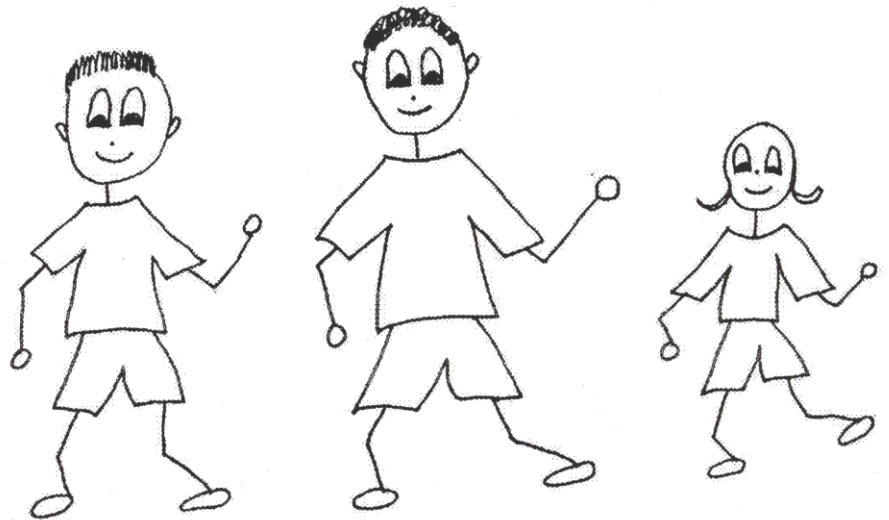


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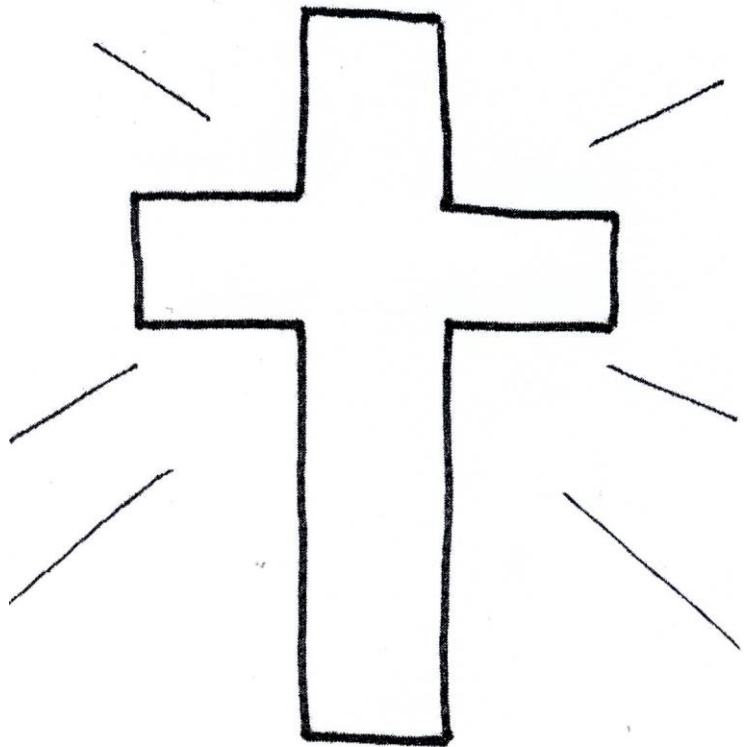
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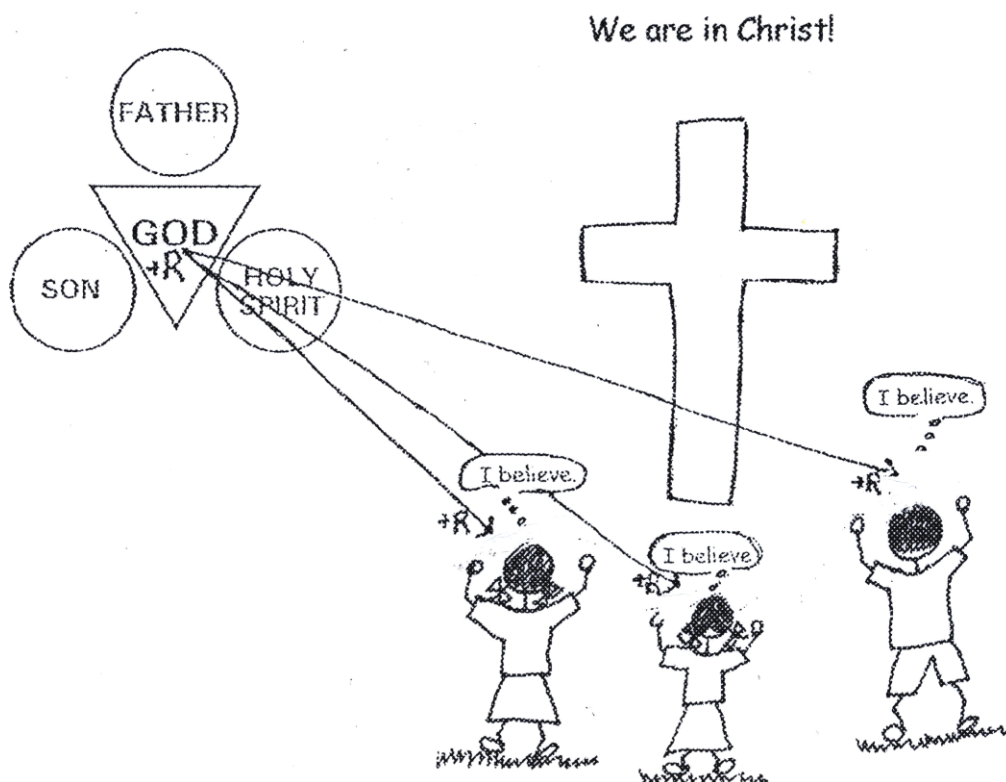
God knew billions and billions of years ago that Adam and Eve, through their own volition or choice, would sin. This sin resulted in spiritual death. This means that their spiritual life with God was cut off! They gained a sin nature. This means they would continue to sin. They did not have a friendly relationship with God! The spiritual death and the sin nature are passed down through Adam to all men at birth.

However, even before God created man, He graced us out! He had a way to give us back our friendly relationship with Him. God had a plan for our salvation. He would send His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross, be buried and rise from the dead!

For by grace you have been saved through faith [believing in Jesus Christ]; and that not of yourselves, it [salvation] is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9



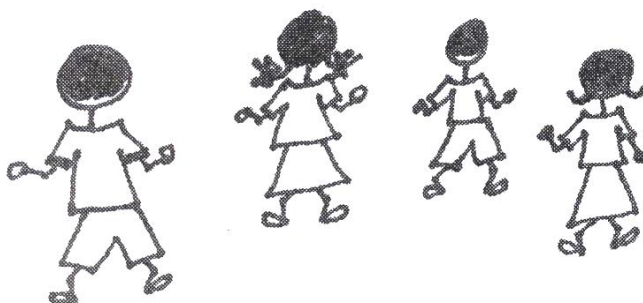
Jesus Christ came and paid the penalty for all of our sins. He was judged in our place. Man just has to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation! This is the solution for sin! To get us pointed in the right direction, God put the need to know Him in our souls! Only God can fulfill that need! We have no righteousness or goodness of our own. When we do believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, God credits us with **His** righteousness, +R. Super! Supernatural!!



Romans 4:5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.

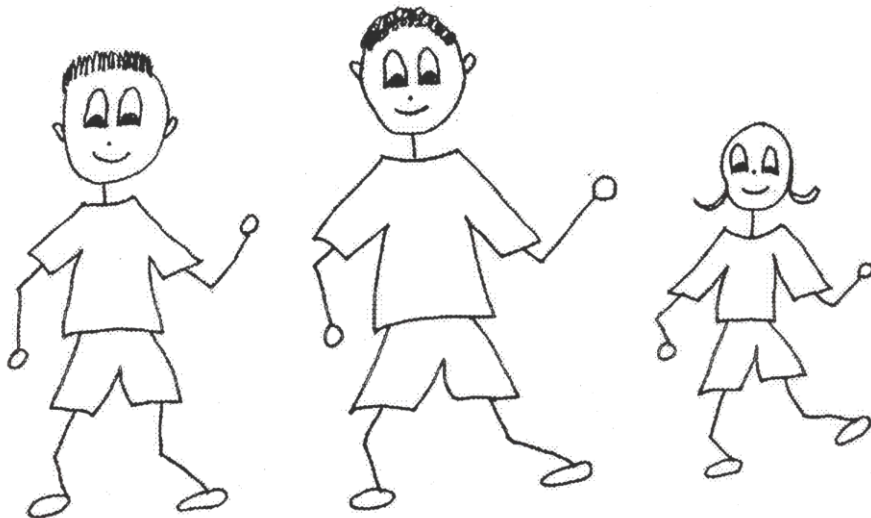
When we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, we have eternal security. We have a friendly relationship with God and we are in God's family! This all happens through the power of the Holy Spirit! And, we have God the Holy Spirit living inside of us or indwelling us. He made a home or a dwelling place for Himself right in us! He will never stop living inside of us or indwelling us. He has made us a temple for Himself and He is fighting off our spiritual enemies and giving us His spiritual power. He is always with us! He will never leave us! We never lose our salvation!

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?



At the moment of salvation, we also have the filling of the Holy Spirit. To be filled with the Holy Spirit means the Holy Spirit is influencing our lives with His power and the Word of God! Our thinking goes along with God's thinking. We are choosing to have God's thoughts and purpose for our life. We learn God's thoughts and purpose for our life by the power of the Holy Spirit through the study of God's Word.

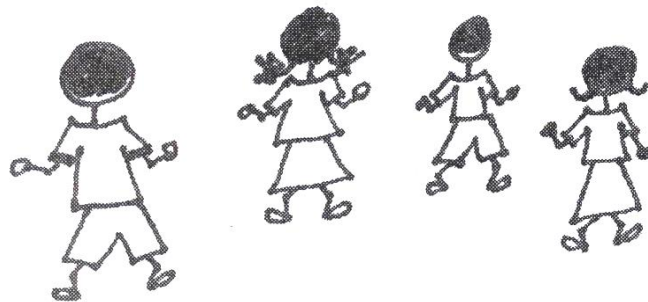
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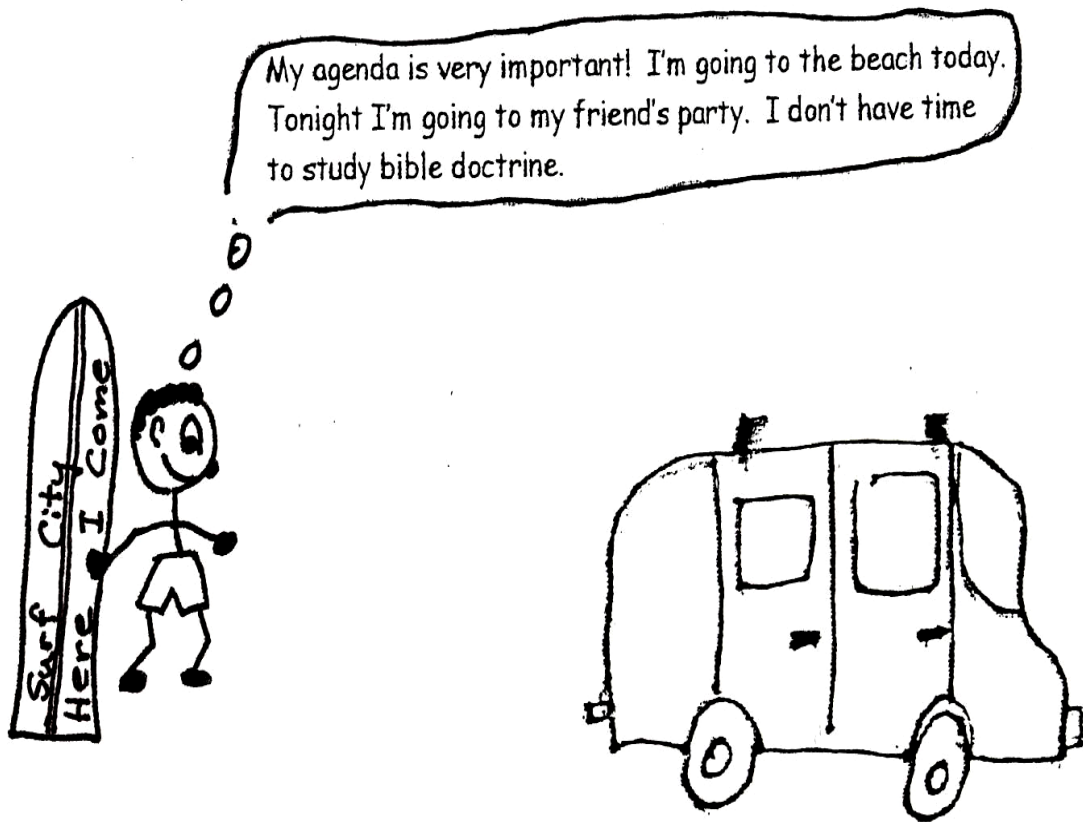
Because of our sin nature or our flesh, we still do commit sins after salvation. We don't let the Holy Spirit influence us and we don't use His power. This is not good! It's like we cut off learning from Him and being influenced by Him. We cut off His thinking and use the thinking of the world! This is not good thinking! The Holy Spirit never turns His back on us; we turn our back on Him when we sin.

Ephesians 4:30 "Do not grieve [cause pain or grief to] the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

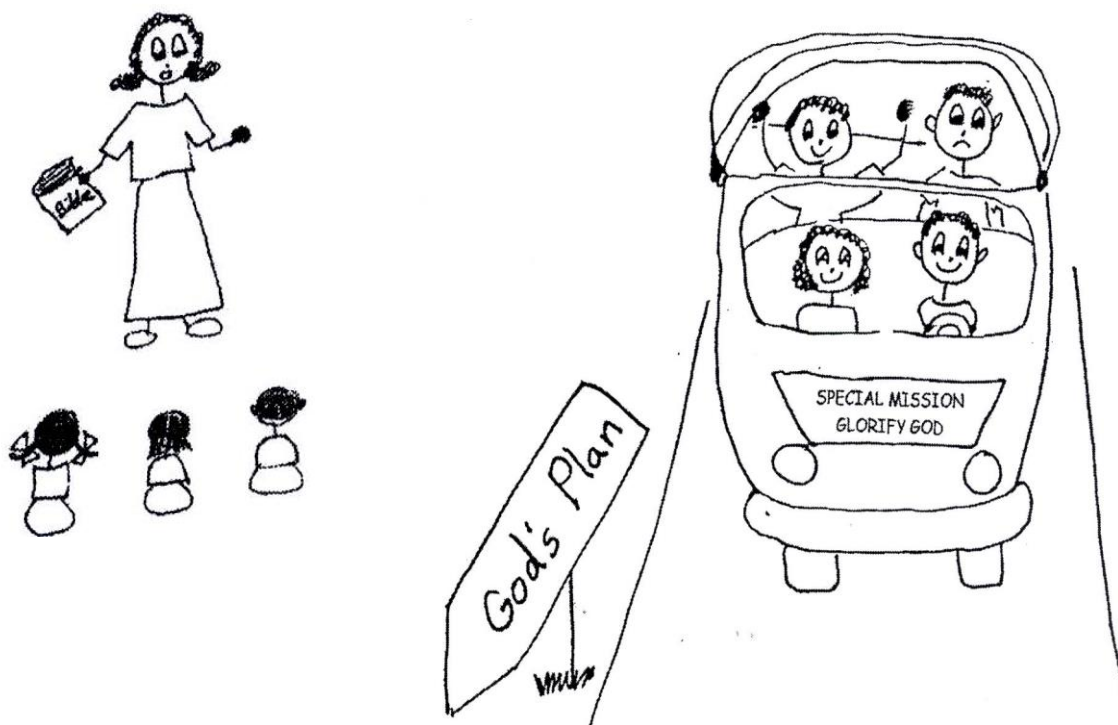


If we don't listen to the Holy Spirit, we are still in the family of God! However, we are ignoring God the Holy Spirit's desires and living by our desires. We are not walking in the Spirit; we are walking in our sin nature or our flesh. We need to change our thinking and have it line up with God's thinking so we can have a friendly relationship with God and walk in the Spirit!

Galatians 5:16 "But I say, walk in the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh."



When we confess or tell God the Father our sins, we admit our sins to Him; we are agreeing with God that we disobeyed Him. We turn back to His viewpoint. We are in a friendly relationship with God again. Remember, He never turns His back on us; we turn our back on Him. We're the ones who need to turn back. When we do, we are again filled with the Holy Spirit; we are using His divine power and His thinking. We are on the right road once more! We can learn Bible doctrine. Our need to know God can be fulfilled!



But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged [divine discipline]. 1 Corinthians 11:31

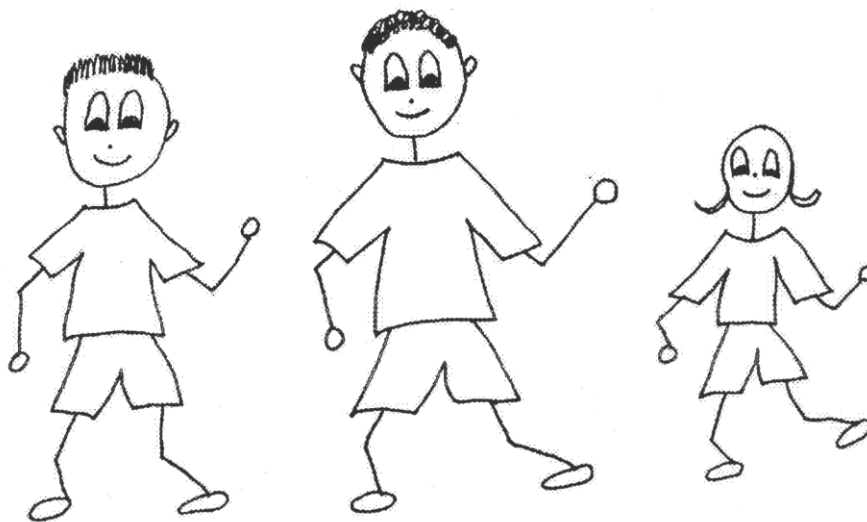
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

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Sometimes after we sin we may feel guilty. God does not want us to feel guilty! Guilt just messes up our thinking! Because of our sin nature, we will sin until the day we die! However, we don't have to be in slavery to sin. God did not put a need for guilt in us! God wants us to focus on Him, not on our sins! Jesus Christ has been judged and has paid the price for our sins. When we sin we just need to bounce back to God's thinking and we are set free!! We are no longer slaves to sin!!

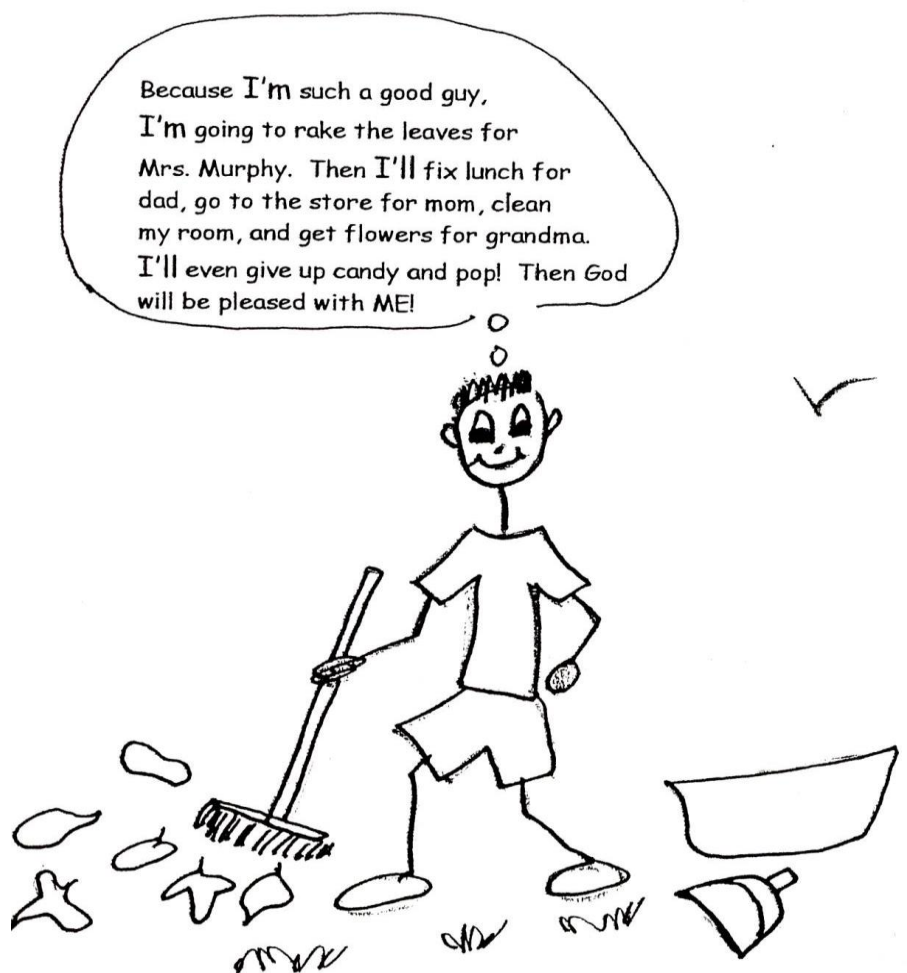
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Psalm 32:5 Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" - and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

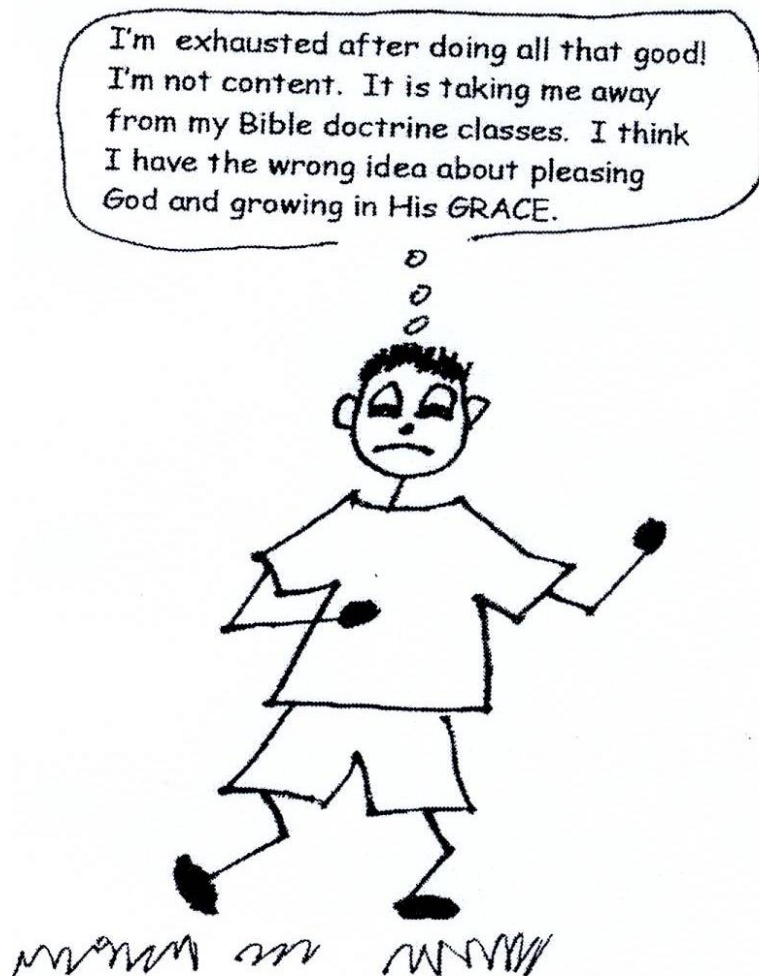
In our sin nature we have an area of strength and an area of weakness. When we think of an area of strength, we think that must be a good thing! Wrong thinking in this case; it is the place where human good comes from. Human good is works done in the world's way of thinking - not in God's way of thinking!

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it [the judgment seat of Christ], because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If a man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss [of rewards, not eternal salvation]; but he himself shall be saved [delivered to heaven], yet as through fire.



As believers, we need to do **divine good**, which means that we are influenced by the Holy Spirit and we are using His divine power. Our motivation is to give praise to God; it is not to give praise to ourselves. We are to use our strengths in the power of the Holy Spirit, not in the power of our sin nature. We can get caught up in our strengths and forget Who gave them to us! They are for us to enjoy, but we are never to forget that God gave them to us to glorify Him!

1 Peter 4:11 If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.



Now let's look at the area of weakness. This is a little easier to understand. The area of weakness is where temptation can get to us and it is easy for us to choose to sin. Notice I said **CHOOSE** to sin! We use our own volition!



However, when we realize our weakness, we can go to God in prayer and ask for His help!

2 Corinthians 12:9 But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

We are tempted in three categories of personal sins: mental attitude sins (thinking sins), sins of the tongue (talking sins), and overt sins (doing sins). **SOME** mental attitude sins are guilt, fear, worry, self-pity, and bitterness. **SOME** sins of the tongue are judging, bullying, gossiping, criticizing, and lying. **SOME** overt sins are stealing, drug abuse, murder, and outbursts of anger. We all have our area of weakness so we are never to judge others for their weaknesses. What is easy for us will be difficult for someone else; and what is difficult for us will be easy for someone else.

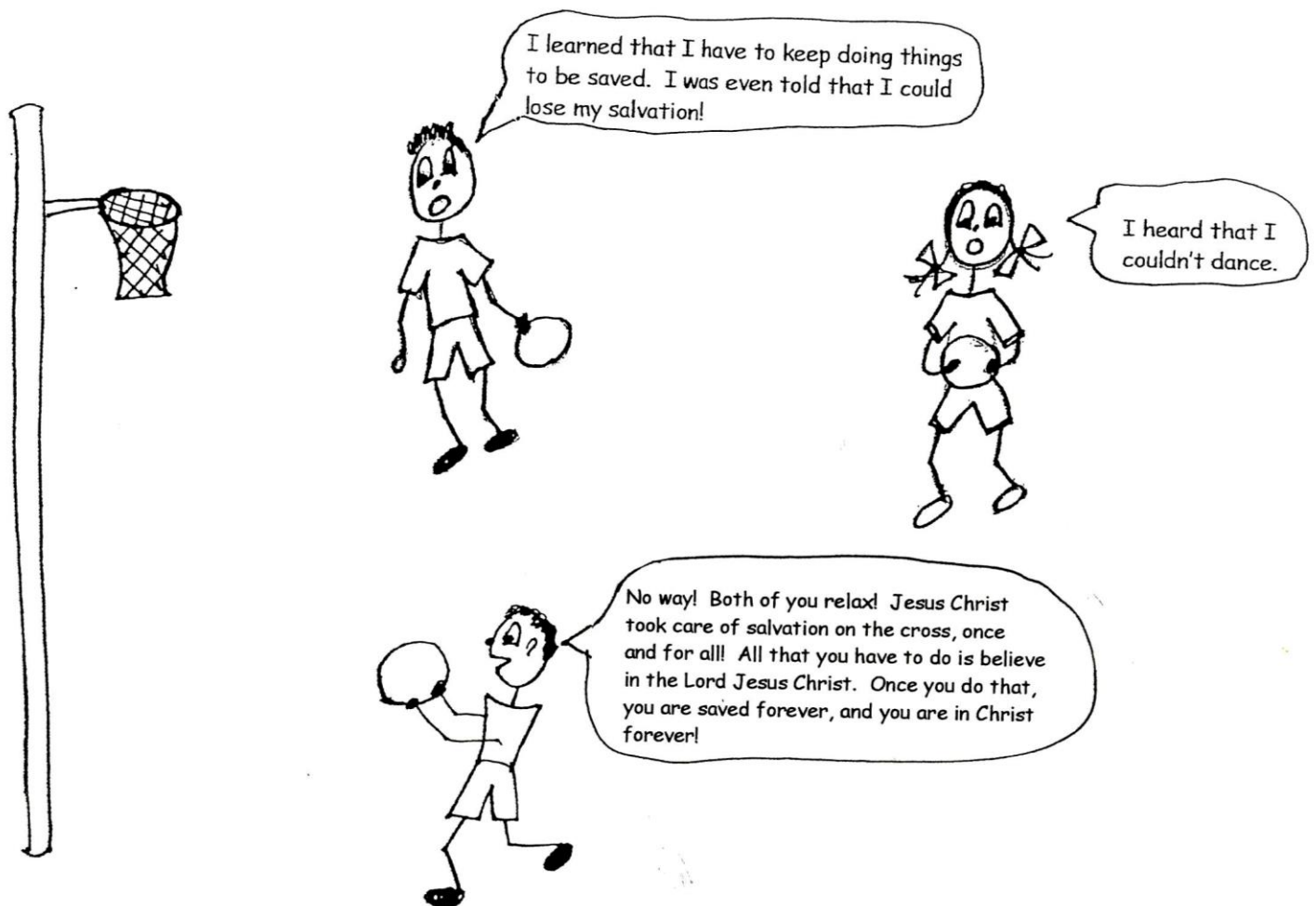


Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use [how harsh or cruel you are], it will be measured to you [you'll get what you give].

Matthew 7:1-2

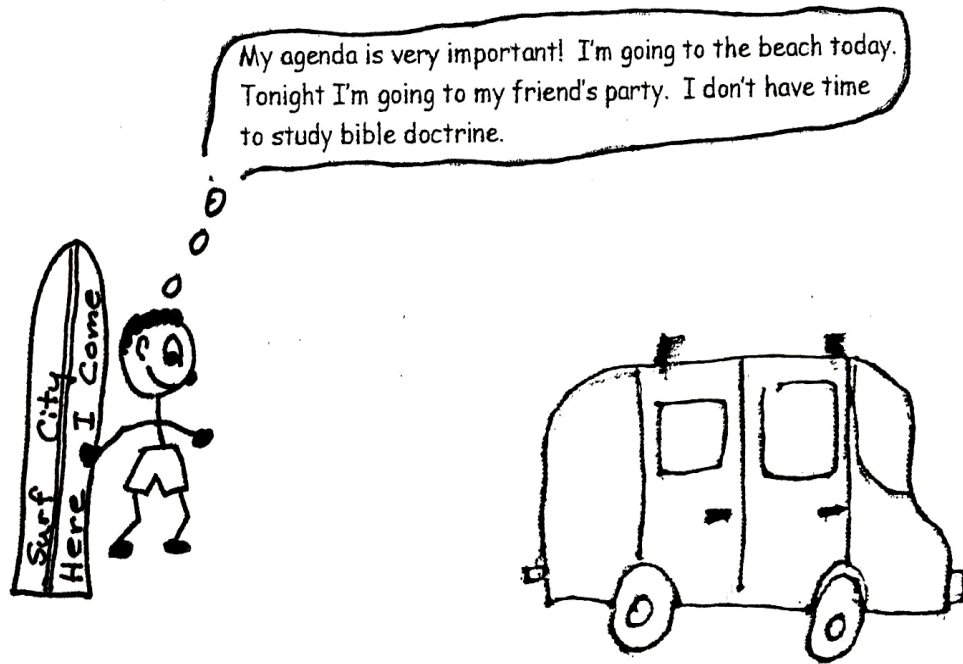
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Our sin natures also lean toward certain areas. One is legalism. When we are legalistic we want to do some plan of works to get God's forgiveness and favor. God already did all of the work for salvation, so we can relax!



Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

The other area our sin nature leans to is living for pleasure and for self. This may bring us happiness for a little while, but it will never be lasting happiness.

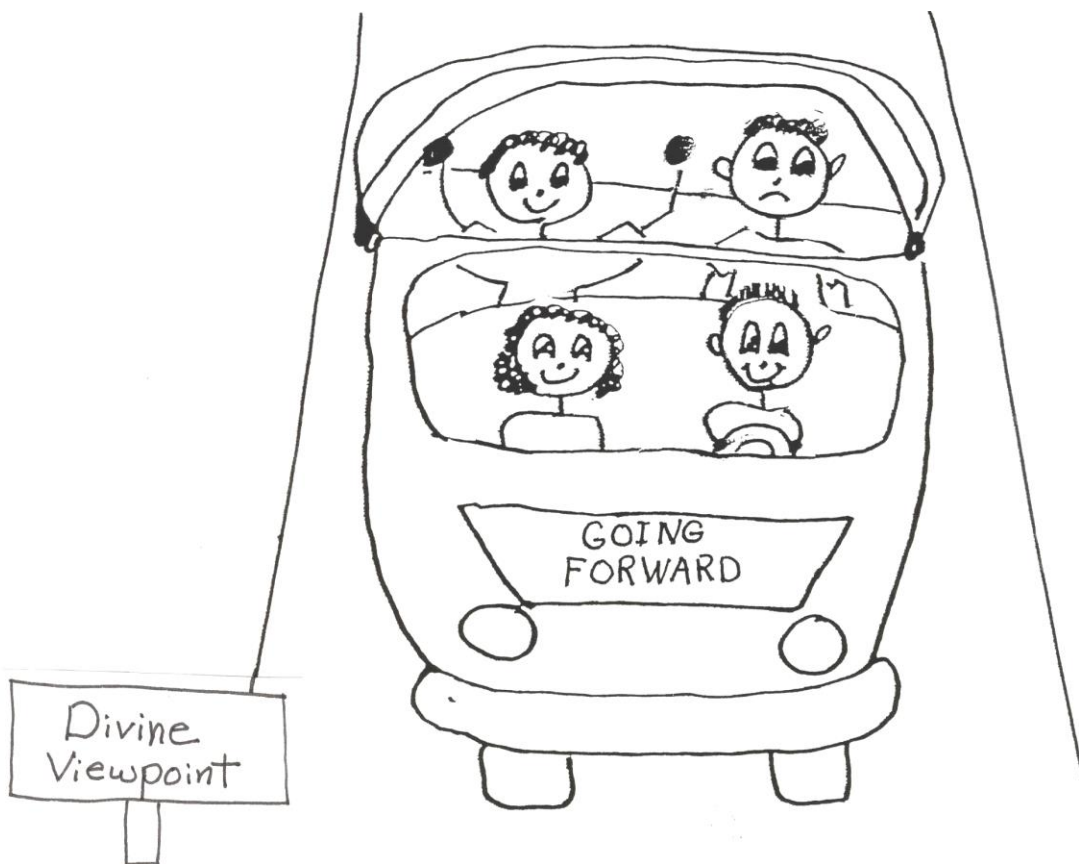


As believers, let's go for the happiness God has for each one of us, His happiness! Let's obey God and learn His Word!

Ecclesiastes 2:26 To the man who pleases Him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness.



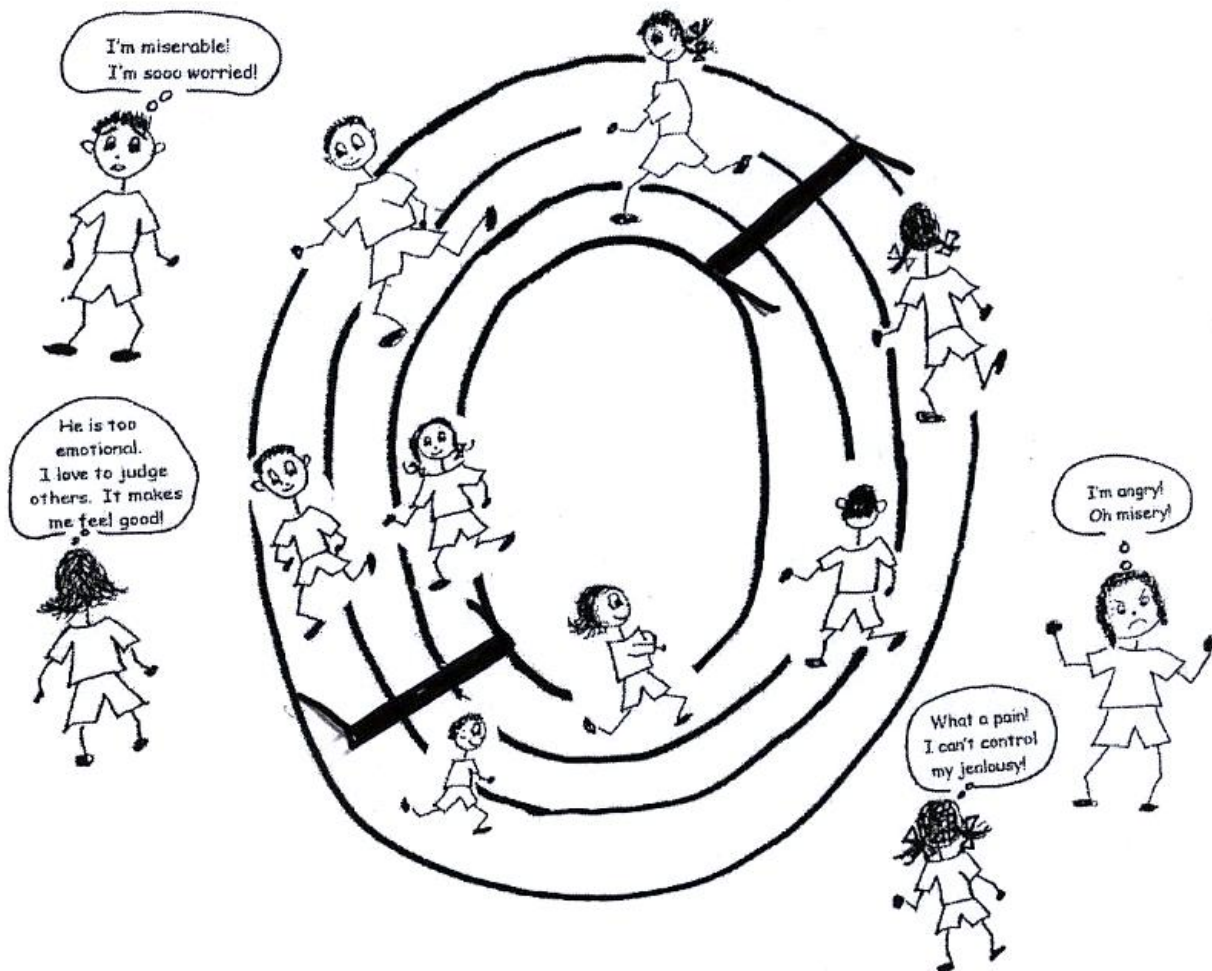
After we admit our sins and switch back to God's thinking, we are to put the sins out of our minds and forget them! Thinking about them again could cause more sinning! We don't want to be chain sinning! We need to break the link. God has forgotten them. He has given us grace and mercy. He wants us to go forward in His plan with the power of the Holy Spirit.



I, even I, am the One who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins. Isaiah 43:25

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward [moving on] to what lies ahead. Philippians 3:13 (Italics added.)

Remember, when you know that you are sinning, admit it and turn back to God's thinking! Get back on the track! God will give you the power to do this!



Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangle us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith....

Psalm 23:1-3

The Lord is **My** Shepherd, I shall not be in want. **HE** makes me lie down in green pastures, **HE** leads me beside quiet waters [life support], **HE RESTORES MY SOUL**. **HE** guides me in paths of righteousness for **HIS** name's sake. [HE paid a big price for me, so the Lord Jesus



Christ gets the glory!]