

Standard Gospel Questions
Lesson 8 – Outline
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1. Once people understand that their performance—either good or bad—doesn't affect their born-again spirits or their relationship with God, serious questions usually arise.

2. People ask, "Since God will love me and I won't lose my right standing with Him no matter what, can I just go live in sin?"

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid” (Rom. 6:1-2).

A. Unless this question comes up, you aren't preaching the same Gospel as the Apostle Paul.

B. Typical teaching today produces a works-righteousness (self-righteousness based on your actions) in most believers because it ties God's love and acceptance to your performance.

C. Righteousness is not based on your actions.

3. "Are you saying it doesn't matter how I live?"

A. If you are truly born again, God has changed your nature.

“How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?” (Rom. 6:2-3).

B. If you're truly born again, you have a desire to live for God.

“And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure” (1 John 3:3).

C. Sin gives Satan access to your body and soul.

“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?” (Rom. 6:16).

D. It’s to your advantage to live holy, because your actions and attitude determine how you get along with other people.

4. Knowing that I can relate to God based on the perfection, holiness, and righteousness in my spirit has set me free *from* sin—not *to* sin.

A. This makes my relationship with Him stable and secure.

B. I’ve lived a holier life accidentally than most people ever have on purpose.

C. I live holy because I want to, not because I have to.

5. God would still love me if I lived in sin (because my spirit is changed), but I wouldn’t love me and other people wouldn’t love me either.

A. Living holy doesn’t make God love you more, but it does increase your love for Him.

B. A lack of holiness won’t cause God to love you less, but it will definitely decrease your love for Him.

C. Although God’s love for you doesn’t change, your performance directly affects your love for Him.

6. Sin is never a wise choice, but it’s also never an issue between you and God.

A. He dealt with your sin—past, present, and future—when you were born again.

B. You can still come boldly into the very presence of your Father and receive from Him because your spirit didn’t lose any of its right standing with Him.

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).

C. Your heavenly Father has invited you to draw near to His throne at any time by faith in Him.

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Lesson 8 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Romans 6:1, what question did the Apostle Paul normally have to address while preaching the Gospel?
2. How does Romans 6:15 phrase this same question?
3. The answer, of course, is _____.
4. According to Romans 3:8, what did Paul's slanderers report that he said?
5. Read Galatians 2:17. What question is Paul addressing?
6. The answer, of course, is _____.
7. Can you see how both the question in Galatians 2:17 and the slanderous statement in Romans 3:8 are really just different expressions of the same basic questions Paul addressed in Romans 6:1-2 and 6:15?
8. According to Romans 6:2-3, why should a Christian live holy?
 - A. We are dead to sin.
 - B. We were baptized (placed) into Christ.
 - C. We have a new nature.
 - D. All of the above.
 - E. None of the above.
9. First John 3:3 says that every believer desires to do what?
10. According to Romans 6:16, why else should a Christian live holy?
 - A. Sin gives Satan access to our bodies and souls.
 - B. Sin negatively affects our relationships with other people.
 - C. Living holy prevents our enemy from having opportunities to come against us.
 - D. All of the above.

E. None of the above.

11. According to Hebrews 4:16, God has what kind of throne?
12. How, then, should we come before this throne?
13. What can we expect to receive from Him?
14. Discussion question: Take a moment and imagine yourself boldly approaching this throne of grace. Picture God—your heavenly Father—warmly and affectionately receiving you. See yourself receiving His mercy and His grace to help in your time of need. Is this easy or hard for you to see? Explain.
15. Discussion question: What does this tell you about how you currently view your relationship with God?