

**Just Say No to Sin**  
**1 John 3:4-10**



# Just Say No to Lawlessness

- **1 John 3:4** - <sup>4</sup> Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

# Sin

- **Sin** - any voluntary transgression of the divine law, or violation of a divine command; a wicked act; iniquity. Sin is either a positive act in which a known divine law is violated, or it is the voluntary neglect to obey a positive divine command, or a rule of duty clearly implied in such command. Sin comprehends not action only, but neglect of known duty, all evil thoughts purposes, words and desires, whatever is contrary to God's commands or law.

# The Law Makes You Aware of Sin

- **Romans 7:7** - <sup>7</sup> What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”

# The Struggle is Real

- **Romans 7:13-20** - <sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. <sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

# Jesus Sacrifice Overcame the Weakness of the Flesh

- **Romans 8:3-4** - <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

# Scriptures to Help Transform Your Mind

- **2 Corinthians 10:5** - <sup>5</sup> We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...
  - Take Every Thought Captive – Just Say “No” to Sin
- **Philippians 4:8** - <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
  - Just Say “Yes” – To Focus on What is Pure

# Scriptures to Help Transform Your Mind

- **Colossians 3:1-3** - If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- Just Say “Yes” – To Setting Your Mind Things That Are Above  
Just Say “No” to things that are on earth.



# Say No to Sin – Say Yes to Jesus

- **1 John 3:5-6** - <sup>5</sup> You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

THE PROBLEM IS SIN.



The Answer is  
**JESUS.**

# Scriptures for Meditation and Study

- **2 Corinthians 5:21** - <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
  - Just Say “Yes” – to Jesus’ sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins.
- **Hebrews 2:14-15** - <sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.
  - Just Say “Yes” – to Jesus Victory Over the Devil

# Scriptures for Meditation and Study

- **Hebrews 2:18** - <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.
  - Just Say “Yes” – to the help of Jesus who understands your temptations.
  - Just Say “No” - to the temptations of the devil and this world.

# Just Say No to Deception and Just Say Yes to Righteousness

- **1 John 3:7-8** - <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.
- <sup>8</sup> Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Sin is ugly.

IT SHOULD BE KILLED DAILY.

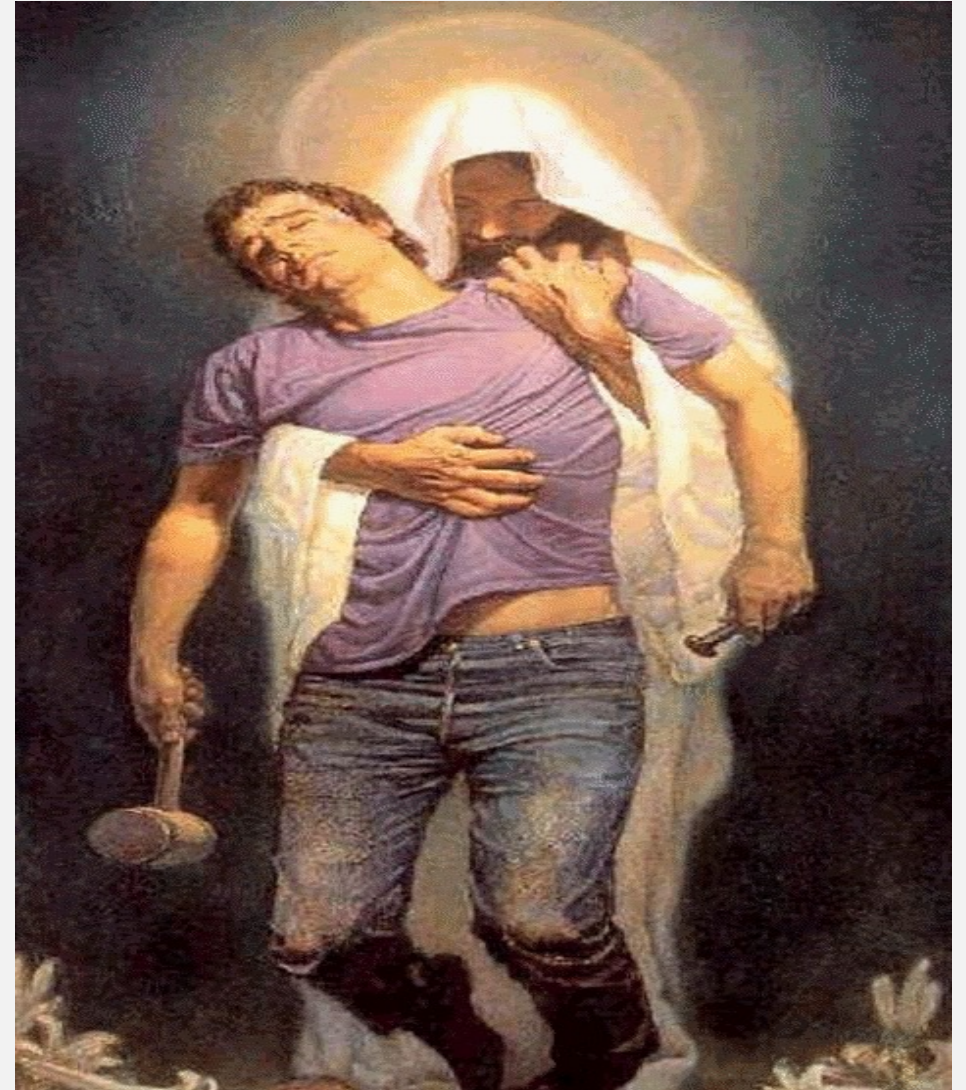
I DIE EVERY DAY, BECAUSE JESUS  
SAID, "TAKE UP YOUR CROSS DAILY"

AND CROSSES ARE FOR DYING.

*John Piper*

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**Christ is Never Fully Valued,  
Until Sin is Clearly Seen.**



# The Deception of the Devil

- **John 8:44** - <sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies
- **2 Corinthians 11:14-15** - <sup>14</sup> And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

# Spiritual Discernment

- **1 John 4:1** - Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.
- As a Christian, test all that is put in front of you – does it align with the teaching of the Holy Scriptures?



# Natural Person vs Spiritual Person

- **1 Corinthians 2:14-16** - <sup>14</sup> The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

# World is Blind to the Light of the Gospel

- **2 Corinthians 4:4** - <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

# Say No to Bad Seed – Say Yes to God’s Seed

- **1 John 3:9-10** - <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

# Parable of the Sower

- **Matthew 13:3-9** - <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear.”

**A GOSPEL THAT DOES  
NOT CONFRONT SIN  
IS NOT THE GOSPEL  
OF JESUS CHRIST!**

