

- But **if** we do not abort, the pregnancy conceived (by lust) is allowed to gestate (fully develop), and it will eventually reach full term and **bring forth** *that which it conceived*.

James 1:15 says it will bring forth "**death**" --- the very death described so graphically in Hebrews 10:26-29.

That James is speaking to Christians in this passage is made very clear when he concludes by saying, "Do not be deceived my beloved...**brethren**."

How can I have Eternal Life?

Romans 10:9-10,13 says anyone who calls on God to save them through faith in his risen son can have eternal life.

*Do you believe Jesus is the son of God? Do you believe God Raised him from the dead?
Are you sorry for your sins?*

Call on God now and tell him that! Ask him to save you and *forgive you* of your sins. *He promises that he will.*

FIRST STEPS

Tell other's what Jesus has done for you!

Read Your Bible!

A good place to start is the book of John. Commit to reading a few chapters daily always picking up today - where you left off yesterday.

Talk to the Lord Daily

It doesn't matter if you pray silently or out loud He can hear you either way.

Meet Regularly

with other Bible believing Christians.

HEBREWS 10:25

Be Baptized

according to our Lord's command in:

MATTHEW 28:19/ ACTS 2:38

Temptations come to Christians and non-Christians alike. The choice facing you now is...

Will you deal with them your way or God's way?

2 PETER 1:4-11 instructs all believers to *add* certain things to their faith. If these things are added, we are assured that we will be fruitful in the knowledge of God, and will *never* fall. What a promise!

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If We Fall Away....

Question: If a christian sins willingly knowing that what they are doing is a sin. What then?

I mean...what if it is like an "obsessive" or "secret" sin?

Is there forgiveness for that? Will God listen to their pleas for help to overcome it? Even though they practice this sin, they hate themselves for doing it. Let's say drinking to excess, or a sexual sin, gambling or something like that....?

Answer: What a challenging question! But one I believe we all need to be able to answer.

There are two very prevalent, though opposing, schools of theology on this .

We Don't Agree With Either One....

One group that says, once we are saved, we are always saved--that *no matter what*, it is impossible to lose our salvation.

They will usually deal with the issue of habitual sin by saying we must have never been saved in the first place.

We Do Not Agree With That Doctrinal Position

We believe it is a cop out, because they ignore scripture which specifically uses the words, "*fall away*," and cannot reconcile their doctrine with a person who claims to have truly accepted Christ as Savior, yet cannot give up a compulsive habitual sin.

It is easier to say they were never saved in the first place and tell them they need to get saved.

The other group takes the completely opposite view

They agree that the habitual sinner probably did get saved, but when he slid back into his sin--he *lost* his salvation--but ...if he repents and gives up his sin he will then "make it" to Heaven.

We call this "Yo-Yo" salvation. Lost it--got it back--lost it--got it back.... **We do not agree with this view either.**

The scriptures are very clear that if we ever do "fall away" (falling away and backsliding are *not* the same thing) renewal back into repentance is *impossible* (Hebrews 6:4-6).

If we ever do fall away (lose our salvation)--we can *never* regain it--the scriptures are clear on this; there are no other sacrifices available to us. Jesus cannot go back to the cross and die *again* for us.

So where does that leave the Christian who sins?

First of all, we need to believe the scriptures.

There is only *one* sin that can cost us eternal life, and that is the sin of rejecting Christ. *All* other sins can be forgiven (1 John 1:9).

Does that give a Christian a license to sin? Absolutely not!

It is important to understand that neither belief nor unbelief are mere intellectual understandings.

Every devil in existence acknowledges the existence, incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are told in scripture they tremble. Technically, there are *no* unbelieving devils. Yet they are not saved.

The scriptures are clear that our consciences can be seared and we can fall away. James 1:13-15 lays out clearly the steps involved with the searing of our conscience and subsequent "falling away."

It Can Happen

- **First**, James tells us, we are drawn away of our own lust and enticed. God will never tempt us with sin. Rather, Satan tempts us with *our own lusts*.
- **Then**, lust *conceives*--it becomes pregnant (at this point it is still possible to abort--choose to abort the sin--not eternal life!).

