

**Commitment #1: To Live
Victoriously Above Sin**

Introduction

Salvation:

- Believe in the name of the Lord and thou shalt be saved.
- Believe that Jesus is the Son of God.
- This is the first step in gaining victory over sin.

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Confession and Repentance:

- **Proverbs 28: 13** Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.
- **Psalms 139: 23-24 KJV:** 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
- **Psalms 51:10-12 KJV:** 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

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- **Identify sin in your life:** Disobedience to God's word is sin.
- **Colossians 3:5-8 KJ:** ⁵ Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: ⁶ For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: ⁷ In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. ⁸ But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
- **1 John 2:16 KJV:** ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

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- **Prayer:** Ask God to help you forsake sin and do what is right. You cannot overcome sin by yourself. Ask God to give you the desire to do right.
- **Use the WORD as your sword:** Know how to fight sin.
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 - **1 Peter 5:8-9 KJV:** ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹ Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.
 - **Joshua 1:8 KJV:** ⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

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○ **Psalms 119:11 KJV:** ¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

○ Ask God for the desire to know and follow His word. **Hebrews 4: 12** The word of God is living and powerful, able to penetrate to our hearts to root out and overcome the deepest sins of heart and attitude.

○ Read the WORD daily, study the WORD, meditate on the WORD and then apply it to your life. The bible admonishes us to watch and pray so that we may not fall into temptation.

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➤ **Beware of your associations:**

- Your Pastor, fellow church members, peers and family are important in keeping you accountable for your walk with God and for your actions. They play an important role in helping you live an accountable, Christian life.
- Associate with people who can encourage you, people who will honestly see and share your shortcoming and your wrongdoing and then rebuke you in love.
- Paul admonishes us in the WORD not to forsake the assembling of ourselves. The house of God is where you are taught the word for “iron sharpeneth iron.” The body of Christ is there to hold each other accountable for we are one in Christ.