

The Message • Pastor Ron Smith

*Is Anyone Sinless?*



**The Truth**

Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites (2 Samuel 12:9).



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# This Brings Up Four Questions

1. Is anyone sinless?
2. Is victory over sin possible?
3. What happens when the righteous sin?
4. How can anyone be called righteous?



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# 1. Is Anyone Sinless?

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us  
(1 John 1:8).

Is this an excuse?



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## 2. Is Victory Over Sin Possible?

No temptation has seized you except that which is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it (1 Corinthians 10:13).



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# Overcoming Must Be Possible

1 John 5:4 . . . for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.



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### 3. What Happens When the Righteous Sin?

Proverbs 24:16 . . . for though a **righteous** man **falls** seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity.



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# 4. How Can Anyone Be Called Righteous (be justified)?



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1. By confessing our sin instead of denying it.

“Against you, you only, I have sinned and done this evil in Your sight that You may be found just when You speak and blameless when you judge.”



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## 2. By offering an acceptable sacrifice to God.

*Psalm 51:16* You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. <sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart – these O God you will not despise. <sup>18</sup>Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup>Then you shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness; with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then they shall offer bulls on Your altar. [This is the result of a contrite heart.]



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### 3. By the blood sacrifice of Christ.

*1 John 2:1* My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.



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