner with God for the righteousness in us to be lived out in righteousness in our lives, which is also known as holiness.

A. From Righteousness to Righteousness

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| 1) The righteousness of God is revealed in the gospel. | Rom 1:16-17 |
| 2) Jesus bought our righteousness. | Rom 3:21-25, 28 |
| 3) We are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. | 2 Cor 5:21 |
| 4) What shall we say, shall we continue in sin? | Rom 6:1-7 |
| 5) The outward manifestation of righteousness is holiness. | Rom 6:11-22 (esp 19, 22) |

B. Why Righteousness?

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| 1) To become the Glorious Church without spot or wrinkle. | Eph 5:27 |
| 2) To become the Manifested Sons of God. | Rom 8:19 |
| 3) To walk in holiness, pure and blameless before the coming of the Lord. | 2 Pet 3:11-14 |
| 4) Purify ourselves to be like Jesus when He appears. | 1 John 3:1-3 |
| 5) We reign in life in righteousness. | Rom 5:17 |
| 6) Jesus died so we might live unto righteousness. | 1 Pet 2:24 |

C. Processes of Righteousness Unto Holiness

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| 1) Desire – Be a Living Sacrifice | Rom 12:1 |
| a) Hunger and thirst for righteousness. | Matt 5:6 |
| b) Die to self. Lose your life in Jesus to save it. | Luke 9:23-25 |
| c) Jesus has been made unto us Redemption | 1 Cor 1:30; Heb 7:25 |
| d) End time perspective. | 2 Pet 3:11, 14; Rom 13:11-14 |
| e) Take all God has with ardent zeal and intense exertion. | Matt 11:12 AMPC |
| 2) Understand the Cycle of Change – the process of transformation. | |
| a) Mind – Renewed by the Word of God. | Rom 12:2 |
| b) Heart – Word is in your heart by acting on it. | Jam 1:21-25 |
| c) Mouth – the Word of God in your heart comes out. | Matt 12:34 |
| d) Soul – desires, ambitions and goals line up with the Word. | 3 John 1:2 |
| e) Body – all your being toward God results in your body being healed. | 1 Pet 2:24 |
| 3) Root out the iniquity (evil, sinful, ungodly strongholds that influence words and behaviors). | |
| a) The Living Word exposes the deepest nuances of our being. | Heb 4:12 AMP |
| b) By use of strong meat one is able to discern good from evil. | Heb 5:12-14 |
| 4) Cleansing from sin, iniquity and the demonic influences behind it. | |
| a) Sanctified and cleansed by the washing of the water of the Word. | Eph 5:25-26 |

D. Process of Cleansing

- 1) Cleanse – *katharizo* - wash, cleanse, purify.
 - God – Cleanses with the Word. Eph 5:26; Tit 2:14
 - Us – Cleanse ourselves – called as Sons of God. 2 Cor 7:1
 - Process – Discover sins/curses and break them. 2 Tim 2:24-26
- 2) Sanctify – *hagiazō* - to make holy, set apart for a holy purpose, purify.
 - God – Sanctifies us with the Word. Eph 5:26; Jn 17:17; 1 Thes 5:23
 - Us – Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts. 1 Pet 3:15
 - Process – Word of God – Study, Speak, Do. (Obey) James 1:22-25
- 3) Purge – *ekkathairo* -To cleanse thoroughly.
 - God – Present to Himself a glorious church. Eph 5:27
 - Us – Purge ourselves from these things. 2 Tim 2:21; 1 Cor 5:7
 - Process – Cast out demons, devils and evil spirits.
- 4) Purify – *hagnizo* - to make clean, purify, sanctify.
 - God – Jesus is our sanctifier. 1 Cor 1:30
 - Us – Purify ourselves even as He is pure. 1 John 3:3; Jam 4:8
 - Process – Obey Holy Spirit, disobey mind control spirits. James 4:7
- 5) Cleansing Process Summary
 - Compare self to the Word – identify sins 2 Tim 3:16-17
 - Power of God for sanctification. Eph 1:19, 3:16
 - Expect the power of God, with the Word to change you. Gal 3:1-3
 - Speak the Word to release the anointing Mark 16:20
 - Consecration of everything to God.
 - Diligent discipline – utilize the tools Matt 11:12
 - Cast out the demons, devils and evil spirits

E. Living in the Power and Joy of Righteousness

- 1) When people look into your eyes they should see goodness, love & power.
 - a) One came to him saying, good master... Mark 10:17
 - b) Then Jesus beholding him, loved him. Mark 10:21
 - c) Overcome evil with good. Rom 12:21
- 2) Live by the wisdom from above, the fruit of righteousness. James 3:17-18
- 3) Living in the Fruit of the Spirit is living in righteousness. Gal 5:22-23
- 4) The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace & joy in the Holy Spirit. Rom 14:17