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Introduction:

The facts are that every Christian sins. As a matter of fact some of the best Christians in the Bible sinned. The difference in Christians is not that one sins and the other doesn't. The difference is in what we do with our sins.

Let's look at several important Bible facts.

1. Christ Died For All Our Sins

(Isaiah 53:6) "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

A. There is no sin, small or great that Jesus did not die for.

(1 Peter 2:24) "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

(2 Corinthians 5:21) "For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Illustration: The song writer had it right in writing:

My sin - oh the bliss of this glorious thou't-
My sin - not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

B. The price of forgiveness has already been paid

(John 19:30) "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."

C. God doesn't make us pay for our sins

1. He chastens us but chastisement is not payment.

(1 John 2:2) "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world."

(Isaiah 53:10) "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand."

Illustration:

If my son wrecked the car after I had told him to be careful. I will chastise him but it still doesn't pay the repair bill.

2. I have heard preachers say, "If you sin, you will pay for it," but that is not taught in the Bible.

(Romans 6:23) "For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

2. How Do We Obtain Forgiveness

(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."

A. Confess our sins

1. Confess doesn't mean to beg , plead or live in misery until we convince God that we mean business.
2. It simply means that we agree with God about our sin and freely accept His forgiveness.

3. How Many Times Will God Forgive Us

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Illustration:

A man is not faithful to his wife if he is only faithful 364 days a year.

(Romans 5:20) "Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:"

4. There Are Consequences When A Christian Sins

A. Loss of joy

(Psalms 51:12) "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit."

B. Chastening

(Hebrews 12:6) "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

(1 Corinthians 11:31-32) "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. {32} But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world."

(Hebrews 12:10-11) "For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but he for ***our profit***, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness. {11} Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

C. Ineffective soul winners

(Psalms 51:12-13) "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit. {13} **Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.**"

D. Hinders our prayers

(Psalms 66:18) "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:"

(Isaiah 59:1-2) "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: {2} But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear."

E. Sin weakens our moral and spiritual resistance.

Illustration:

When we do something the first time it is easier the second.

F. Time is lost.

Though we can have forgiveness and cleansing there is no way to restore the lost time that we were in sin

G. It can bring a reproach on Christ.

(Psalms 23:3) "He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

(2 Samuel 12:14) "Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also *that is* born unto thee shall surely die."

Close:

God help us to deal with sin in our lives like we should deal with it.