

THE WORK OF CHRIST IN THE CHRISTIAN

DEALING WITH SIN

VICTORY IN CHRIST

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Balanced Tension of Dialectic

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Dealing with Sin by
Religious Self-effort

Activism

- Work to overcome sin
- "Do your best"
- "What Would Jesus Do?"
- Strive to "be like Jesus"

Moralism

- "Do-right religion"
- Suppress your selfishness
- "Die to self"

Legalism

- Obey the rules & regulations
- "Do this; don't do that"
- Romans Seven Syndrome
- Separationism

Confessionalism

- Introspective expeditions to discover sin.
- Altar-athletes
- Testimonies of sinfulness
- Judgmentalism

Defeatism

- Doubt their salvation
- Engage in hypocrisy
- "Just sinner saved by grace"
- "heart is desperately wicked"
- "Two natures" fallacy
- "Carnal Christian" fallacy

SAVIOR

- "He will save His people from sins"- Matt. 1:21
- "saved by His life" - Rom. 5:10

Soul

- old ways/patterns of selfishness
- "good that I would, I do not" - Rom. 7:16,19
- "deny yourself...follow Me" - Lk. 9:23

Indwelling Sinfulness

- "Sin that indwells me" - Rom. 7:17,18,20
- "confess our sins" - I Jn. 1:8,9
- "not perfect, but press on" - Phil. 3:12

Flesh/Self

- "flesh sets desires against Spirit" - Gal. 5:17
- "live according to flesh" - Rom. 8:12,13
- "make no provision for flesh" - Rom. 13:14
- "deeds of the flesh" - Gal. 5:19-21

Process *negativa*

- "Be not conformed to this world" - Rom. 8:2
- "Work out your own salvation" - Phil. 2:12
- Purgation, purification, refining, cleansing, healing, finishing, overcoming, suffering

Cross (experiential)

- death, crucifixion, termination, mortification
- "take up his cross" -Matt. 10:38; 16:24
- "putting to death deeds of body" - Rom. 8:13

Personal inability

- "The good I would, I do not" - Rom. 7:19
- "I can't; only He can" - Repentance

Personal revelation

- "God will reveal it to you" - Phil. 3:15

LORD

- "Jesus is Lord" - Rom. 10:9; I Cor. 12:3
- "sanctify Christ as Lord in our lives" - I Pt. 3:15

Spirit

- "New creature in Christ" - II Cor. 5:17
- "new spirit" - Ezek. 36:26,27
- "Spirit bears witness with spirit" - Rom. 8:16

Indwelling Christ

- "Christ in you" - Col. 1:27; II Cor. 13:5
- "Christ lives in me" - Gal. 2:20
- "as many as are perfect" - Phil. 3:15

Spirit of Christ - Rom. 8:9

- "Spirit sets desires against flesh" - Gal. 5:17
- "led of the Spirit" - Rom. 8:14; Gal. 5:18
- "walk by the Spirit" - Gal. 5:16
- "fruit of the Spirit" - Gal. 5:22,23

Process *positiva*

- "Conformed to the image of Son" - Rom. 8:29
- "God is at work in you" - Phil. 2:13
- "reckon yourself dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus" - Rom. 6:11

Resurrection (experiential)

- "raised to newness of life" - Rom. 6:5,6
- "give life to mortal bodies" - Rom. 8:11
- "life of Jesus manifested..." - II Cor. 4:10,11

God's Grace Activity

- "this grace in which we stand" - Rom. 5:2
- "all grace, all sufficiency in all" - II Cor. 9:8

Our Faith Response

- "faith without works is dead" - James 2:17,26

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Claiming Oneness with
God, Without Sin

Triumphalism

- Essential oneness with Christ
- "Christ *as us*"
- "What I do is what He does"
- Only "appear" to be human

Perfectionism

- Denial of sin
- Sin is nothing
- "We don't sin anymore"

Antinomianism

- above the law
- "law unto themselves"
- Freedom is pushed to "license"
- libertarianism
- libertinism

Mysticism

- Claims of "spirituality"
- "we have arrived"
- Gnostic "knowers"
- Total-total truth
- spiritual "fathers"
- Spiritual pride

Passivism

- Irresponsibility
- Just "be yourself"
- Trust yourself