

Am I A Sinner? Luke 18:9-14

Yes, I Am, But ...

It is a fact no man can truthfully say he is completely sinless, so far as his life is concerned

It makes no difference whether he is a member of the church or not - **1John 1:5-2:2**

Some people then conclude "I'm as well off in the world as in the church."

Some in the church often proclaim, "I am a sinner like you."

But is the sinner in the world the same as the one in the church who sins?

Bible suggests a number of differences between the two individuals

Desire

Unintentional Or Willful

The Christian does not sin willfully, or he is not a Christian

The Christian does sin, but doesn't continue - **1John 5:18**

The Christian is not a deliberate sinner

Does not desire to sin - seed remains in him - **1John 3:9**

The person in the world sins willfully

He chooses to sin

Civil law recognizes distinction: taking life accidentally (inadvertently) and murder (premeditated)

Attitude

Hates or Loves

God's child commanded to hate sin - **Romans 12:9**

We are born of God and God hates sin - **1John 2:15-16**

Ones in the world are there because they love sin - **John 3:19-20**

They know they must part with sin to be a Christian

Location

Above Or In

The Christian resists the devil - **James 4:7**

He fights to conquer evil

He prayerfully faces temptations

Try to purify as Christ is - **1John 3:3**

Ones in the world do nothing about their sins

They put up no fight against the devil

They are satisfied to live in sin - **Hebrews 11:25**

Condition

Cleansed Or Wallowing

Christ's blood cleanses - **1John 1:7**

Christian has been cleansed by this blood

Continues to be cleansed by confessing and asking God's forgiveness

Ones in the world disregard the cleansing blood of Christ

He does not take advantage of conditions of cleansing

Christ's blood covers sins of whole world - **1John 2:2**

Yet the world refuses this covering

Consequence

Forgiveness Or Responsible

Past sins forgiven - promise of continued forgiveness - **Acts 2:38; 8:22; 1John 1:9**

Ones in the world have no forgiveness - **John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Romans 10:10; Mark 16:16**

Apart from obedience to these commands there is not forgiveness - **John 14:6**

Trust

Christ Or Self

The Christian's hope is Christ, not sinless perfection - **Romans 3:23; Titus 2:14**

Christ our hope ("my hope is built on nothing less")

Ones in the world depend on moral goodness to save - **Matthew 7:21; Titus 3:5**

Cornelius before he heard Peter

Direction

Heaven Or Hell

One in Christ is moving toward Heaven with great hope of salvation - **1John 2:17; Revelation 21:27; 2:10**

Ones in the world will be destroyed - **Matthew 25:41; 13:41; 7:23**

Find Help For Your Sin!

Don't let the devil deceive you into thinking you are just as well off without membership in his church as you would be without.

Don't discount your forgiveness through obedience and let your focus shift from Christ.

Make up your mind today, you are not going to intentionally sin again, that you are going to hate sin and are no longer content to dwell in sin

You can then come to the place of cleansing and have forgiveness of your sins, then depend on Christ and you can be headed for heaven when you die, otherwise you are lost.

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