

CHRISTIANS HATE SIN

It is easy to hate the sin of others and yet tolerate your own sin. But true Christianity is to HATE your own sin. Yes, we all still have the flesh (even believers), and we all still struggle with sin. But the true Christian HATES it when he sins. For the true Christian, there is no lasting satisfaction in sin.

In Romans 7:15-25 Paul describes the struggle that is real to every Christian. In Romans 7:15 he says:

Romans 7:15 (NKJV)

15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.

As believers, we now have a new nature that is wed to the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:4). Our new nature, joined to the Spirit, NEVER wants to do wrong. This new man is the believer's essential identity in Christ. And as a new man in Christ, we HATE it when we sin!

This is reflected in Lot, who, while dwelling in Sodom, "was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)" (2 Pet. 2:7-8).

Yes, the believer may fall into sin, but they will not long enjoy it. The Holy Spirit living inside a believer is always grieved when they sin (Eph. 4:30). And grieving the Spirit is a miserable experience! Show me a Christian in sin and I will show you a most miserable person!

Ephesians 4:30 (NKJV)

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.