

II. God removes my guilt despite the fact we are at fault. (con't)

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the **guilt** of my sin. Psalm 32:3*

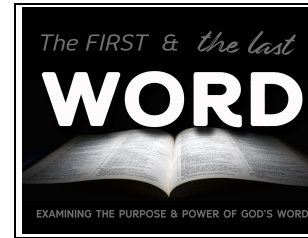
Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:22

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

What about the future sins?

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

Notes:



How the Bible Changes Your Life

What does the Bible say about the Word of God?

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. Psalm 33:6

"The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." John 6:63

"The Word of God is living and active. It is sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

D.L. Moody, famous pastor in Chicago over 150 years ago, said, *"The Bible was not given to increase our knowledge; the Bible was given to change our lives."*

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. James 1:23,24

Here's the danger of teaching Bible without application:

1. Knowledge without life change produces pride.

"Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up." 1 Corinthians 8:1

2. Knowledge without life change brings judgement.

"Anyone who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." James 4:17

George Gallup:

"Never before in the history of the United States has the gospel of Jesus Christ made such inroads while at the same time making so little difference in how people actually live."

"All Scripture is God-breathed, and is useful for ... teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man or woman of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- Teaching is showing me the path to walk on
- Rebuking shows me how I got off the path.
- Correcting is how I get back on the path.
- Training is how I stay on the path.

The Bible is to meant to change our character.

Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong. Hebrews 5:14

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:4

Which in turn will change our conduct.

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For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, Ephesians 2:10

"The Word of God is not to teach us to prattle or be eloquent and subtle...It is to reform our lives, so that we desire to serve God, to give ourselves entirely to Him, and to conform ourselves to His good will." John Calvin

I. God has given me a new start and destiny.

"He chose to give us birth through the word of truth..." James 1:18

"You have been born, again not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God." 1 Peter 1:23

"Humbly accept the Word planted in you which can save you." James 1:21

II. God removes my guilt despite the fact we are at fault.

"There is no one righteous, not even one;" Romans 3:11

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23

You, God, know my folly; my guilt is not hidden from you. Psalm 69:5

you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:32