**Preface**

**Note: the design for a Christian is NOT to live like a sinner, though!**

While we are studying “*Is a Christian Still a Sinner*,” keep in mind it is **not** my intent to give us another reason to ‘*do what we want’* or to ‘*live like we want*.’ I am merely showing from Scriptures how ‘*being a Christian’* is more than just ‘*doing right’* thinking that when we mess up, we need to confess our sins or God will take away our salvation because of our lack of forgiveness; in other words, living under the threat of the severity of God!

The living of a true and quickened Christian today is all about learning, accepting and realizing we are ‘being right’ in our workmanship, created in Christ Jesus (**Ephesians 2:10**), etc. and that we are truly approved unto God! (**II Timothy 2:15**)

While the severity of God is the talk of 99.9% of the preachers today, they are 100% wrong. That is how God worked in the past and will work in the future but is NOT for us today.

In my study of “*Am I Still a Sinner*,” I am merely showing the goodness of God and how we can just ‘*get up’* after we fall, trip or even make a bad choice as we make provisions for the flesh, etc. and keep going, hopefully even doing better the next time. I have always compared it to a baby learning to walk. When the baby first tries to walk, he falls – the ‘loving’ parent doesn’t spank or yell at the baby for falling; he just allows growing time and doesn’t hold it against the baby. In time, the baby becomes a toddler, etc. and eventually learns to run, jump, etc. Why? Mostly because that baby belongs to that parent and the parent understands!

Similarly, a Christian belongs to God now. But even more, Christ does something **to** us that ‘*makes’* us His and because of that, we do not need to fear God’s punishment now or later. In fact, we don’t even have to ask for forgiveness now. And double ‘in fact,’ God doesn’t even impute any of our ‘bad things’ to our account. How can that be? Hopefully, you will see how it all works when you complete my study.

But first, I hope you will take the time to see the ‘design’ of the Christian from **Ephesians 2:10**. We should do all we can to follow this design. It is not my intent nor is it for us to try to figure out how we can get by with doing the ‘wrong’ things (things that will burn in the judgment seat of Christ), as some may try to do after reading this study. People may even accuse you / me if we even try to explain all this to them.

 It is my intent to show, like Paul said in **Romans 12:1,2** - ***I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.***

In fact, after you ‘grasp’ this study and your understanding goes deeper and deeper, you will more than likely find yourself wanting to try even harder to ‘do the right thing’. ***And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;*** ***That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.*** **Philippians 1:10,11**

 – after all, it is about our **reasonable service**; we are not required, demanded or even expected to endure unto the end (**Mark 13:13**) – God will not ‘chasten’ us when we fall!

Here is a quick look at **Ephesians 2:10** to prove my point in the preface. ***For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.***

**This is our ‘calling’ as Christians!**

**For we…**

1. Gentiles – Heathen – Uncircumcised
2. **Galatians 3:8 - And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith…**

**…are his workmanship…**

1. We are made his righteousness
2. Behold all things ARE become new
3. We are a new creature (not a new creation)
4. We are quickened
5. We have had an operation made without hands
6. We are made free from the law of sin and death

**…created in Christ Jesus…**

1. not just created ‘by’ Christ Jesus – IN!
2. This is Paul’s mystery revealed – Christ in us
3. **Galatians 2:20 - *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.***
4. **Romans 8:2 - *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.***
5. **Eph 5:30 - *For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.***

**…unto good works…**

1. Good works as defined and described by PAUL, NOT the apostles in the gospels nor in Hebrews through Jude!
2. Paul is our ensample, not our example to try to imitate
3. It is called Paul’s “Manner of Life”

**…which God hath before ordained…**

1. **Ephesians 1:4 *- According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:***
2. **Ephesians 3:9 - *And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:***
3. **Galatians 3:8 - And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith…**

**…that we should walk in them.**

1. **I Thessalonians 1:9 - *For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;***
2. **I Thessalonians 4:1,2 - *Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus***

And yes, the more we live and try to follow Paul’s manner of life…

1. ***But thou hast fully known … what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.***
2. ***Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.***
3. ***But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;* 2Ti 3:10-14**

So, when we choose not to – or can’t walk in those good works during these days of ‘falling away’ – or slip up and make provision for our flesh…

**NOW you are ready for the complete study on**

**Paul’s Great Foundational Doctrine.**

**Romans 7:15-25**

PS - and while there are many more verses to support the above teaching, the ones listed will be sufficient for now. Feel free to find more – they are in there! Where? KJB and Paul’s books only! Anything else is false gospel if you try to apply them to yourself / others today!

 **Gal 1:8,9 - *But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.***