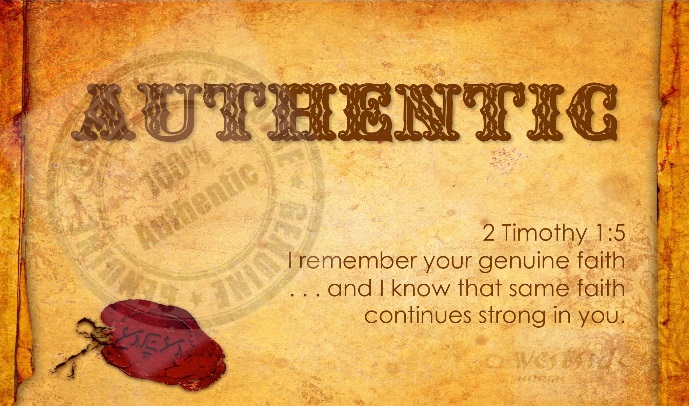
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**Authentic**

**An Authentic Believer: Does Not Keep Sinning**

1 John 3:4-10

Everyone who sins is breaking God’s law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. 5  And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him. 6  Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is. 7  Dear children, don’t let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous. 8  But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. 9  Those who have been born into God’s family do not make a practice of sinning, because God’s life is in them. So they can’t keep on sinning, because they are children of God. 10  So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.

What The Bible Says

## 1. God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sin

4  Everyone who sins is breaking God’s law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God.

How much?

* Garden of Eden
* The Flood
* Sodom and Gomorrah
* The Cross
* The End of the World

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ News

5  And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins

This is the test of our love for God:

* Have we turned from sin to His Son?

## 3. You can’t be close to the devil \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God!

6  Anyone who **continues** to live in him will not sin. But anyone who **keeps on** sinning does not know him or understand who he is.

Romans 8:5-8

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. 6  So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. 7  For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will. 8  That’s why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

Application

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Your Doubts and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Your Beliefs

*You won't necessarily know that the Holy Spirit has come if you are waiting for a certain feeling; you will know he has come because Jesus promised he would.*

## 2. How can you *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* the Holy Spirit is at work in your life?

**When the Holy Spirit is working within you, you will:**

* believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and that eternal life comes through him
  + 1 John 5:5 And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.
* you will begin to act as Christ directs
  + Romans 8:5 Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. you will find help in your daily problems and in your praying
* the Holy Spirit will help you (by His power) to serve God and do his will
  + Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
* and you will become part of God's plan to build up his church
  + Ephesians 4:12 Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

## 3. More indicators of you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God

1 John 3:9-10 (NLT)   
9  Those who have been born into God’s family

* do not make a practice of sinning,

***because God’s life is in them!***

* So they can’t keep on sinning,

***because they are children of God!***

10  So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil.

* Anyone who does not live righteously
* and does not love other believers does not belong to God.

Response:

## What is God speaking to me?

## Specifically, how will I obey Him?