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Continual Cleansing?

# Protestant Position

- *"Why they cannot sin is not because they can't do it consistently - His seed remains in you - therefore you cannot sin! Jesus Christ remains in us! That prevents sin. My soul sin? No. In my soul, I do not. I am as perfect as God Himself as far as my soul is concerned. Then what about my body? It does sin."*
- *"Romans 8:1 . . . Suppose you put a piece of paper between the pages of a book, then close the book. Whatever happens to the book happens to the paper. If you throw the book away, you throw the paper away. If you put the book in a safe place, you safeguard the paper. If the paper is dirty and spotted, you don't see the dirt at all - you only see the book. The same is true of our position in Christ. When God looks on us, He sees us 'in Christ.' He doesn't see our dirt! He sees us just as clean and pure as Jesus Christ Himself."*
- **Philippians 3:8-9; Romans 4:1-3**

# Calvinism & Modern-Day Gnosticism


- **1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- **1 John 3:6** No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him.
- **1 John 3:9** No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.
- **1 John 5:4** For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.
- **1 John 5:18** We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.
- **Romans 11:22; Galatians 5:4; Hebrews 3:12** Anyone can be cut off and fall from grace.

# Confusion in the Church

- **One Extreme:** "Cleanses" is in the present tense. Therefore, anyone walking in the light is "automatically cleansed" of sin. Practically (*my words*) it teaches not to sweat the "small stuff" because they're automatically cleansed since you don't sin in the "big stuff."
- **IF** is an important word in the bible! It points towards a condition. Read **1 John 1:5-10** again. What's the condition?
- **1 John 1:8,9,10; 5:16-17; James 5:15-16.** Is it not a prerequisite to our approval before God?
- Our love and trust in God's grace shouldn't lead to a nonchalant attitude towards sin.

# Confusion in the Church

- **Another Extreme:** One step in darkness separates you. All sin must be confessed and confessed quickly. All sin is known because it comes from the heart and is purposeful. Therefore, there is no excuse for unconfessed sin.
- **What** is Jesus' blood cleansing when you're walking in the light **IF** you aren't guilty of sin?
- **What** does 1 John 1:8, 10 teach? What are you **IF** you claim to be sin free?
- **Remember** when Peter ignorantly rebuked Christ?
- **Remember** having to continually make changes as you learn?
- **Remember** the one who persecuted Christians in all good conscience? **1 Corinthians 4:4** *For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.*
- **Psalms 19:12-13; 40:12** What is David saying?



Don't forget who you  
serve and your relationship  
with the Father