

God's Plan of Salvation:

1. Hear - Romans 10:17
2. Believe - Mark 16:16
3. Repent - Acts 2:38
4. Confess - Romans 10:10
5. Be baptized - Acts 22:16
6. Live faithfully - Revelation 2:10

Announcements:

Sick: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Carswell, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Hadley, Ms. Donna Law, Ms. Kim (Ashley Law's mother), Lamar Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Newsome, Mrs. Owens, Ms. Ward, Mr. Winns.
Out of Town: Dowlings, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Law.

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- Home Bible Study - We will come into your home or other place you feel comfortable and study the Bible with you. Bible questions are welcome in these studies and we will seek to give a Bible answer.
- Correspondence courses - We will be glad to mail you a correspondence lesson that you can fill out and mail back to us and we will send you the next lesson.
- Call us with your Bible question - #503-707-6014.
- Visit our website: www.oakgrovechurchofchristjenningsflorida.com
- Come and visit - We always strive to have good, practical Bible instruction at each of our assemblies.

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You May Not Sin

By Derek Long

The Bible plainly teaches in several places that none of us live lives without every committing any sin:

- 1 Kings 8:46 - "When they sin against You (for there is no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to the land of the enemy, far or near" (NKJV). See also 2 Chronicles 6:36.
- Psalm 14:1-3 - "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one" (NKJV). See also Psalm 53:1-3.
- Ecclesiastes 7:20 - "For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin" (NKJV).
- Romans 3:9-12 - "What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. As it is written: 'There is none

righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one” (NKJV).

- Romans 3:23 - “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (NKJV).
- Romans 5:12 - “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned” (NKJV).
- Galatians 3:22 - “But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe” (NKJV).
- 1 John 1:8-10 - “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us” (NKJV).

These and many other places throughout the Bible establish the fact mankind universally gives into the temptation to sin. God’s desire though is for us not to sin (Romans 6:12-13; 1 Corinthians 15:34; 1 John 2:1). The Scriptures provide us with different things which will help keep us from sinning:

- The fear of God is something which helps keep us from sinning. Exodus 20:20 says, “And Moses said to the people, ‘Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin’” (NKJV). People who have the fear of God before them are not going to be people who give into the temptation to sin.

- Hiding God’s word in our heart is something which helps keep us from sinning. Psalm 119:11 says, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You” (NKJV). As we place God’s word in our hearts and allow it to fill our thoughts and guide our actions, then we will be people who resist the temptation to sin.
- Connected perhaps in some ways with the previous point, the person who allows God’s seed to remain in him does not sin. 1 John 3:9 says, “Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God” (NKJV). The seed of God could be a reference to the word of God which a person allows to abide within himself (Luke 8:11).
- An individual who has been born of God should work on keeping himself and thus avoiding sin. 1 John 5:18 says, “We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him” (NKJV).

How are we doing at keeping sin out of our lives? If sin is present in our lives, we need to do what God commands in order to get rid of it (Acts 22:16; 1 John 1:9). If we have our past sins removed, let’s make sure to keep sin away by developing a fear of God, hiding God’s word in our hearts, allowing His seed to remain in us, and working to keep ourselves away from those things which are sinful.