

Why Self is Sin!



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Self is sin because *God* is left out! That is the short answer, but there is more involved—*self* wants to control it-*self*. We are to Ephesians 4:22 “Put off concerning the former conversation [life] the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” True righteousness and holiness is faithfully following God’s Word concerning all issues in life.

From day one Genesis 1:27 “God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” They were to have the same *love*; the same *peace*; the same *faith*; and the same *wisdom* He has. He wants to be *in* our heart and to *control* our *life*—He is our Protector; Healer; and Supplier as He was for Adam.

Romans 8:9 “Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” This *self-nature* is not to be polished up to look good—there is *nothing* good about it; but it is to be *removed*, because *self* cannot serve God nor trust God for anything!

If *self* is in control, we cannot *love* our neighbor, but when *self* is *removed* and the Holy Spirit is within, we *can* love our neighbor—the love of

God is in control. This *love* for *God* enables us to *forgive* our *enemies*; *bless* those who *hurt* us; and to *pray* for those who *use* us for selfish reasons.

When *self* is removed from our *heart*, peace is restored in our *home*. 1 Peter 3:1 “Ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation [life and conduct] of the wives; 2 While they behold your chaste [faithful] conversation [conduct] coupled with fear” [of God].

1 Peter 3:7 “Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.” It is great to be a *child* of *God*, just by obeying the *Word* of *God*. Leaving the *self-way* and *living* the new way brings many valuable blessings from *God*.

And it is a true *blessing* to have a heart that really loves *God*—so we *can* *pray* for enemies and *forgive* them—and with all resentment, malice, bitterness, and strife removed. Matthew 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.” When we are *filled* with *God*’s Spirit, we can show the same *love*, *mercy*, and *forgiveness* *God* shows.

It is our responsibility to present our *life* to *God*. Romans 12:1 “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.” We place every *attitude* and every *decision* over to *God*, for *His* will to be done without compromising—whether it pleases us or not, as *God* has the last Word.

We *must* have our *sins* forgiven and totally surrendering of our *life* to *God*. His *divine* will must replace our *self* will, because *self* within cannot enter *Heaven*. Our *life* is to be “*Holy and pleasing to God*.”

When we give our *life* to *God*, His Holy Spirit takes *control* of our heart. The rebellious *self-nature* is replaced with a submissive *divine-nature*. The *life* of *Christ* is then in our heart. 1 Corinthians 1:30 “Of him are ye in *Christ* *Jesus*, who of *God* is made unto us *wisdom*, and *righteousness*, and *sanctification*, and *redemption*.”

Having *God*’s peace and righteousness is a blessed privilege indeed. Consecrating our *life* to *God* enables us to believe what He *accomplished* for us on the cross. Replacing *self* with *God*’s *Spirit* means we are willing to meet every detail of *life* according to *God*’s *Word*—it results in the *death* of *self*. When *self* is *out*—*Christ* is *in* our heart.

There is nothing that *God* would not give us—spiritual blessings; inner peace; good health, healing, and protection. It seems *unrealistic* to the *carnal* mind, but it is *real* to the *spiritual* mind. Psalm 91:5-7 “Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor fear the dangers of the day, nor dread the plague that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday. Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you”—with *self* gone, a *divine* shield is around us.

The *death* of *self* enables us to have all the money we need and more; good health and healing if oppressed; and peace and cooperation at home. When *self* is absent we will have *divine* control of employment issues and protection from harm. If we are *not* seeing those results, then *self* is *still* in control—and it can reside deep in our heart.

All things are *possible* with *God*—we just make the choice to *believe* it. When *self* is gone troubles will end. We are *not* to resent wrongs done to us, and we are *not* to be upset by what is said to us—by anyone. *Self* *resents* wrong treatment, but the *Spirit* *forgives* the person and enables us to place everything before *God* in prayer

and in faith. Our hope of *Heaven* is *God* fighting our battles.

Romans 12:19 “*Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink.*”

When we obey the Scriptures, self is taken out and the Holy Spirit comes in. When we forsake self, God will fight the battle; right our wrongs; and conquer our enemies. He is the only One who knows *how*—and only His love and mercy can do it right.

If we tell someone about the unjust treatment we experienced, self remains in control and takes the *wheel* of our life—steering us further away from Christ and toward the carnal way. If self is not in control and God is working on the case, the matter will be solved. Proverbs 16:7 “*When a man’s ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.*”

If we tried to obey the Scriptures with self in control, we would not be able to do it. Any partial treatment of others reveals some self in our heart. When we are offended by someone, the temptation is to respond like the world. This control of self is not a minor thing, but a major problem that must be overcome by the grace of God.

All friction, fighting, contention, arguments, and resentment—caused by self’s control of us—is to be made right with God and corrective measures taken. If we will not deal with this self-issue, our wrong attitude could land us in Hell. We cannot be overly-sensitive about things, but to see that it is self within that reacts in that way. Self in us is the *citadel* of Satan. We should not make light of self’s control—it is a serious matter—only God can enable us to meet things right.

Another factor in having self removed from our heart, is meeting spiritual, physical, and financial battles in a Scriptural way. It is

vitaly important to meet these situations according to God’s *Word* because Satan is constantly trying to hinder our spiritual, physical, and financial blessings.

God has promised that if we are willing to get away from the attitudes and responses of self, He will enable us to get rid of that carnal control. Satan is always prowling to keep self active in us, so God says we must be aware of this and be ready to resist the devil.

We are to be 1 Peter 5:9-10 “*Steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.*”

We are to be alert every minute and be vigilant every hour to respond to situations according to God’s plan, as His Holy Spirit empowers us to respond—never trying in our own strength or ability; never hinting to anyone that we need money; never resorting to medication or drugs; never using human devices or firearms for protection; and never hiring a lawyer to avenge wrongs.

Not doing these things sounds strange to the world; but the least thing done by self, is the worst thing according to God! Only God can keep us spiritually safe; only He can heal our body without drugs; only He can protect us from harm without devices; only He can supply our needs from His limitless resources; and only He can right our injustices without taking court action.

When we are done with our last effort; when we have made our last hint for money; and when all our help is from God alone, all of self will be out of our heart. We are not to worry because worry is unbelief. Philippians 4:6 “*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be*

made known to God.” Every worry is against the *Word*—which is against the *will* of God.

Any worry or anxiety we have is to be placed before God in prayer and left in His hands. We are to open our heart to God and tell Him everything. The moment a worry comes to our mind, we are to kneel in prayer and tell God all about it—that is the theme of the Bible—placing every worry, need, or oppression before God in prayer.

Psalms 91:15 “*He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.*”

To not tell God about our problems and troubles, is like a child who had loving and devoted parents, but when needing help, this child would go to someone else for help—before going to a parent. Why didn’t you come to me and tell me about this—is our response to the child. A child, however, always goes right to a parent—as we should go to the Lord. Matthew 18:3 “*Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*”

It is the meaning of Philippians 4:6 “*Do not be over-anxious about anything, but by prayer and earnest pleading, together with thanksgiving, let your request be unreservedly made known in the presence of God.*” If we will do that, self will be gone. Philippians 4:7 “*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*”



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