

STRANGE BUT TRUE:

Sinner, but Saint

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Notes:

As Christians, we are saved saints! Yet, we still struggle with sin. This is an ongoing tension we have inside of ourselves until we die. Living in this tension requires God's forgiveness and grace!

"I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows Me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."

– John 8:12

"You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden."

– Matthew 5:14

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– 1 John 1:6-7

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– 1 John 1:8-9

My Next Step(s):

- I will evaluate the things in life that I regret—thoughts, words & actions.
- I will confess any sins/wrongs to God, to a pastor, or to another Christian.
- I will receive God's full and perfect forgiveness for my sins—for the sake of Christ.
- I will strive to make amends with those I've wronged.
- I will enjoy the freedom that new life in Christ offers me!

Memory Verse: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. – Psalm 32:5

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The Trinity

Hypostatic Union

Proleptic Eschatology



Simul Justus et Peccator



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JOHN 1:8

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in Him.

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Say, “I’m sorry.”

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CONFESSING SIN...

Talk to a friend.

Talk to your spouse.

Talk to a counselor, or pastor.

Talk to God.

³ When I kept silent, my bones became brittle from my groaning all day long. ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not conceal my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

PSALM 32:3, 5

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Make amends.

If we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another...

1 JOHN 1:7

²³ “So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.”

MATTHEW 5:23-24

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.”

MATTHEW 18:15

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Have a conversation

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Settle matters quickly

²⁵ “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.”

MATTHEW 5:25-26



Have a conversation
Settle matters quickly
Go the extra mile

“They must make full restitution for the wrong they have done, add a fifth of the value to it and give it all to the person they have wronged.”

NUMBERS 5:7

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Live it!

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

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God's forgiveness lets me
be better than I am!

... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

HEBREWS 12:1

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