



# Lytle Light

**You Are The Light Of  
The World.**

**– Matthew 5:14a**

Believers are  
appointed to be a  
lighthouse to others;  
a cheering lamp,  
a shining star,  
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## bulletin of the CHURCH of CHRIST in lytle, Texas

Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM – Bible Study | 10:45AM – Worship

12:00PM Fellowship Meal (4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

Wednesday Schedule: 4PM – Bible Study

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## DOES MAN HAVE TO SIN?

All men have sinned, i.e. all have transgressed God's rule of conduct given to man (Romans 3:23, 1 John 3:4). To deny our sins is to deceive ourselves. Such deception results in a rejection of Jesus as our sacrifice for sins. Of this John writes, stating that "7 ... the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." (1 John 1:7-10). This is not to say, however, that it is impossible to live without sin. In fact, John writes as he does "that you may not sin." (1 John 2:1). The fact is that man has and does sin. But that he can live free of sin was proved by Jesus. "God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh" (Romans 8:3). Jesus came in the flesh (Hebrews 2:14, 17), became a sacrifice for sin (Isiah 53:10-12), and condemned sin in the flesh in that He demonstrated that man can resist temptation (Hebrews 4:15). Sin is not of necessity but is willful and therefore, worthy of condemnation. Man is a sinner not because he was made a sinner or made to sin; he is a sinner because he is a transgressor of law (1 John 3:4). But it is possible for him to live in obedience to God's law and

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*If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.*

# WELCOME VISITOR!

If You're Visiting Today, We Welcome Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Bi-Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services, Usually On The 4th or 5th Sunday approximately every other month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium So That We May Have A Record Of Your Visit With Us Today. Thank You!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Enter To Worship
- Announcements
- Scripture Reading
- Opening Prayer
- 36 – *The Love Of God*
- 616 – *Love Lifted Me*
- Minister's Intercessory Prayer
- 439 – *Love Divine*
- 43 – *Sweet Peace, The Gift Of God's Love*
- 178 – *By Christ Redeemed*
- Lord's Supper
- Sermon – See Right Column For Outline
- 146 – *My Jesus, I Love Thee*
- Final Announcements
- 471 – *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*
- Closing Prayer
- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love

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PLEASE BE WITH ME AS I PRAY TODAY,  
AND GIVE ME GUIDANCE TO PRAY FOR THE  
THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER

## SERMON

### BIBLICAL FACTS ABOUT EXAMPLES

#### • *SERMON SCRIPTURES*

1 Timothy 4:12-16; Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 3:1-2;  
Matthew 6:19-21; Peter 2:21-22; James 3:5-10;  
Revelation 21:4; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Luke 10:33;  
Deuteronomy 11:19

#### • *SERMON OUTLINE*

*INTRODUCTION - (1) God's Redemptive Plan for Humanity (2) God Uses Human Examples For Truth And Character (3) Examples Are Life Reflections Of Faith (4) 1 Timothy 2:12-16*

- All Serve As Examples
  - Let Light Shine | B. Believers' Life, Young And Old | C. Do What We Are Raught | D. Behavior Can Win Others | E. Lead The Flock
- Continually Teaching
  - Godly Or Ungodly Life | B. Worldly Or Spiritual | C. Following Or Rejecting Christ | D. Good Or Evil Deeds | E. Overall Quest For Heaven
- Biblical Examples
  - Paul | B. Good Samaritan | C. Old Testament | D. The Righteous Dead

*CONCLUSION - (1) We Are Examples (2) Are Examples Enduring? (3) What Will We Do In 2026?*

#### • *INVITATION*



# WED NIGHT STUDY

TOPIC – SIN

## 2026 FELLOWSHIPS\*

### • MARCH 7 – Saturday – Picnic On The Grounds

- MAY 31 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- JULY 26 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- SEPTEMBER 27 – Potluck (L.C.)
- NOVEMBER 22 – Thanksgiving Meal
- DECEMBER 27 – New Years "Eve"

\* Dates May Be Subtracted Or Other Dates Added As Our Ladies Decide To Do So.

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overcome temptation. "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Man can live in harmony with God's will. He is so commanded: "Only let your conduct (citizenship or manner of living) be worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27). Sin in the life of a Christian is not the norm but the exception: "if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." (1 John 2:1). In becoming a Christian the believer was required to repent and be baptized into Christ for a remission of sins and thereby become dead to sin (Acts 2:38, Romans 6:2-7). As a Christian he is to keep the commandments of God, but if he sins forgiveness may be obtained through

Christ as he repents and prays (Acts 8:22, James 5:16).

If sin is inevitable, then man could not be responsible. Responsibility is response to ability, and without ability to live sinless he could not respond, hence no responsibility. But man is responsible and will be judged by all that he does in the body (2 Corinthians 5:10).

In conclusion, John states a fact that all have sinned and can sin (1 John 2:3-6). He writes in condemnation of the theory that once a child of God he can no more sin, that he is released from responsibility to law, and therefore is eternally secure. But the child of



God can sin (though he's been told not to), but he cannot sin with impunity (1 John 3:3-10). And so, he must bring his body into subjection (1 Corinthians 9:27) and crucify its desire for unlawful gratification (Colossians 3:5-10). He **can** overcome sin.

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- by Gene Frost, Zion CoC, Zion, IL

*"Man approaches God most nearly when he is in one sense least like God. For what can be more unlike than fullness and need, sovereignty and humility, righteousness and penitence, limitless power and a cry for help?"- C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves*



# *Father,* Please Hear Our Prayer

## CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE, MERCY, And RIGHTEOUSNESS Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven!
- People In The U.S.A. And Around The World Who've Been Affected By Natural Disasters
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronaviruses, Flues & Other Deadly Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries
- Additional People/Situations For Which To Pray :

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All Following entries Are By Date Order And Are Alphabetical By Last Name. A Superscripted Number In Brackets, I.E., <sup>[1]</sup>, At The End Of An Entry Denotes How Many Weeks The Entry Has Been In The Bulletin.

## JANUARY 11

- ◇ Baily, Linzi [Ronda's niece] - She is scheduled for surgery on January 13 to remove the tumor doctors found on her liver. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Bridgewater, Larry [Watkins' brother-in-law] - He's still dealing with the amputation of his left leg at just below the knee. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Brown Family (Colton, Abby, Phoenix & Atraves) - Prayers
- ◇ Cashion, Corena - Continued concerns due to her cancer. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Moore, Perry [Melanie McMeans' brother] - He had a stroke affecting his left side. He also recently had a severe, sharp pain in his Chest - Tests were run but were inconclusive (Doctors believe that the pain was caused by Him overusing the right side of his body.) He was to be released Monday, January 5. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane - She's been diagnosed with a lung infection but **Praise To GOD!**, doctors have ruled out pneumonia. In addition, she'll have back surgery somewhere around February 4 to repair pinched nerves around two vertebrae. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Sims, Linda [Pam Flatequal's friend] - She is having health issues - low count of red blood cells and pain. Doctors will perform a bone marrow test to help determine cause. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Smoot, Bailey [Smoot's granddaughter] - She was headed back to Kono, Hawaii to regroup with her missionary team, then on to South Africa where she will be a team lead this go around. <sup>[NEW]</sup>

- ◇ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] – He had some more tests run when he returned to Arkansas. The results are expected around January 20. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ White, Linda [Melanie McMeans' sister] – **Praise To GOD!**, she will not have to have her gall bladder removed and she doesn't have pneumonia as suspected. She has had severe vertigo which doctors suspect is caused by the ear infection. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Undergoing PT – Ronda Spicer (2 more appointments – plus, she's retired her cane, Praise To GOD!; Carlene Vierling – She believes it really been helping greatly.)
- ◇ Woodard, Pat – She's been "punying" but was beginning to feel better as of this past weekend. Tom reports that she's been sleeping a little later than usual each morning. <sup>[NEW]</sup>

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## JANUARY 4

- ◇ Last Name Unknown, Missy [Pam Flatequal's friend] – Besides her brain cancer having recurred, she had to be hospitalized with fluid on her brain. <sup>[01]</sup>
- ◇ Moore, Jennifer [Melanie McMeans' niece] – She is with child but it could be a risky pregnancy because she lost her last baby to a miscarriage. <sup>[01]</sup>
- ◇ Sparks, Lane & Ashley [Tom's grandson and granddaughter-in-law] – Ashley is pregnant with what will be Tom Woodard's 15<sup>th</sup> great grandchild! She had issues during her last pregnancy so we're praying for a noneventful gestation. <sup>[01]</sup>

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## DECEMBER 28

- ◇ Bridgewater, Becky & Larry [Mitchell Watkins' sister & brother-in-law] – Their life has been infected with much chaos lately. <sup>[02]</sup>

- ◇ Dygart, Harold [Melanie McMeans' uncle] – He suffered a stroke and has plans to live with his daughter once he's out of the hospital. <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◇ Homburg Family [Norm Homburg is a fellow barbershopper of Mitch Watkins] – Norm's wife, Jimmie, passed into eternity from an infection incurred after a surgery. <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◇ McMeans, Wendell – He had his initial interview with Goodwill and felt all went well. He should have heard something this past week on whether he'll move forward in the interview process. <sup>[02]</sup>

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## DECEMBER 21

- ◇ Carter, Emily Family [Charlene Carter (Former member)'s granddaughter] – Emily, age 41, passed into eternity from a heart attack. <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◇ Price, Jennifer [Carol Vierling's 70-year-old friend] – She fell and shattered her elbow. <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◇ Ruane Renninger's granddaughter-in-law (no name provided) – She fell and broke her kneecap. To add insult to injury, she is having difficulty getting her insurance company to approve and pay for the surgery she now needs to fix the elbow. <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◇ Stapanovich, Elizabeth [Tom Woodard's granddaughter] – Praise To GOD! she just graduated from college with a BGS (Bachelor of General Studies, a highly interdisciplinary degree). <sup>[03]</sup>

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## ONGOING CONCERNS

*All Ongoing Concern(s) Below Will Remain For 20 Weeks. Removal Can Be Requested Earlier But Concern(s) Will Automatically Be Removed At The 21<sup>ST</sup> Week. If Someone Is Moved Off This Ongoing List And You Believe They Should Go*  
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*Back On The Detailed List Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

Alderman, Kelly <sup>[10]</sup>; Alderman, Roy <sup>[07]</sup>;  
Andrews, Dale <sup>[11]</sup>; Balderrama, Matthew <sup>[04]</sup>;  
Bradley Family <sup>[05]</sup>; Brown, Diane Family <sup>[09]</sup>;  
Brown, Jane <sup>[16]</sup> ; Burris, Joyce <sup>[13]</sup>; Cashion,  
Corina <sup>[11]</sup>; Clendenning, Carol <sup>[17]</sup>; Coughran,  
Brett <sup>[16]</sup>; Duncan, Roberta <sup>[04]</sup>; Fintel, Rick <sup>[05]</sup>;  
Flatequal Family <sup>[05]</sup>; Flores, Carlos <sup>[05]</sup>;  
Gabehart, Tom <sup>[11]</sup>; Garay, Mary <sup>[14]</sup>; Gardner,  
Jim <sup>[18]</sup>; Gardner, Laura <sup>[19]</sup>; Gingerella, Ed <sup>[09]</sup>;  
Gonzalez, Joel <sup>[09]</sup>; Greer Family <sup>[20]</sup>; Guzman,  
Emily <sup>[19]</sup>; Jackson, April <sup>[16]</sup>; Johansen, Charles  
<sup>[19]</sup>; Keese, Robert <sup>[16]</sup>; Lassen, Peter <sup>[10]</sup>; Lester,  
Bob <sup>[09]</sup>; Lett, Dale <sup>[19]</sup>; McMicken-Glaze,  
Ashley Family <sup>[10]</sup>; McMeans, Wendell <sup>[09]</sup>;  
Moore, Michael <sup>[16]</sup>; Moore, Sherry <sup>[04]</sup>; Mr. Lowe  
<sup>[04]</sup>; Persat, Diana <sup>[09]</sup>; Price, Dylan <sup>[19]</sup>;  
Rasmussen, Linda <sup>[10]</sup>; Renninger, Ruane <sup>[06]</sup>;  
Roeder, Gayle <sup>[19]</sup>; Schilling, Gene <sup>[11]</sup>; Sisters of  
Oliver Flores <sup>[16]</sup>; Smith, Betty <sup>[09]</sup>; Smith,  
Jimmie (JD) <sup>[06]</sup>; Smoot, Bailey <sup>[11]</sup>; Smoot, Cody  
& Emily <sup>[05]</sup>; Smoot, Roger <sup>[13]</sup>; Smoot, Tiffany  
<sup>[08]</sup>; Spicer, Ronda <sup>[09]</sup>; Street, Cris <sup>[07]</sup>; Strunk,  
Billie <sup>[14]</sup>; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn <sup>[12]</sup>;  
Vierling, Gene <sup>[13]</sup>; Vierling, Scott <sup>[09]</sup>; Wade,  
John <sup>[19]</sup>; Walker, Tony Family <sup>[09]</sup>; Watkins,  
Mitchell <sup>[05]</sup>; Weisel, Michelle <sup>[05]</sup>

## SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10

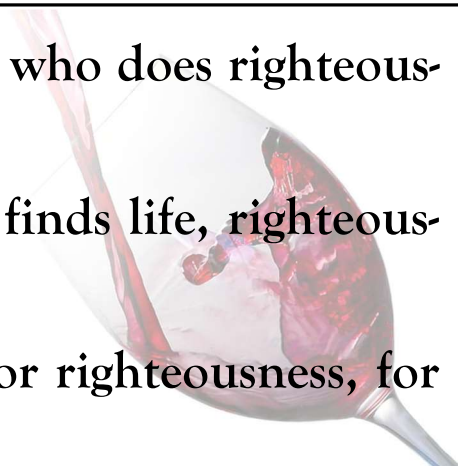
<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

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<sup>3</sup> Blessed are those who keep justice, and he who does righteousness at all times! – Psalm 106:3

<sup>21</sup> He who follows righteousness and mercy finds life, righteousness, and honor. – Proverbs 21:21

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. – Matthew 5:6





## ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Joey & Gaylia Dzielzanowski	Dec 29	Anniversary
Dan Orr	Jan 11	Birthday
Billy Strunk	Jan 26	Birthday
Jim Gardner	Jan 30	Birthday
Rick Fintel	Feb 16	Birthday
Mitch & Betsy Watkins	Feb 22	Anniversary
Pam Flatequal	Feb 22	Birthday



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And February 28<sup>th</sup> And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Watkins Know!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

----- Church Stuff -----	Church Stuff -----
Generally - 4 <sup>th</sup> Or 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun, Every Other	Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch - Approximately Noon To Two

Every Thursday



Sewing Sisters (ALL Ladies Welcome!) - Meet In The Fellowship Room From Noon To 2 For Fellowship And To Sew/Craft Stuff For The Needy And Elderly

Sun - Jan 18	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>How Jesus Endured</i>
Sun - Jan 25	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Do Not Grow Weary</i>
Sun - Feb 1	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>You Can Trust Scripture</i>
Sun - Feb 8	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>God Is Faithful</i>



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----- Non-Church Stuff -----	Non-Church Stuff -----	Non-Church Stuff -----
Every Tue	Lytle Friendship Art Club - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 9:30AM	
Every 3 <sup>RD</sup> Mon	VFW Auxiliary - Fellowship Room At 6:30PM	
Sun - Jan 11	National <sup>1</sup> Human Trafficking Awareness And <sup>2</sup> Vision Board And <sup>3</sup> Milk And <sup>4</sup> Sunday Supper Days & International Thank-You Day	
Mon - Jan 12	National <sup>1</sup> Curried Chicken And <sup>2</sup> Hot Tea And <sup>3</sup> Marzipan And <sup>4</sup> Work Harder Days	
Tue - Jan 13	National <sup>1</sup> Gluten-Free And <sup>2</sup> Clean Your Desk And <sup>3</sup> Rubber Ducky And <sup>4</sup> Peach Melba Days	
Wed - Jan 14	International Kite Day & Organize Your Home Day & National Hot Pastrami Sandwich Day	
Thu - Jan 15	National <sup>1</sup> Strawberry Ice Cream And <sup>2</sup> Bagel Days	
Fri - Jan 16	International Hot & Spicy Food Day & National <sup>1</sup> Fig Newton And <sup>2</sup> Quinoa Days	
Sat - Jan 17	National Hot Heads Chili Day & Benjamin Franklin's 320 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	
Sun - Jan 18	National <sup>1</sup> Thesaurus & <sup>2</sup> Peking Duck & <sup>3</sup> Gourmet Coffee Day	

## GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ◇ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ◇ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ◇ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ◇ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ◇ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ◇ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ◇ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ◇ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ◇ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ◇ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD? ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!

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## INTERACTIVE

### Daily Bible Reading Plan —

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## DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



## OLD & NEW IN 365 —

Daily Readings From Both The Old And New Testaments

**SUN** — Day 15 - Gen 36-37; Mat 12:1-21

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**MON** — Day 16 - Gen 38-40; Mat 12:22-50

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**TUE** — Day 17 - Gen 41; Mat 13:1-32

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**WED** — Day 18 - Gen 42-43; Mat 13:33-58

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**THU** — Day 19 - Gen 44-45; Mat 14:1-21

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**FRI** — Day 20 - Gen 46-48; Mat 14:22-36

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**SAT** — Day 21 - Gen 49-50; Mat 15:1-20

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Gen = Genesis | Mat = Matthew

## WANT TO BE

### Part Of This Local Family Of Christ Jesus?

To be identified with our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Please fill out a Visitor’s Card, making sure to check the box on front that says, “Wish To Serve In This Congregation.” Please place the completed card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

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## MEMORIZE Scripture —

### Scripture Verses About Sin

**1 John 3:3-6** – <sup>4</sup>Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

**1 John 3:7-9** – <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. <sup>8</sup>He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup>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.

**1 John 3:10** – <sup>10</sup>In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

**Acts 2:38** – <sup>38</sup>Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the <sup>[a]</sup>remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.