

The Victorious Believer



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Someone once said that when a person repents to God, they are instantly delivered from the **PENALTY** of sin. They are then, delivered daily from the **POWER** of sin, and finally, they will be delivered from the **PRESENCE** of sin.

This is the best description of the journey that believers take while here on this earth.

We know that the **PENALTY OF SIN** is death, because "...the **wages of sin IS death**; but the **GIFT** of God is **ETERNAL LIFE** through Jesus Christ our Lord" (ROMANS 6:23). There is only **ONE WAY** to receive a "gift" and that is to "accept" it. A "gift" is **FREE**, not earned.

Those of us that "received" the "gift" have **ETERNAL LIFE NOW**: "...He that **heareth my word**, and **believeth on him** [GOD] that sent me, **hath** [RIGHT NOW] **everlasting life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but **IS PASSED** [RIGHT NOW] from death unto life" (JOHN 5:24).

The New Birth occurs immediately when the Holy Spirit baptizes us into the body of Jesus Christ, and we become bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh:

"For by **ONE Spirit** are we **ALL baptized** into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been **ALL** made to **drink** into **ONE Spirit**" (1 COR 12:13).

"For **we are** members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones" (EPHES. 5:30).

"Beloved, **NOW** are we **the sons of God**" (1 JOHN 3:2), and **NOW**, "...**we have the mind of Christ**" (1 COR. 2:16), and beloved, **RIGHT NOW**, we spiritually, "...sit together in heavenly places **IN** Christ Jesus" (EPHES. 2:6).

We are delivered from the **POWER OF SIN** during our stewardship as Christians. "For **SIN** shall not have **dominion** over you: for ye are **not under the law**, but **under GRACE**" (ROMANS 6:14).

Also, "there is therefore **NOW** no condemnation to them which are **IN** Christ Jesus, **WHO WALK NOT** [NOT **IF THEY WALK NOT**] after the flesh, but **after the Spirit**" (ROMANS 8:1).

Believers are "...**LED** by the Spirit of God" (ROMANS 8:14), **NOT** by the **spirit of error** (1 JOHN 4:6). We "...**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**. And **IF** Christ be in you, **THE BODY** is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness" (ROMANS 8:9-10).

And, if we do sin, Jesus our Lord, is sitting on the right hand of his Father, making intercession for us daily:

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye **sin not**. And **if any man sin**, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 JOHN 2:1), and "if we say that **we have not sinned**, we make him a liar, and **his word is not in us**" (1 JOHN 1:10).

One day, and soon, we will be delivered from the **PRESENCE OF SIN**, when we "...shall be **caught up together** with them **in the clouds**, to **meet the Lord in the air**: and **so shall we EVER BE with the Lord**" (1 THES. 4:17). Are you ready to meet him?



Tell God you are sorry right now, and ask Him to forgive you of all your sins, and He will make you His child **NOW**.