

The Gift of Righteousness vs. the Curse of Sin

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Scripture References:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-19
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-19, *MSG*
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, *NLT*
- Romans 5:19
- Romans 5:18, 19, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 15:22, 45, 47
- Galatians 6:15
- Romans 5:12-21, *NLT*
- Romans 6:1, 2, 5-7, 15
- 1 Corinthians 1:30, 31, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 11:2-4, *NLT*
- 1 John 2:1, 2
- Proverbs 24:16
- Proverbs 24:16, *NLT*
- 2 Peter 1:4-9, *NLT*

Summary:

When we get born again, we receive a new nature and become as perfect and flawless in God's eyes as Jesus Himself. God sees everyone who has accepted Christ as completely righteous; however, we'll still continue falling short and committing sinful acts while on our Christian journey. The difference between the old and the new is that God no longer holds our sins against us because our old, sinful selves have died. Our righteousness is permanent, and we can never sin it away. Full confidence in what Christ did on the cross for us changes our thinking, corrects our behavior, and results in a decision to reject sin.

Notes:

1. Accepting Christ makes us new creations; we've been forgiven and are no longer sinners.
2. Before getting born again we were sinners because we had sinful natures; when we get born again and get in Christ, our old, sinful selves die.
3. We aren't what we do; there's a difference between sin and the sinner.
4. The devil tries to convince us that we lose our righteousness when we commit a sin; he tries to deceive us into thinking that what Jesus did for us on the cross wasn't enough.
5. Rising up again after we fall, knowing that we're still good with God after we fall, is part of our maturity as Christians.

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