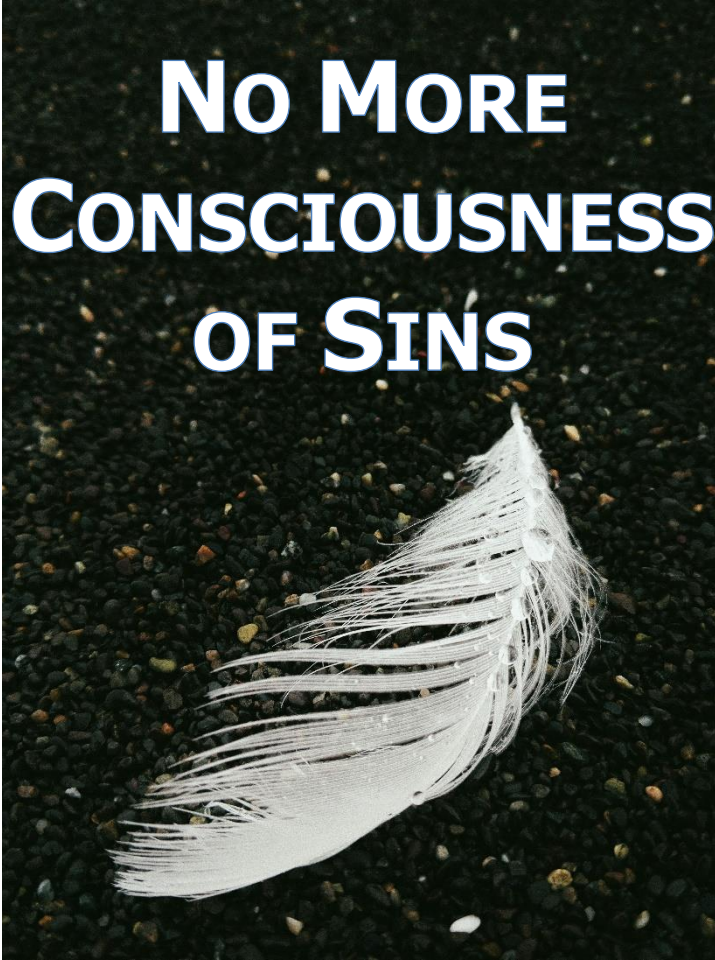


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God created a perfect world and two perfect people. They were totally innocent. There was no sin so they had no knowledge of it. They never thought about it – they had no consciousness of it. Then they gave in to Satan’s temptation and sinned and suddenly their whole thought processes changed. They were ashamed and fearful and hid from God. Even though there is still sin in the world and we still sin, God doesn't want us living our lives thinking about sin. That doesn't mean not recognising when we do sin, but knowing what to do and then continuing to live without thinking about it anymore. He wants us to live as Adam and Eve originally did with ‘no more consciousness of sin’.

This is a phrase which is found in Hebrews 10:1-2 – *‘For the law, having a shadow of the good to come, not the very image of the things, can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw near. <sup>2</sup>Or else wouldn’t they have ceased to be offered, because the worshippers, having been once cleansed, would have had **no more consciousness of sins?**’* Let’s explore what it means.

## *The Law Was a Shadow of the Good to Come*

Hebrews 10:1 – *‘For the law, having a shadow of the good to come, not the very image of the things ...’*

God never intended the law to be an end in itself. It was a foreshadow of what was to come in Jesus. The law demanded people to be perfect or suffer the consequences. It said that when you sinned you had to bring a lamb or a goat for the priest to sacrifice or two birds if you couldn’t afford these.

There was no requirement in the law for the person who brought a lamb for sacrifice to say what they'd done wrong or for the priest to interrogate them. But there was a requirement for the lamb to be perfect. So the priest didn't examine the person who had sinned, he examined the lamb.

This was a picture of what Jesus would be and would do. He was the perfect lamb and He sacrificed Himself, not for His own sin, because He had no sin, but for our sins.

### ***The Sacrifices Could Never Make People Perfect***

Hebrews 10:1 – *'... can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually make perfect those who draw near.'*

The sacrifices of the law had to be repeated over and over because they could only cover individual sins until the next time. They couldn't deal with the actual issue of sin. And therefore they could never make anyone perfect. The next time someone sinned, they would have to make yet another sacrifice.

### ***If They Could They Would Have Been Stopped***

Hebrews 10:2 – *'Or else wouldn't they have ceased to be offered because the worshippers, having been once cleansed, would have had no more consciousness of sins?'*

If the sacrifices could have made people perfect they would have been stopped because they would no longer be needed. And this verse says the result would have been that the people would have had 'no more consciousness of sins.' They would no longer be focused on their sins because the whole issue of sin would have been finally dealt with.

## *The Perfect Sacrifice*

Jesus was the only person who fulfilled the law and so only He could make a final sacrifice which would deal with sin at its root completely and forever. When He offered Himself as our sacrifice, God inspected Him, just as the priests had inspected the lambs, and He found Jesus to be perfect.

*Hebrews 9:25-26* says – ‘*nor yet that he (Jesus) should offer himself often, as the high priest enters into the holy place year by year with blood not his own,* <sup>26</sup>*or else he must have suffered often since the foundation of the world. But now once at the end of the ages, he has been revealed to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.*’ Jesus doesn’t have to die again each time someone sins – His sacrifice was once for all. He died once for all people and once for all sins and once for all time. It was the perfect sacrifice, winning the perfect victory over sin and ushering in perfect freedom for us to live in, if we will take hold of it and be born-again. (To read about being born-again go to the end of the booklet.) This is why we can live with no more consciousness of sins. Because Jesus has suffered the punishment for them all and finally dealt with the root of sin, we don’t have to think about sin and sinning anymore. We can forget past sins, trust the Holy Spirit to show us any present sins and not worry about future sins. That’s living with no more consciousness of sins.

## *A Brand-New Perfect Spirit*

The Old Testament sacrifices couldn't change anyone at their core – in their spirit. They could only cover sin until the next time. But because of Jesus’ once for all sacrifice, God can now give us a brand-new perfect spirit if we will receive it. When we’re born-again, God takes away our old spirit, which was the sinful nature

we were born with, and gives us a new perfect spirit which is just like Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says – *‘Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.’*

We no longer have a spirit that draws us to sin. Now we have a new spirit that draws us to Jesus and the freedom He has won for us. Our job is to train our minds to increasingly think along the same lines, so our thoughts follow our new spirit rather than the way our old spirit used to think. Romans 12:2 tells us to – *‘Don’t be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.’* We do it by believing what the Bible says instead of what the world says. It’s a process which we have to choose to do, but the more we renew our minds to God’s truth, the more we will live with no more consciousness of sins.

## *Our Sins Are No Longer an Issue with God*

Jesus dealt with our sins once and for all. If we put our trust in the victory Jesus has won for us over sin, then our sins are no longer an issue with God. Jesus says in John 16:8-9 that when the Holy Spirit has come – *“he will convict the world about sin ...<sup>9</sup>about sin, because they don’t believe in me.”* The Holy Spirit has now come and He only convicts us of one sin – that of not believing in Jesus and all He has done and won for us. If we reject that, then we reject the solution for our sins. We deny that they’ve been dealt with once and for all.

When we sin, the Holy Spirit doesn't make us feel condemned or guilty. He says something like, “Remember Jesus and the victory He has won for you. Keep your focus on Him and then you won’t sin.” It’s a positive conviction, not a negative one. He reminds us what God’s Word says such as in Psalms 103:12 – *‘As far as the*

*east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.’ And in Hebrews 8:12 – “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness. I will remember their sins and lawless deeds no more.” God has removed our sins an infinite distance away from us and He chooses not to remember them anymore.*

Romans 6:10-11 says – ‘For the death that he died, he died to sin one time; but the life that he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>Thus consider yourselves also to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.’ God doesn’t remember our sins and we are told to consider ourselves dead to sin too. Jesus defeated sin for us, so it can no longer control us unless we let it. Now, as born-again people, we are able to say “No” to sin. If we worry about it, we are not recognising what Jesus did. But if we stand on the truth that we have the victory over sin and stop focusing on it, we are honouring what Jesus did for us.

## *Is It Ok to Live in Sin Then?*

When we realise the truth of this, it’s logical to ask the question Paul asks in Romans 6:15 – ‘What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!’ If our sins aren’t an issue with God, why not just live in sin? Paul answers emphatically, ‘May it never be!’ Other translations say ‘Certainly not!’ or ‘God forbid.’ or ‘By no means!’ or ‘Absolutely not!’

There are at least three reasons why it isn’t a good idea to sin. Firstly, when we sin, even if we do it intentionally, it doesn’t alter God’s love for us or affect our relationship with Him from His side one bit, but it does affect how we see it. It’s harder to live in total awareness of His love for us when we are doing wrong.

Secondly, when we sin we hurt ourselves and often other people too. And thirdly, we can open a door to the devil to cause

problems in our lives. Paul goes on to say in Romans 6:16 – *‘Don’t you know that when you present yourselves as servants and obey someone, you are the servants of whomever you obey, whether of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness?’* So don't let's abuse the freedom from sin that Jesus won for us in unimaginable agony by us giving in to sin, but let's choose to use it to live for God and love others instead. Galatians 5:13 tells us – *‘don’t use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants to one another.’*

## ***So What About When We Do Sin?***

We all still think, say and do wrong things. Although we have a perfect new spirit, we still sometimes act out of the memory of our old sin nature. So what do we do when we sin? You don't need to ask God to forgive you – He's already done that 2000 years ago. Instead, acknowledge to God that you did wrong and then thank Him for forgiving you and receive the forgiveness which is already yours. There may be things that you need to put right with other people but do it in full assurance that you are forgiven and that God will not remember it anymore. Determine afresh to consider yourself dead to sin.

Your brand-new perfect spirit is just like Jesus – it cannot sin. Thank God and live your life in the knowledge of that, renewing your mind and considering yourself dead to sin. That's freedom.

## ***We Can Come to God with Boldness***

When we know that Jesus has dealt with the whole issue of sin once and for all and that all our sins, past, present and future, are truly forgiven, we can live with no more consciousness of sins. This makes a big difference in how we approach God.

Think about the relationship between a human parent and their child. What would you think of that relationship if the child felt they had to start every conversation by saying that they know they were naughty and were sorry and had to beg for anything they needed. We'd think there was something wrong with the way the parent was relating to their child. Well, God is our perfect Father and that's not how He wants us to be with Him. He wants us to be free from guilt and shame and confident of His love for us. A much healthier picture of a parent and child is the child joyfully running into their parent's arms regardless of the fact that they're not perfect. Even when we've messed up or need help, we can come to God boldly because that's what Jesus has won for us. Hebrews 4:16 says – *'Let's therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace for help in time of need.'* He wants to joyfully gather us in His arms and reassure us of His loving forgiveness.

Romans 8:1 says – *'There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.'* That's you and me. God is not condemning us, but we can condemn ourselves. 1 John 3:20-21 says – *'if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have boldness towards God.'* When our sins make us have doubts about our standing with God, He doesn't doubt. He knows Jesus has dealt with all sin and calls us to come boldly to Him in the joy of knowing we are His beloved child.

## ***No More Consciousness of Sins***

God doesn't want us worrying about past sin or bowed down by present sin or anxious about whether we'll sin in the future. And He has made it possible through Jesus. He wants us focused on Him and His love for us through Jesus. He won freedom from sin

for us and He wants us to walk in it, enjoying our love relationship with Him, not weighed down by the guilt and shame of sins. Galatians 5:1 says – *‘Stand firm therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and don’t be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.’*

Refuse to think it’s impossible to live this way – instead, choose to agree with God that it is possible. Decide that you’re going to turn your mind away from sin, past, present and future and focus on the freedom Jesus has won for you instead, knowing that you can trust the Holy Spirit to tell you when you go wrong. So determine from today to consider yourself dead to sin and to live with no more consciousness of it. That’s freedom. Hallelujah!

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## *Being Born-Again*

When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour you become born-again. God becomes your Father and you His child, and you can start to enjoy your personal relationship with Him.

Romans 10:9 says – *‘If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.’* Say this prayer out loud and believe it in your heart – “Jesus, I declare that You are Lord and that God raised You from the dead to live forevermore. Thank You for dying for me personally. I receive my forgiveness and my salvation now. Thank You Jesus, my Lord and Saviour.”

You are now born-again and Jesus has come to live in you. All your sins are forgiven, past, present and future, and you have a new perfect spirit. And after this life is over, you’ll live in love, peace and joy with your Father God for ever.

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trusting the Holy Spirit to show you any present sin  
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That's part of the wonderful freedom  
Jesus has won for you  
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