

Breaking your Covenant?

Question of the week: "Have you honestly repented if you commit the same sin again? Thus, have you broken the covenant before your contract is fulfilled?"

To be clear, I'm confident the above question is talking about the covenant we make the day that we are baptized. I'm also going to assume that the time "your contract is fulfilled" refers to the day of our death when our work is completed.

There are many verses in the in the Old Testament that refers to breaking a covenant. So, when these scriptures refer to God, a person or the nation of Israel breaking a covenant, it normally means to annul, destroy, make void so that it does not exist anymore. However, I don't find any such statements about breaking our covenant to annul our baptism covenant. Therefore, we must speculate on what constitutes breaking our covenant with God. What I think we're really talking about is making a baptism null and void. So, in the above scenario, you would be forgiven for the first office but, if you do it again, I can see no opportunity for further forgiveness! According to this reasoning, you aren't "honestly" repenting for the second offence because you did it again. So how can you repent for something you're not sorry for! There is an unforgivable sin, but it is not just committing the same sin again.

If you have other scriptures or differing conclusions be sure to join us on SKYPE!

SIN

Strong's G264 - hamartanō

to wander from the law of God, violate God's law, sin (**omission and commission-DLT**)

Degrees of Sin and Living in Sin

[Alma 19:5-8](#) And this is not all, my son. Thou didst do that which was grievous unto me; for thou didst forsake the ministry, and did go over into the land of Siron, among the borders of the Lamanites, after the **harlot Isabel**; yea, she did steal away the hearts of many; but this was no excuse for thee, my son. Thou shouldst have tended to the ministry, wherewith thou wast entrusted. Know ye not, my son, that these **things are an abomination in the sight of the Lord**; yea, **most abominable above all sins, save it be the shedding of innocent blood, or denying the Holy Ghost?** For behold, if ye deny the Holy Ghost when it once hath had place in you, and ye know that ye deny it; behold, this is a **sin which is unpardonable**;

Is there a Covenant breaker in Alma 19:5-8?



[1 Corinthians 6:9](#) Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

[Romans 6:16](#) Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, **his servants ye are to whom ye obey**; whether of **sin unto death**, or of obedience unto righteousness?

[Alma 8:91-92](#) And I say unto you again, that he can not save them in their sins; for I can not deny his word, and he hath said that **no unclean thing can inherit the kingdom of heaven**; Therefore how can ye be saved, except ye inherit the kingdom of heaven? Therefore ye **can not be saved in your sins**.

Perhaps a couple of verses to support second or NO Sin is Acceptable?

[Titus 3:10-11](#) A man that is **an heretick after the first and second admonition reject**; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

[Benson Commentary](#) To disown a wicked man as a Christian brother, and to avoid all familiar society with him, and to cast him out of the church by a public sentence of excommunication, is what the church and every society hath a right to do, agreeably to our Lord's rule, ([Matthew 18:15](#); [Matthew 18:17](#),) and is all that should be done in such a case."

[1 John 3:4-10](#) Whosoever **committeth sin** transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to **take away our sins**; and **in him is no sin**. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: **whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him**. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that **doeth righteousness is righteous**, even as he is righteous. He that **committeth sin is of the devil**; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the **works of the devil**. Whosoever is born of God **doth not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: **and he cannot sin**, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever **doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother**.

[1 John 1 : 5-10](#) This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is **no darkness at all**. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and **walk in darkness**, we lie, and do not the truth:⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his **Son cleanseth us from all sin**. **If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us**. **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**. **If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us**.

At first glance, these two scriptures in John seem to be at odds with themselves. But a closer examination of chapter 3 reveals that John is warning about habitual, gross sin, iniquity.

[Barnes' Notes on the Bible](#) those who are true Christians do not habitually sin, ...

He that committeth sin - Habitually, willfully, characteristically.

(2) all who habitually and characteristically sin are of the devil." This latter was evidently the principal idea in the mind of the apostle

[Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges](#) And, as before, the present participle indicates the habitual doer of sin.

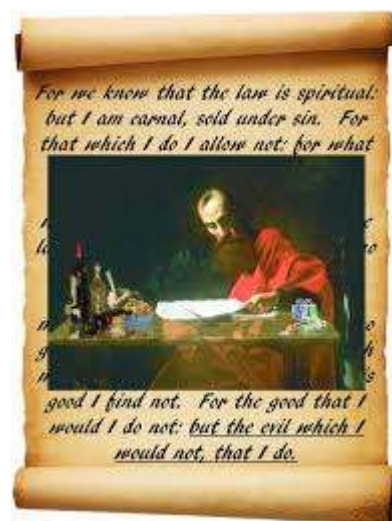
[Matthew Poole's Commentary](#) is an habitual or customary sinner; one that sinneth with deliberation, not by surprise, from a prevailing habit, that either continueth him in a course of actual known sin, or that withholds him from repenting sincerely,

[Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible](#) but he who makes sin his constant business, and the employment of his life, whose life is a continued series of sinning, he is of the devil

Does God expect us to have SINLESS Lives after our baptism?

[Mosiah 2: 48](#) And finally, I can not tell you all the things whereby ye may **commit sin: for there are divers ways and means, even so many, that I can not number them.** But this much I can tell you, that **if ye do not watch yourselves,** and your thoughts, and your words, and your deeds, and observe to keep the commandments of God, and continue in the faith of what ye have heard concerning the coming of our Lord, even unto the end of your lives, ye must perish.

[Romans 7 :14-25](#) For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, **that I do.** Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. **There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, **if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

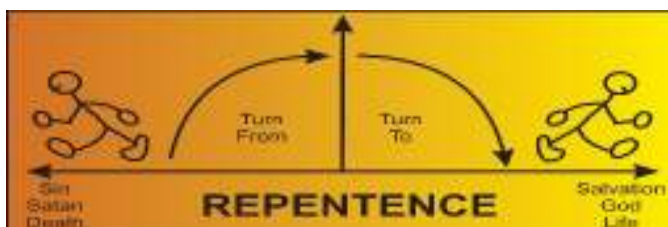


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[Romans 7 :14-8:3, 9](#) We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do--**this I keep on doing**. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,....9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

Repentance: What is Required?

[Luke 17 : 4](#) And if he trespass against thee **seven times in a day**, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.



[Matthew 18 : 22](#) Then came Peter to

him, and said, Lord, **how oft shall my brother sin against me**, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: **but, until seventy times seven**. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they

were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my **heavenly Father do also unto you**, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

[Moroni 6: 8](#) And if they repented not, and confessed not, their names were blotted out, and they were not numbered among the people of Christ; but as **oft as they repented**, and **sought forgiveness**, with **real intent**, **they were forgiven**.

[Mosiah 13: 25](#) And were it not for the interposition of their all-wise Creator, and this because of their **sincere repentance**, they must unavoidably have remained in bondage until now.

If a person commits the same sin, can we say with certainty that they are not sincere in their repentances? What is the meaning of “oft as they repented” in Moroni 6:8

[III Nephi 8 :61-65](#) Therefore if ye know that a man is unworthy to eat and drink of my flesh and blood, ye shall forbid him; nevertheless ye shall not cast him out from among you, but ye shall minister unto him, and shall pray for him unto the Father, in my name, And **if it so be that he repenteth**, and is baptized in my name, **then shall ye receive him**, and shall minister unto him of my flesh and blood; **But if he repenteth not**, he shall not be numbered among my people, that he may not destroy my people, for behold I know my sheep, and they are numbered; Nevertheless ye shall not cast him out of your synagogues, or your places of worship, for unto such shall ye continue to minister; For ye know not but what they will **return and repent**, and come unto me with full purpose of heart, and I shall heal them, and ye shall be the means of bringing salvation unto them.

[Mosiah 11 :136-141](#) Therefore I say unto you, that he that will not hear my voice, the same shall ye not receive into my church, for him I will not receive at the last day: Therefore I say unto you, Go; and whosoever transgresseth against me, him shall ye judge according to the sins which he hath committed; And if he confess his sins before thee and me, and **repenteth in the sincerity of his heart, him shall ye forgive, and I will forgive him also; 139** Yea, and **as often as my people repent, will I forgive them their trespasses against me.** **140** And ye shall also forgive one another your trespasses: for verily I say unto you, He that forgiveth not his neighbor's trespasses, when he saith that he repenteth, the same hath brought himself under condemnation. **141** Now I say unto you, Go; and whosoever will not repent of his sins, the same shall not be numbered among my people: and this shall be observed from this time forward.

In Verse Mosiah 11:139 what is meant by “as often as my people repent”