

Does God Still Love Me When I Keep Sinning?

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Scripture Reference:

Romans 8:1 (NKJV) "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus..."

The Foundational Answer:

Yes, God still loves His children when they sin: His love is grounded in His character and Christ's finished work, not in flawless performance. Nothing can separate those in Christ from God's love (Romans 8:31-39).

Sin does not cancel adoption: A loving Father corrects His children, but His correction is evidence of relationship, not rejection (Hebrews 12:5-11).

Grace is never permission to remain in sin: The Gospel frees us from sin's condemnation and teaches us to reject ungodliness and pursue holiness (Romans 6:1-2; Titus 2:11-14).

What Happens When a Believer Sins?

The Spirit convicts: Conviction exposes a particular sin and draws us back to God. Condemnation says we are hopeless and should hide (John 16:8; Romans 8:1).

God invites confession: When we agree with God about our sin, He promises forgiveness and cleansing (1 John 1:9).

Consequences may remain: Forgiveness restores fellowship with God, but it may not remove earthly consequences or eliminate the need to make amends (2 Samuel 12:13-14).

Repeated sin calls for a serious response: Confess honestly, remove access to temptation, seek accountability, and continue pursuing obedience (1 John 2:1; James 5:16).

<u>1. CONFESS</u> Come into the light 1 John 1:9	<u>2. RECEIVE</u> Accept forgiveness and cleansing Hebrews 4:16	<u>3. TURN AND RISE</u> Return to faithful obedience Proverbs 24:16
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Regret or Repentance?

Regret - Judas	Repentance - Peter
Felt remorse and admitted his guilt, but his sorrow carried him away from Christ and ended in despair. (Matthew 27:3-5)	Wept over his denial, returned to Christ, and was restored to faithful service. (Luke 22:61-62; John 21:15-17)

The direction of sorrow reveals the difference: Godly sorrow brings us back to God; worldly sorrow drives us toward despair (2 Corinthians 7:10).

Grace Does Not Mean...

Grace does not mean sin is unimportant: The cross reveals sin's seriousness and God's love. Christ died to forgive us and free us from sin's rule.

Grace does not mean repeated sin is accepted passively: Identify patterns, remove access to temptation, seek accountability, and pursue reconciliation.

Reference	Connection
Psalms 103:8-14	God is merciful, remembers our frailty, and removes confessed sin far from us.
Psalms 51:10-17	God does not despise a broken and contrite heart, even after grievous sin.
Romans 5:8; 8:31-39	God loved us while we were sinners; nothing can separate His children from His love in Christ.
1 John 1:8-2:2	Believers confess real sin and have Jesus Christ as their Advocate.

THE ENDURING LESSON: Your sin is not stronger than Christ's grace. God's love is not permission to continue in sin, but your struggle is not proof that He has abandoned you. Confess honestly, receive Christ's forgiveness, make practical changes, and rise again. His grace does not merely forgive you, it teaches you how to live differently.