

# Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

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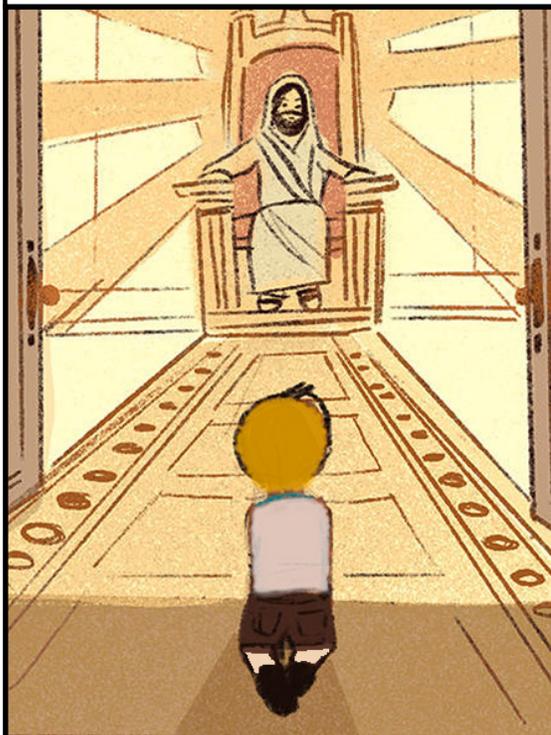


*Knowing by experience that we are imperfect, and that our acceptance in God's eyes is NOT based on how we perform, but on the fact that we are IN Christ, and that God accepts HIM perfectly—knowing these facts and counting them as true on a moment-by-moment basis is THE most important factor in living a life pleasing to God.*

From Hal Lindsey's "Satan is Alive and Well on Planet Earth"

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## How Satan uses guilt to trap you



Colossians 1:22 NLT

"Yet now He [God] has **reconciled** you to Himself through the death of Christ in His physical body. As a result, He has brought you into His own presence, and you are holy and **blameless** as you stand before Him without a single fault."

SEVERAL WORDS IN GREEK FOR RECONCILIATION

"**diallasso**" – 2 people at odds, need to be reconciled

from Matthew 5:23-24 NLT

"...if you suddenly **remember** that someone has something against you, **leave** your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. **Then** come and offer your sacrifice to God."

"**apokatallasso**" – 1 person has enmity in his heart, and needs to have barriers separating fellowship removed, but the other party has NO enmity

from 2 Corinthians 5:19, 21 VOICE

"...God was in [Christ], making things **right** between Himself and the world. This means He does NOT hold their sins against them....He actually orchestrated this: the Chosen One, who had never experienced sin, became sin for us so that **IN HIM** we might embody the very righteousness of God."

THE SIN SYNDROME

"We knowingly **sin**, we develop **guilt**, guilt leads to **estrangement**."

2 strategies to cope:

A person senses they've offended God, so try to **JUSTIFY THEMSELVES** OR person **CONDEMNES THEMSELVES** because God couldn't forgive.

3 TYPES OF GUILT IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER IN CHRIST

– Legal Guilt –

1 John 1:8 AMP

"If we say we have no sin [refusing to admit that we are sinners], we **delude** ourselves and the truth is not in us. [His Word does not live in our hearts.]"

– The Unresolved Emotion of Guilt –

Romans 8:7 NCV

"When people's **thinking** is controlled by the sinful self, they are against God, because they refuse to obey God's law and really are not even able to obey God's law."

– Sorrowful Guilt that Leads to Repentance –

2 Corinthians 7:8-9a NLT

"I am not sorry that I sent that severe letter to you, though I was sorry at first, for I know it was **painful** to you for a little while. Now I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you, but because the pain **caused** you to repent and change your ways. It was the kind of sorrow God wants his people to have...."

1 John 1:9 NASB [with a literal translation of the Greek **tenses**]

"If we keep on confessing our sins, He is faithful and righteous, to **have forgiven** us our sins and to **have cleansed** us from all unrighteousness."