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Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
AM Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Study . . . 10:00 a.m.

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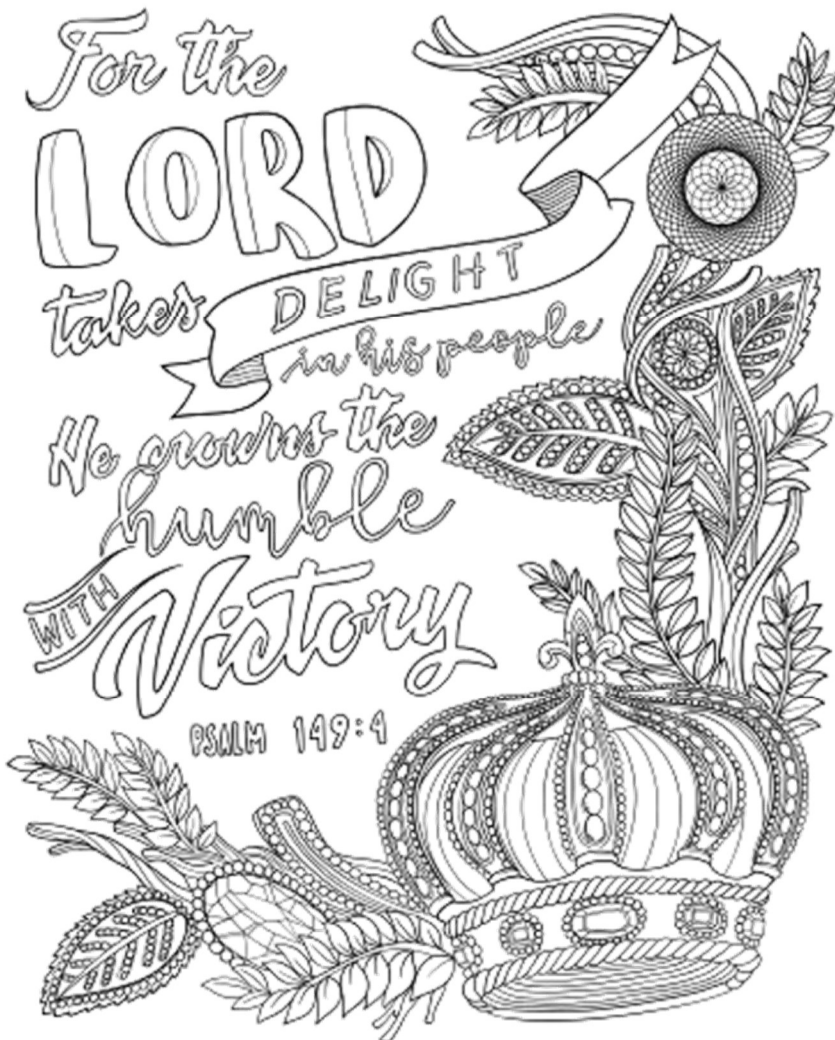
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Is a Christian a Sinner? Yes and No

The word “sinner” is most often used in the Bible to describe a person who is given to a life of sin and is unforgiven. For example, Peter contrasts the “righteous” with the “ungodly and the sinner” (I Peter 4.18). A sinner is someone who is lost in sin, not having been washed by the blood of Jesus. The apostle Paul wrote, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5.8). In this sense, a true follower of Jesus is not a sinner. We should not “continue in sin” (Romans 6.1). A Christian has “died to sin” and is no longer to live in it (Romans 6.2). Paul goes on to say that the body of sin is done away with; the Christian is no longer a slave of sin and is freed from sin (Romans 6.6-7). In being baptized for the remission of sins, the blood of Jesus makes a sinner a saint (I Corinthians 6.9-11). Can a Christian turn his back on the Lord and become a sinner again? Yes. Concerning just such individuals, James wrote, “Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts...” (James 4.8) and “let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins” (James 5.20). Stop being a sinner! In this sense, a Christian (a faithful follower of Jesus) is not a sinner.

Christians have sinned, do sin and will sin. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (I John 1.9). In this sense, a Christian is a sinner. Jesus captures the honesty and humility of this realization in the prayer of the tax collector, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!” (Luke 18.13). Years after his conversion to Christ, the apostle Paul wrote “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief” (I Timothy 1.15). Paul was not confessing that at the time, he was living in sin, a slave to sin, but was acknowledging his sinful past and his ongoing need to be washed by the blood of Jesus (I John 1.7). (continued page 2)



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Does the average person outside of the church make this distinction? Maybe not; and if not, the statement “We are all sinners” or the statement “I am not a sinner” could be easily misunderstood. The first could give the impression that there is no difference between sinner and saint while the latter could come across as boastful and self-righteous. “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1.8).
-Brent Smith

Sick

Gwen Robinson has colon cancer and will have surgery August 11.
Betsy Kalakau has cervical cancer and will have surgery August 12. She will undergo chemo and radiation treatments.
Aline Hardaway, mother of Gayle Smith, had surgery Sunday for a broken hip. She is in rehab for three weeks. 611 W. Market St. Athens, AL 35611
Laura Moran will have a stress test August 17.
Betty Whitman had double shoulder surgery Wednesday to remove bone spurs.
Kaysi Whitman Wallace, had back surgery and is now at home.
Kyler Hawkins, 12-week-old grandson of Ursula Rose, had a liver biopsy.
Killen Keenum, son of Betty Keenum, has Leukemia. He is in Children’s Hospital in Birmingham in ICU.
Dennis Raney, son of Trudie, is undergoing test for possible lung cancer.
Jordan Morgan, infant of Jason & Selena (friends to Johnny & Cynthia Williams) was born at 26 weeks. She weighed 1lb 4oz.
Extended Illness: **Nancy Trousdale**, **Cecil Haraway**, **Alvin & Jackie Poss**, **Todd Gordon**, **Dale Ray** (relative of Millie Goode), **Kathleen Phillips** (sister to Doris Jackson), **Charles Hardy**, **Donnie Smith** (nephew to Earl Smith), **Gatlan & Mollie Vinson** and baby Olivia, **Ellen Davis** (cousin to Donnie Lane), **Brian Davis** (friend to Alan Compton), **Jason Judd** (friend to Scott & Rachael Wright), **Brenda Hudson** (friend to Brandi Springer), **Haley Barclay**, **Mike McMahan**, **Carson Townsend** (student at Blue Springs)

Shut Ins

Larry Haraway (home), **Tyler Hooie** (home), **Martha Rose Ezell** (Cedar View), **Christine Blankenship** (home), **Ruth Comer** (home), **Vera Cox** (Cedar View), **Gearlean Hammond** (home), **Petty Ezell** (Grapevine Medical Lodge, 1005 Ira E Woods Ave., Grapevine, TX 76052), **Vella Green** (100 Prince Dr. Apt. A-3), **Willie Mae Eldridge** (Green Oaks Inn 140 Pepper Ln, Florence, AL 35633), **Alice Ezell** (Traditions 22171 Traditions Way, Rm 222, Athens, AL 35613)

Response

Stephen Embry responded to the Lord’s Invitation Sunday.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the families of Charles Wilson, Sr., and Kim Ingram.

Thank You

The work God has given us to do couldn’t be done without you!
Shoals Sav-A-Life / Baby Bottle Drive

M.A.G.I. Project

Please pick up a box this morning to fill with items on the list (in box) and return by September 27. Boxes are also available in the office during the week. We realize due to the virus shopping may be limited. If you would like to make a monetary donation for a box to be filled for you, please make a check payable to Rogersville Church of Christ for \$37 and give to one of the Elders or Donnie & Kim Lane. Checks may also be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 630, Rogersville, ATTN: M.A.G.I. Project

Services and Devotionals

Sunday Mornings at 8:00 a.m. Outside service at the building
We have our live stream set up for outside so that those that cannot be with us in person have the ability to still worship with everyone. If you would like to hear the service through your automobile radio the station is **87.9**.
Sunday Morning Service Zoom ID is 280 828 4955 (no passcode required)
Sundays at 5pm – Bible Study Facebook and YouTube
Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 Outside service at the building
We will stream on our website (<https://rogersvillecoc.org/sermon-archive/>); Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/RogersvillecoC/>).
Daily Devotional Series YouTube and Facebook
Tuesday Bible Class will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the annex with social distance guidelines. The Bible class will also continue to be on Zoom ID is 280 828 4955.

Area Events

Southside Church of Christ Friday, August 14 at 6:30pm Back to School Giveaway & Drive-in Family Movie Night. Free Food, Free Movie, and Free Backpack Giveaway. Singing by the Committed Acapella Chorus
Heritage Christian University August 10 Join Wayne Kilpatrick’s *Church History* or *Bible Archaeology and Geography* class starting August 10 at no charge. To audit one or both of these courses, visit <http://www.hcu.edu/enrollment/apply-now/> and select ‘Audit Student Application.’

Contribution

08/02 \$12,500.00
Budget \$10,630.00

Attendance

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Wednesday. 162