

# When Christians Sin

By Ron Boatwright

When we are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), in order to be saved (Mark 16:16), God takes away every sin we have ever committed (Acts 22:16). He wipes our slate clean (1 Corinthians 6:11). He gives us a new beginning and we are born again (John 3:3,5) and we are raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4).

But after we have been baptized and God has taken away all of our sins, what do we do when we commit other sins? How do we get forgiveness of these sins? For the answer to this let us look at the Epistle of First John. First John was written to Christians who had been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, just as you and I have been.

1 John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." Here this verse says we must be doing two things so that the blood of Jesus Christ will continue to cleanse us of all our sins. 1) We must "walk in the light", that is we must be following God's word in the Bible. 2) Also must "have fellowship one with another", that is we must be regularly worshipping God in His church and working with other Christians. The original Greek word that is translated "cleanses" in this verse means that there is a continual cleansing going on. Herein lies the problem with those who have become unfaithful in their worship. Because they are not having fellowship one with another, they are no longer receiving forgiveness of their sins.

Then we continue to read the next verse 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We must repent and ask God to forgive us, and He will. When we stand before the Lord on Judgment Day we will have no sins and we will go to Heaven. This is very comforting to know that we are being continually cleansed.



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## WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Thursday</u>	Home Bible study-7:00pm

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ALL THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
GREET YOU.  
ROMANS 16:16

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## Today's Sermon: *God's Blended Family*

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**Scripture:** 1 Peter 4:1-8

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Next potluck: Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. This potluck will be a picnic at the park up the road concluding the VBS.**
- **Ladies Class: has been suspended for the summer. We will resume after Labor Day in September. Watch this space!**
- **Midweek Bible study Thursday nights at 7pm.**
- **Vacation Bible School based on the life of Peter: Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday regional singing: Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, at Endwell at 4:30pm.**



- ✓ We will need our cookie bakers to supply snacks and dessert for the VBS on August 19<sup>th</sup>, as well as drinks or other contributions.
- ✓ Arthur is working on a canoe/kayak trip down the Susquehanna River from Owego to Sayre to take place sometime this summer. This is for all who are interested.
- ✓ Kevan Barry will be deploying to Kuwait for 4 months on August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Friday and Saturday Kelly helped us take advantage of an opportunity for outreach by securing us a space at the Athens Street Fair, sponsored by the Athens Business Association. Arthur, Sam, Lani and Darlene spent time at our booth talking to people and handing out leaflets. (Also prepared for us by Kelly.)
- ✓ Nate, Kelly and children are away spending time with Kelly's mom, who is visiting from Florida. They expect to be back this afternoon.
- ✓ Ruthie and Patty's brother Jim and his wife Deborah are up from Florida for a visit.
- ✓ Lani will be going home to New Mexico for a 10-day visit, leaving Tuesday.

## PRAYERS...

- Pray for all of our family members and loved ones who are yet lost or have strayed far away to come (back) to Christ.
- Vicki Joice, Darlene's sister, is getting ready for her third round of chemo treatments next week. She is doing well and greatly appreciates the support and prayers of her Christian brethren.
- Lori Kashorek is preparing for 4 weeks of radiation following her recent surgery for removal of a brain tumor. Our prayers are requested during this time.
- Emily Barry will be having surgery to remove two large nodes on her thyroid for biopsy soon. She requests prayer for courage and that her thyroid is negative for cancer.
- Please remember Kiley and Thomas Dolan in prayer concerning the situation with their mother.
- Kelly McElhaney is having discomfort from her gall bladder and had a scan on Tuesday to help discern the problem.
- Tim Bump is looking for a different job, and needs prayer to help him deal with problems in his life.
- Remember Deborah Albro in prayer, who is dealing with several health issues.
- Robin Guthrie, who we may remember as one of the ladies from Kittanning who served a Thanksgiving dinner to us, has asked for prayers for a little boy, Dakota Miller, who is on life support as the result of a shooting accident.
- Continue to pray for the work in Tunkhannock.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry :

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