

Cover or Confess Clarified

I was a sinner by nature, but I have been saved by God's grace. His grace has given me a new nature, yet I still sin by the choices I make. When I sin, I have an advocate in Christ Jesus who declares me innocent before the Father.

Adam & Eve's sin opposed knowledge (what is _____), morality (what is _____), and identity (_____ am I).

God _____ Adam's guilt as belonging to us and we also inherited a sinful nature.

The Gospel Call

1. _____ – I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you. Ezekiel 36:26-27
2. _____ – I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. Acts 20:21
3. _____ – So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, Galatians 2:16

All who have _____ in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life with God, are no longer identified as a sinner.

When we sin, we do not _____ our righteous standing before God, but we do displease Him and we risk loss of rewards in Heaven.

It is possible for the Christian to sin by their own _____, but they don't have to sin.

Your identity is not that of a sinner. This is your new identity:

1. I am born again into a living hope (1 Peter 1:3)
2. I am united with Christ through His death and resurrection (Rom 6:5)
3. I am a child of God (John 1:12)
4. I am an heir of God, a joint heir with Christ (Rom 8:17)
5. I am eternally secure in Christ (John 10:27-28)
6. I am freed from the power of sin (Rom 6:18)
7. I am a new creation in Christ (2 Cor 5:17)
8. I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:9)
9. I am free from condemnation (Rom 8:1)
10. I am a servant of God (Rom 6:22)
11. I am an ambassador for Christ (2 Cor 5:20)
12. I am a new person, my old self was crucified with Christ (Rom 6:6)
13. I am inseparable from the love of God (Rom 8:35)
14. I am blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph 1:3)
15. I am sealed with the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13-14)
16. I am God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus (Eph 2:10)
17. I am strong in the Lord (Eph 6:10)
18. I am able to walk as a child of light (Eph 5:8)
19. I am led by the Spirit of God (Rom 8:14)
20. I am able to walk boldly into Christ's presence (Eph 3:12)

Bringing the Message to Life

Discuss and meditate on the following questions.

1. Regarding this sermon, is there any principle that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
2. As a believer, why does it matter if we assume the identity of sinner or not?
3. What is the difference between a sin nature and a sin choice?
4. The tempter continues to lure people into sin (1 Peter 5:8-9). How can he be defeated?
5. How would your life be different if you continually reached for personal holiness through the grace of God?