

GOD WANTS US TO AVOID MORAL FAILURE

Moral failure always happens when a believer stops repenting of sin daily.

Definitions:

Confess: agree with God, turn from that sin 1 John 1:9

Forgive us: receive release from that sin

Cleanse us: continue the process of sanctification toward glorification

Thrive: Live abundantly in God's love

Obey My Commandments. Remain (thrive) in Me. John 15:10 Mark 12:30-31

Thrive in Jesus. Produce the fruits of the Spirit. John 15:4

Overflowing joy will be yours. John 15:11

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we agree with God when we are convicted about a sin and turn from that sin, God is faithful to keep on cleansing us from all unrighteousness and God is true to His promise in releasing us from sin's bondage.

John 15:10a When you obey My commandment, you remain (thrive) in My love.

God's love doesn't change toward us. We control the release of God's love in us and through us.

Mark 12:30-31 Love God and love other people.

John 15:4 Remain (thrive) in Me and I will remain (thrive) in you. You cannot produce the fruits of the Spirit unless I remain (thrive) in you. (Be fruitful in righteous actions) Love is an action, not just an emotion.

John 15:11 I have told you this that My joy may be in you, and your joy may be full and complete.

You control the love of God that is thriving and being released in you.

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-23 Consider these 21 commandments given to believers.

- 1 Pray for and be helpful to those who serve you in the Lord. Pastor, teachers, etc.**
- 2 Live in peace with one another. What is the opposite of peace?**
- 3 Don't encourage misbehavior in others. Don't start trouble.**
- 4 Encourage others to do right. Be kind.**
- 5 Help others to do right. Do right yourself.**
- 6 Be patient. Don't get angry with others.**
- 7 Make sure no one repays evil with evil.**
- 8 Always pursue what is good for one another and for all people.**
- 9 Rejoice at all times. Have joy in your heart because God loves you.**
- 10 Pray without ceasing. Talk to God about everything.**
- 11 Give thanks in every circumstance, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**
- 12 Do not push away the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is saving you now!**
- 13 Do not treat the Bible with disrespect. Read it. Don't neglect it.**
- 14 Test all things. Know what is evil. Know what is good.**
- 15 Keep doing what is good. Be righteous.**
- 16 Abstain from every form of evil. Don't sin.**
- 17 Let God sanctify you completely. Keep saving you everyday.**
- 18 Let your entire spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless.**
- 19 Pray for the evangelist. Who is an evangelist?**
- 20 Encourage others in their ministry. Everyone has a gift.**
- 21 Share God's Word at every opportunity. In word and deed.**

How many hours did Jesus remain on the Cross? 6 hours

God delayed the victory that Jesus gained over sin until everything was accomplished that would condemn sin to the utmost. Sin did the most atrocious thing. Sin killed Jesus. Sin condemned itself in killing Jesus because Jesus was without sin. Rom. 8:3

God the Father and Jesus were in total harmony at the Cross. God the Father allowed sin to condemn itself. Jesus allowed sin to kill Him so that sin is sentenced to extinction.

What is sin sentenced to? Eventual removal from the Universe. Revelation 21:4

What did God the Father not allow sin to do to Jesus on the Cross? Break any of His bones.

Jesus believed God the Father was with Him on the Cross because Jesus said, "Father into your hands I commit my _____. Spirit

Since God was in Christ on the Cross and God cannot die, what died on the Cross? The physical body of Jesus. Jesus shed His blood.

God was in Christ on the Cross reconciling the world to Himself. This means that God was changing the world. God never reconciles Himself to the world.

God never changes Himself.

God loves us without ever changing Himself.

God freely forgives us in His heart without ever changing Himself.

But we must receive release from sin's bondage in order to live eternally with God.

If we don't receive forgiveness in our heart we will perish.

When we are born again spiritually, who are we eternally indwelt by? Holy Spirit

We can do righteous acts in cooperation with who? _____ The Holy Spirit

What part of our salvation do we work out with fear and trembling? _____

How do we thrive, abide, and remain in Jesus? Obey His _____.

1 John 1:9 Confess equals agreeing with God and turning from sin.

John 15:4 Be fruitful in righteous actions.

John 15:10-11,17 Obey Christ's commandments.

Mark 12:30-31 Obey the Ten Commandments.

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-23

1 Hold in high regards those who serve you in the Lord.

2 Live in peace with one another.

3 Admonish the unruly.

4 Encourage the fainthearted.

5 Help the weak.

6 Be patient with everyone.

7 Make sure no one repays evil with evil.

8 Always pursue what is good for one another and for all people.

9 Rejoice at all times.

10 Pray without ceasing.

11 Give thanks in every circumstance, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

12 Do not extinguish the Spirit.

13 Do not treat prophecies with contempt.

14 Test all things.

15 Hold fast to what is good.

16 Abstain from every form of evil.

17 Let God sanctify you completely.

18 Let your entire spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless.

19 Pray for the evangelist.

20 Encourage others.

21 Share God's Word at every opportunity.

Our obedience makes us more capable of receiving and consciously possessing the love of God.

Consciously possessing His love brings us joy. God doesn't turn His love off and on. God does not control the switch which allows His love to shine brightly in our hearts. We control the switch.