
WORTHY OF WORSHIP: Restoring Your Connection

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God Wants You to Live Free from Sin and Shame

Sin Causes Disconnection Between Us and God

“... your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.” *Isaiah 59:1–2, ESV*

The Problem Is Not That We Sin but That Sin Lives in Us

“I know that good does not live in me—that is, in my human nature. For even though the desire to do good is in me, I am not able to do it. I don’t do the good I want to do; instead, I do the evil that I do not want to do. If I do what I don’t want to do, this means that I am no longer the one who does it; instead, it is the sin that lives in me.” *Romans 7:18–20, GNB*

God Could Destroy You or He Could Provide a Way of Hope
It’s Called GRACE

God’s Answer for Our Sin Is the Cross

“This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” *1 John 4:10, NLT*

“Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.” *John 14:6, NLT*

God Is Not Out to Punish Any One He Wants to
Set You Free

When You Give Your Life to Christ 2 Things Happen to You

1. In the Battle for Your Soul:
2. In the Battle of Daily Living:

How Do We Win the Daily Battle?

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." *1 John 1:9, ESV*

Ignored or Unconfessed Sin Destroys My Relationship with God

1. God Wants Me to Deal with Known Sin

"If I had ignored my sins, the Lord would not have listened to me. But God has indeed heard me; he has listened to my prayer."
Psalm 66:18-19, GNB

I Can Only Experience the Power of God If I Am Living in The Way of God

Cut It Off – Throw It Away

"If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away! It is much better for you to lose one of your limbs than for your whole body to go to hell." *Matthew 5:30, GNB*

Put It to Death

"So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world." *Colossians 3:5, NLT*

Take off – Put on New Behavior

"for you have taken off the old self with its habits and have put on the new self. This is the new being which God, its Creator, is constantly renewing in his own image, in order to bring you to a full knowledge of himself." *Colossians 3:9-10, GNB*

The Best Way to Deal with Sin Is Keep a Clean Slate

2. God Wants Me to Deal with Unknown Sins

"How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults." *Psalm 19:12, NLT*

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable." *Hebrews 4:12-13, NLT*

When the Spirit of God Exposes a Destructive Behavior Confess It and Deal With It

Immerse Myself in The Word of God

Immerse Myself in The Presence of God

Immerse Myself in The Things of God