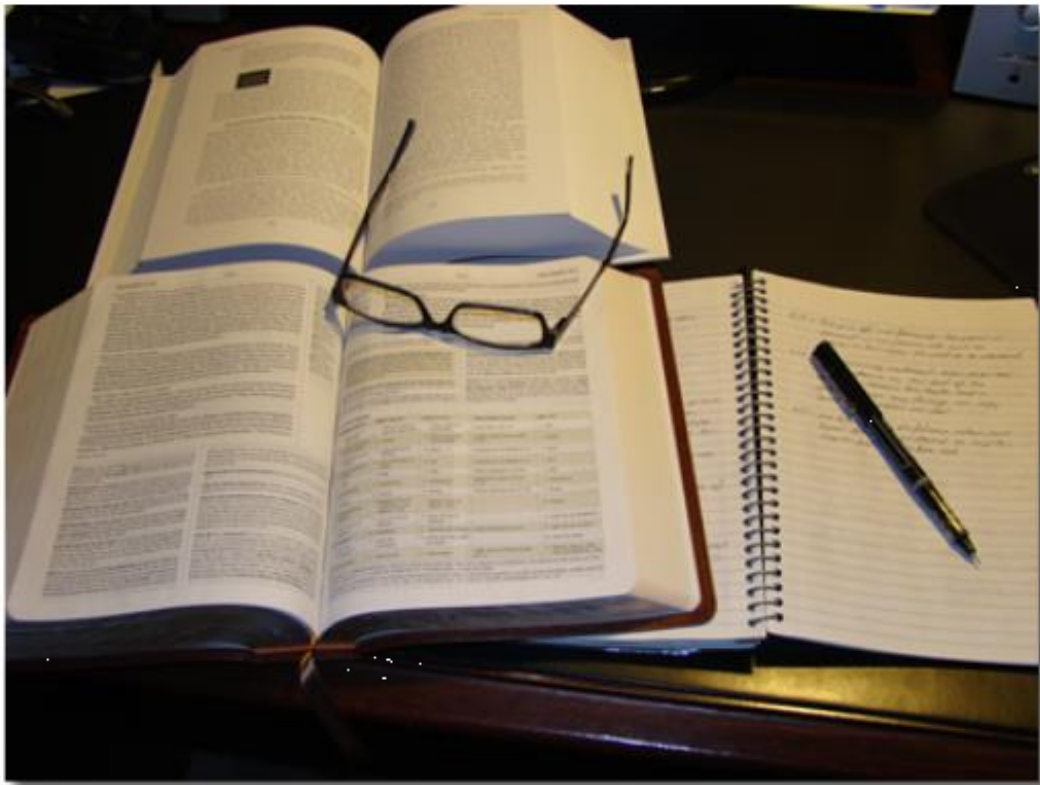


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Author's Note: The bible says in 1 John 4:1 that we should try (test) every spirit and every message to see whether it be of God. Please test this message so that you may know that God is speaking. The way we test a message is by the Holy Ghost and by the Holy Scriptures. - 1 John 2:27 and St. John 16:13-14. Also everything has to match within the entire bible (canon) according to Isaiah 28:9-13

Jesus made a statement in St. John 5:39 while talking to the church of His day. The statement He made was and is to search the Scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life, and according to Romans 15:4, St. John 10:35, Matthew 4:4, and Hebrews 13:8 we know that what He stated then is also good for the church of our day in 2015 as well. Now I know someone may say "I know I have eternal life" and that can be a scriptural fact because I John 5:13 will back that statement up, but the only way we know that for a fact, is by what is written, and this is why it's very important to search the scriptures for everything. Yet again it's also written to search the scriptures because they not only let us know whether we have eternal life or not, but they also let us know how to keep (maintain) it (I Timothy 6: 12, I Timothy 6:19, Acts 17: 11, and I Thessalonian 5:21). So in this study guide/pamphlet I will be looking at major teachings in the church of our day to see if they stand the test of Scripture. I will not give you my own interpretation of any scriptures but instead I will let God's word interpret itself, because the Bible clearly says that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. This means that the Word will interpret itself according to II Peter 1: 20, Isaiah 28:9-13, I John 2: 27, and St. John 16: 13-14. The reason the Holy Spirit of God has moved on my heart to do this study guide/ pamphlet is because of these biblical facts and warnings to all born-again believers in Jesus Christ:

1. I Timothy 4: 1 states that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith by giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of Devils. So my passion is for all the saints to make sure that what they are being taught and what they believe is supported by Scriptures.
2. I John 4: 1 clearly tell all Saints to try and or test every spirit to see whether they be of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world ,and the bible said let no man deceive you (I john 3:7). We should test everyone no matter who they may be, including myself, because that's what the Bible tells us to do. Please read Acts 17: 11, I John 2: 27, St. John 16: 13-14, and I Thessalonians 5: 21.
3. James 5: 19–20. If you read these Scriptures in context it will prove that a brother in the Lord can lose his soul through error. Jesus said in St. John 14: 6, "I am the way, I am the truth, I am the life, no man cometh unto the father but by me" and that means that we have to walk like He walked and follow His steps (I John 2:6, II John 1:4 and I Peter 2:21). I hope and pray that your love for the Lord Jesus Christ and His word is greater than your love of your learning, your church, your denomination, and or your leaders. Having said all of this let us now search the Scriptures regarding:

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1. The “Sin Nature” doctrine:

The sin nature is one of the most taught doctrines in the church of our day. In this study I will put it to the test of Scripture and let's see if it can survive the canon of Scriptures. In II Corinthians 5:17 the word of God declares if any man be in Christ all things are made new, but the sin nature doctrine says that born again believers in Jesus Christ still have the old sin nature within. The first thing all true believers should do is take God's word, and let it be the rule for your life, and let it be exalted above doctrines of men, doctrines of demons, and any and every one. St. John 17: 17 says that God's word is truth, and Romans 3: 3-4 declares what if some did not believe? Let God be true and everyman a liar. If God said all things are new and man said all things are not new then we know right off the bat someone is lying and I know that it's not God. I choose to believe God over anyone, what about you?

- In Genesis 2:7 the bible declares that God created man a living soul.
- In Genesis 1:26 the Bible states that man was created in God's image and likeness.
- In Genesis 1:31 the Bible states that everything God made was very good. There was no sin, and for sure there was no sin nature in man at first, because man was created like God, and we know in God there is no darkness nor sin (I John 1:5).

Now let's go to Romans 5:12, and Psalms 51:5, these scriptures prove how sin (the sin nature) got into Adam and how sin (the sin nature) got into all of Adam's descendants. In Ephesians 2:2 the prince of the power of the air is Satan himself, and when Adam sinned Satan's spirit got in Adam and then all of us through birth, so the thing that produced the sin nature in mankind was the spirit of Satan; however, notice what God's word said about the spirit (the sin nature) that was in us:

- Ephesian 2:1 God quickened us which means he made us alive again, and Ephesians 2:3 says clearly that we were (past tense) by nature the children of wrath even as others, so how can anyone teach, and how can anyone believe that sons and daughters of God still have a sin nature when the word is clear. The spirit that now lives in all true believers is the Holy Spirit which gives us God's nature (II Peter 1:2-4, Ephesians 4: 24, II Peter 3:11, and I Peter 1:16).

After you finish reading all of these than let God be true and everyman a liar (Romans 3: 4). Please take the time to read and let the Holy Spirit speak to you further according to:

- I John 2: 27 - The Holy Spirit will teach you all things.
- St. John 16: 13–14. – The Holy Spirit guides us though the scriptures.

Read these Scriptures also:

- Titus 3: 5, - He regenerated us, He washed us, He renewed us, so nothing left undone.
- Ezekiel 36: 24–27, - you shall be clean from **ALL** your filthiness.(**GOD SAID ALL**)
- Ephesians 5: 25 – 27, - that He might present to Himself **a glorious church with no spots**.
- II Corinthians 5: 17, - he is a **NEW** creature, behold **ALL THINGS** are new.
- Romans 6: 17–22, - the bible says you **WERE** the servant of sin. (**“Were” is past tense**)
- Romans 2:14 – born again gentiles now have **the nature of the word** in their hearts, not a sin nature.

Author's Note: In light of all the scriptures presented here, how in the world did we the church ever buy the sin nature doctrine?

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Nowhere in any of these Scriptures did God leave something old, but instead He made everything *brand new*, so the sin nature's doctrine is being taught by men but it's inspired by demons according to I Timothy 4 : 1, and James 5:19-20, and this is why we should test every spirit (I John 4:1). As long as the church accepts and believes this great lie about the sin nature, it will never be able to fulfill Ephesians 5: 25-27 (a church without spot and blemish or any such thing, please read it). If the church doesn't repent from this lie, God will never have a sin free church with such unbelieving people (I Corinthians 15: 34, I John 2: 6, I John 2: 1, and Galatians 5: 16). For those who take Romans chapter 7 and teach it as if Paul was talking about a born again believer struggling with sin, please read Romans 7:1, and in verse 1 Paul says clearly, "I speak to them that know the law" which means he was talking about unregenerated *Jews* who were trying to live the law without being born again. Also in this chapter whenever he gave an example of a new creature, he *NEVER* showed him (the new creature) struggling with sin. Paul never said in this chapter that *he* was struggling with sin, but he was only giving examples. Please read Romans chapter 6 (**the entire chapter**), and then read Romans chapter 8 (**the entire chapter**), and after you read those two chapters and take in consideration what he said in those chapters, you will find then that there is no way Paul could have been talking about himself or a born again believer in Romans chapter 7. So Romans chapter 7 has been taught out of context with the rest of the Bible concerning this doctrine, and according to Isaiah 28:9-13 and II Peter 1:20 that teaching doesn't match the rest of the scriptures, so that doctrine is a lie with a lying spirit behind it. Also keep in mind that there were no chapters when Paul wrote it, remember it was just a letter inspired by God and sent to believers. So how could Paul say (in what we call) chapter 6 "...How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:2), and then turn around in (what we call) chapter 7, and say, 'the good that I want to do I can't do because of the evil in me?' (Romans 7:19) That doesn't make sense body of Christ, and the reason why is because it didn't come from God, but instead it came from Satan. (I Timothy 4:1)

In my closing I quote Romans 3: 3-4 again which states, "For what if some did not believe, shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar..." Amen!!

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#2. The "Believe Only" doctrine:

The believe only doctrine teaches that as long as a person believes in the cross, the blood, and or Jesus and what He did on the cross, that they are justified by *faith only*, even if you still have sin in your life; yet, here is what the bible says, "faith without works is dead"- James 2:20 . The bible also says the devils believe but we know they are not saved- James 2:19. When the bible talks about works in the New Testament, it's talking about obeying God. Let's look at Philippians 2:12, James 1: 21-25. In verse 25 James said be a doer of the work and in verse 21 down to verse 25 he shows that doing the word is the work he's talking about. Anyone who thinks that just *believing* in what Jesus did and *not living* like Jesus *lived* will get them saved, they are believing a lie (James 1:22) and the truth of the matter is that they are fooling themselves. James 1:21 shows us that if we really believe God we must lay sin aside.

Confirming scriptures:

- Hebrews 12:1 - lay aside the sin that so easily beset us.
- I Corinthians 15:34 - awake to righteousness and sin not.
- II Peter 3: 11-14, - be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.
- Ephesians 5:25-27 - a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.
- I John 2:6 - to walk even as He walked.
- Romans 6:1-23 - shall we continue in sin? **God forbid**. The wages of sin is death.
- Hebrews 12:14 – holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

All of these are what the bible means when it says faith without works is dead.

Please don't let anyone deceive you by telling you that faith only or grace will cover you even if you have some sin present in your life. Teaching like that will send many people to hell. (Read Jesus' words in Luke 6:46-49 and Mathews 7: 21-27 ("why call ye me Lord Lord and do not the things I say") The bible teaches us, there is a way that seems right unto a man but the end is death (Proverbs 14: 12). In Romans 4: 3 the bible says Abraham *believed* God and it was counted for righteousness, but there is another scripture that says that Abraham's faith was *fulfilled* when he obeyed God (James 2: 22-24). So according to other scriptures we find that just believing alone is not enough and you have not really *believed* God until you *obey* God. This is called ***believing as the scripture has said, not believing as you think*** (look at John 7: 38). Please don't be deceived by any preachers or teachers in this day and time that we are living in, because there are many false teachers/teachings floating around in the church and it seems like no one is checking them out by the scriptures according to:

- Isaiah 28: 9-13 - everything in the bible has to match, precept upon precept, line on line.
- II Timothy 2:15 - every saint should approved themselves to God, by their own study.
- I John 4: 1 - every saint should test every spirit, and every message. Before believing.
- I John 2: 27 - we have an anction which is the Holy Spirit within, and that's how to test.
- John 16: 13-14, - the Holy Spirit takes the Holy Scriptures, and that's also how we test.
- I Timothy 4:1 – people are being seduced by demons, because we lack more contenders of the faith (Jude 1:3)
- James 2:17, 21, 22, and 24, Romans 2:13, Titus 1:16 - so believing and doing is justification.

Please take the time to study all these scriptures because your eternal soul depends upon it.

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#3. The doctrine of “Sinless Perfection”:

The sinless perfection doctrine is taught as if there is no such thing as a true born again believer living his or her life without sin, but let’s see what the bible says:

- First of all why would the bible say, **“Awake to righteousness and sin not”** if we, *new creatures in Christ*, cannot stop sinning? (I Corinthians 15:34). Someone may say “if you say you have no sin, then you are a liar” quoting I John 1: 8; however, the truth of the matter is that when you put verse 8 in context, you will see that the scripture is actually saying that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all, and if we say we are in fellowship with Him and walking in darkness or sin then that is the person verse 8 is calling a liar. (Now go read it in context: I John 1: 5-8.) When preachers and teachers take a verse (like verse 8) and teach a sin doctrine, then they are at that time inspired by demons and not by God (I Timothy 4:1).
- Why would God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit clean us from sin and then turn around and tell us but you *cannot* live without sin. You can’t find that anywhere in the bible, and Jesus will never send a minister to tell His people they cannot live without sin. I Thessalonians 5:23 lets us know that we can be blameless all the way until Jesus comes. II Peter 3:14 shows us that when Jesus comes, we need to be found in a blameless state and without spot. Now if true believers don’t believe that they can live like that, then they don’t believe God’s Holy Word. They believe false doctrines and false teachers, and the reason I say they are false is because the bible is truth (John 17:17); and these scriptures are clear, so don’t add anything to it or take anything from it.
- The bible says in the last book, “surely I come quickly”, and He said, “when I come let him that is filthy be filthy still, and let him that is righteous be righteous still” (Revelation 22: 7 & 11). These verses are clearly stating that when the Lord returns, the way He finds you is the way you will stay. So according to all these scriptures we better start believing we can walk in sinless perfection and stop believing the false teachers who say we can’t. The bible says in revelation 21:27 nothing shall enter heaven that is defiled or sinful. The bible says in Ephesians 5:25-27 that Jesus is coming back to receive a church that is glorious and without spot, wrinkle or any such thing. The bible says in Mathew 25: 1-13 there were ten virgins waiting on the bridegroom to come and when he came 5 went back with him and 5 were left behind because they were foolish. Don’t be a fool saints! That’s a picture that many believers are going to get left behind if they don’t stop believing these lying doctrines in the church and start believing the scriptures. Why would Jesus give Himself on that cross and go through all that hell to receive something less than what He died for? No, He is not going to lower His standards (read Ephesians 5:25-27 again).

Why do false leaders teach that we can’t live without sinning when the bible says that we can live holy all the days of our lives (Luke 1: 74-75)? Why do false leaders teach us that because we are human we are all going to sin, when the bible says now that we are saved we can keep God’s word and do it.

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(Ezekiel 36:27)? Jesus came as a human and did not sin, and the bible says that He was our example and that we should follow His steps (I Peter 2:21-22; I John 2:6; John 14:6; Ephesians 5:1). The bible says all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, but have you not read that the bible also ask shall we continue in sin? The answer is God forbid! How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein (Romans 6:1-23)? The bible says if you yield your members to sin then you become sin's servant and not God's servant (Romans 6:16). The bible says that when a believer sins that at that time you are of Satan (I John 3: 6-10).

Sin is nothing to play with saints, so if you need to repent please do it quickly. Get right with God and stay right until you die or the last trumpet blow, because if you are in sin when He comes none of your righteousness will be remembered(Ezekiel 18:24). These are some others scriptures to study:

- Ephesians 4:17-24 - the new man, which is created after God. (God is sinless perfection)
- Galatians 5:24 - and they that are Christ have crucified the old. (that's sinless perfection)
- Romans 8:1-9 - Christ condemned sin in the flesh and now we are in the spirit(sinless & perfect)
- Galatians 5:25 - we live in the spirit (that's sinless perfection)
- I John 1:5 - God is light and in Him is no darkness at all, and we are in Him (sinless perfection)
- John 15:3-7 - abide in Me and I in you (that looks like sinless perfection to me, keep abiding)
- I John 2:3-6 - hereby we know we know Him, keep His word, and walk as He walked.(perfect)
- Colossians 1:21-23 - to present you holy, unblameable, and unreprouvable (sinless perfection)
- Colossians 1:27-28 - that we may present every man perfect in Christ (sinless perfection)
- Jude verses 23-25 - He is able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless (that's perfect)
- and many others.

The bible says that we can live for Him and never fall *if* we trust Him *and obey* Him (II Peter 1:10; Jude 1:24)

In my closing I want to encourage all true believers with God's Holy Word, let's stop believing all the lies we've been taught and *now* believe God. Now for those who will not believe God's Holy Word, He said that you will not enter His rest (read Hebrews chapter 4). The Old Testament people lost the promise land because of unbelief and the bible says that we will do the same if we follow after the same example of unbelief. Please read I Corinthians 10:1-11 for a confirming scripture to this statement I just made. We know also the bible said that all unbelievers will have their part in the lake of fire (Revelation 21:8). God is not willing that anyone should perish, so sinners and saints please repent and let's get ready to meet Him; because only the pure in heart shall see Him. (Mathew 5:8 and Hebrews 12:14)

Author's note: Anyone who doesn't believe that they can live like this, doesn't really and truly believe in the bible, the real power of the blood, the true grace of God, and neither God's awesome power within us. (Please read Mathew 28:18= all power is given unto me in heaven and earth, and Ephesians 3:20 = now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think , according to the power that worketh in us). Now If thou can believe, all things are possible, but if you choose not to believe, then all things will not be possible for (YOU). (Mark 9:23)

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