

Please Don't Crucify Your Brother When He Sins

Text: I John 1:1-10 (CSB)

¹ What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have observed and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² that life was revealed, and we have seen it and we testify and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— ³ what we have seen and heard we also declare to you, so that you may also have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him. ⁶ If we say, “We have fellowship with him,” and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth. ⁷ If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say, “We have no sin,” we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say, “We have not sinned,” we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

What Does the Bible Say:

1. What Does it Mean to Walk in the Light?
2. Does Walking in the Light Mean You Don't Sin?
3. How Does One Who is Walking in the Light React When He Sees His Brother Sin?
4. Only Satan's Children Want to Crucify the Weak in the Church
5. God Says Vengeance is Mine to all Who Use Foul Speech Concerning His Weak Children

Point #1: What Does it Mean to Walk in the Light?

- I John 1:7 (CSB)
- Matthew 22:37-39 (CSB)
- I Corinthians 15:57-58 (KJV)
- Matthew 6:33 (KJV)
- Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)

I John 1:7 (CSB)

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Matthew 22:37-39 (CSB)

³⁷ He said to him, “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.**” ³⁸ This is the greatest and most important. ³⁹ The second is like it: **Love your neighbor as yourself.**

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I Corinthians 15:57-58 (KJV)

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Matthew 6:33 (KJV)

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. ² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Point #2: Does Walking in the Light Mean You Don't Sin?

- I John 1:5 (CSB)
- Romans 3:23 (KJV)
- James 3:2 (NAS)

I John 1:5 (CSB)

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him.

Romans 3:23 (KJV)

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God

James 3:2 (NAS)

For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to rein in the whole body as well.

Point #3: How Does One Who is Walking in the Light React When He Sees His Brother Sin?

- Romans 14:13 (NAS)
- Ephesians 4:20-32 (NAS)

Romans 14:13 (NAS)

Therefore let's not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this: not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's or sister's way.

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Ephesians 4:20-32 (NAS)

²⁰ But you did not learn Christ in this way, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, ²² that, in reference to your former way of life, you are to rid yourselves of the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you are to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, which in *the likeness of God* has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

²⁵ Therefore, ridding yourselves of falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE *OF YOU* WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, because we are parts of one another. ²⁶ BE ANGRY, AND *YET* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity. ²⁸ The one who steals must no longer steal; but rather he must labor, producing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with the one who has need. ²⁹ Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if *there is* any good *word* for edification according to the need *of the moment*, say *that*, so that it will give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ All bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander must be removed from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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NO FOUL LANGUAGE FROM YOUR MOUTH

Point #4: Only Satan's Children Want to Crucify the Weak in the Church

- Romans 14:1-4 (KJV)
- Romans 14:10 (KJV)

FOUL WORDS TOWARD ONE ANOTHER

Romans 14:1-4 (KJV)

¹ Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. ² For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. ³ Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. ⁴ Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

Romans 14:10 (KJV)

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

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Point #5: God Says Vengeance is Mine to all Who Use Foul Speech Concerning His Weak Children

Romans 12:14-21 (NAS)

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. ¹⁷ Never repay evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all people.

¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people. ¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of *God*, for it is written: "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. ²⁰ "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM; IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FAITH:

1. HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

2. BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

3. REPENT ~ Luke 13:3

I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.

4. CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

5. BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

6. BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH ~ Revelation 2:10

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.