

Sin Series 04 - You Must Master It

Sin Desires to Have You → You Must Master It

Story of Cain & Abel → Genesis 4:7 **If you do what is right**, will you not be accepted? But **if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.**"

- **3 points** - doing right is a choice, sin desires to have you, you must master it

GOD'S HELP IN GAINING MASTERY OVER SIN

God's Grace

- Rom 6:14 NIV **For sin shall no longer be your master**, because you are not under the law, but under grace.
 - This is in the chapter about baptism (buried with Christ, walk in newness of life v4)
- Tit 2:11-12 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12 **It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions**, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

God's Escape

- 1Co 10:13 ESV No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

God's Spirit

- Gal 5:16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and **you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.**
 - It goes on to list → sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies
 - Spirit → love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

God's Word

- Psa 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure? **By guarding it according to your word.**
- Psa 119:11 - I have **hidden your word in my heart** that I might not sin against you.
- Psa 119:133 NIV - **Direct my footsteps according to your word**; let no sin rule over me.

WHAT IF IN OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST SIN, WE END UP SINNING?

1) Jesus our advocate (come alongside for support) and propitiation (turn away wrath)

- 1Jn 1:8-2:2 ESV If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and **his word is not in us.** 2:1 My little children, **I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the **propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

2) The help of a brother or sister

- Gal 6:1 Dear brothers and sisters, **if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.** And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.
- Jas 5:16 ESV Therefore, **confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.** The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.