

I was once told Christ could sin but chose not to...Here is why I don't believe this lie.

When we investigate the question of whether Christ could *sin*, we have to answer the question of whether or not **God could sin**. “What has God left on record for us that we might get His *mind* on this matter.” Let us consider this question in light of God’s eternal Word, The Holy Bible. As you’ll see on this first page, there are numerous mentions of the word “**sin**.”

When it comes to discussing bible truth, my first appeal to anyone would be have you been born again? (John 3:3). We wouldn’t be alive without a physical birth and we are dead (in **trespasses** and **sins**) to God without the new birth...I appeal to the words of the Lord Jesus Christ and enquire, have you been born again? This is the *beginning*, the new birth... the forgiveness of your **sins**, being reconciled to God, the one all **sin** is ultimately against.

The risen Lord commissioned that repentance and remission of **sins** were to be preached in *His* name beginning at Jerusalem. (Luke 24:47) Paul preached repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is essential to be *born again*, mere religion and a desire to please God won’t displace the necessity of the new birth...**Jesus** said ye must be born again to enter the kingdom of God. **Sin** is that which Christ came to *abolish*, to put away and to annul.

That being said, Could Christ **sin**...? Could Christ be disobedient to God’s immutable law, miss the mark or concede to lust, greed or vice of any fashion? **Sin** is the definitive outworking of a fallen nature at enmity with God; it is that which has been passed to all mankind starting with Adam. (Romans 5:12) **Sin** is that very thing which has alienated us from God and leaves us lost and without hope in this world. (Ephesians 2:12) The wages (end result) of **sin** is death, but the gift of God is eternal life **thru** Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

This being said, there are simply **two** ways we can look at something: according to our *own* perception or according to what the Spirit of God would reveal to us...but, before we can be taught by the Spirit of God, we have to be *receptive* to hear what the Spirit of God would say... Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God...may our spiritual ears be opened that we cry abba Father!...and know the truth concerning just who His beloved Son is, was, and ever will be!

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I will encourage you to *investigate* the scriptures concerning that **Holy, Just One**, the **Prince of Life**...who God raised from the dead. (Acts 3:14,15) Seeking the truth of scripture, we can come to but one conclusion!

Now, consider this one, The Lord Jesus Christ, He is truly God! His divine nature and the relationship He has always enjoyed with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit from eternity past are truly foundation truths. It is God who created all things by Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:15,16) and it is by the eternal Spirit He offered Himself to God to purge our **sin**. (Hebrews 9:14) He was *delivered* for our offences and *raised* (Romans 4:25; 8:11) from the dead for our justification. It is Jesus Christ that revealed God the Father & His will for all mankind (John 1:18; 4:34).

The Lord Jesus came to do the *will* of God, He came from heaven and it is one of the *mysteries* of scripture that God was born of the virgin, and dwelt among men having been made lower than the angels for the suffering of death that He might *bring us back* to God! Could one with such a **purpose** contemplate *sinning*? (1 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 10:7,9)

Matthew records that in fulfillment of what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, Jesus was born of the virgin and called Immanuel, which means God with us. His name was called Jesus because He would save His people from *their* sins.(Matthew 1:18-25)

Luke tells us by inspiration of the Holy Spirit that Christ was born [uniquely conceived] of the Holy Spirit and He was born **Holy** (Luke 1:35)...in contrast *we are born* in **sin**. (Psalm 51:5)

John could say “in the beginning was the Word and the **Word was God**. (John 1:1) This was the continuous, abiding, state of being “of” the Only Begotten Son Of God, and that, from the very beginning...this is the record of John (see John 1:18,19) John further stated, “behold the Lamb of God which takes away the **sin** of the world” (John 1:29) and the *blood* of Jesus Christ his son cleanses us from all **sin**. (1 John 1:7).

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Paul wrote He [Christ] did not know [by experience or practice] **sin** - see 2 Corinthians 5:21. The Lord Jesus Christ had no experimental knowledge of **sin** but came to put away **sin** by the sacrifice of *Himself*. (Hebrews 9:26; Hebrews 10:12)

James tells us God cannot be *tempted* with **evil**...(James 1:14) This being so could Christ have sinned? Could the Savior of sinners himself commit sin?

Peter says Christ did **not** sin, neither was guile found in His mouth...that which is **within** a person always finds it's way out...*sin* was never on the lips of the Lord Jesus Christ because He **is** sinless, without blemish and without spot. (1 Peter 1:19)

John again stated *Christ* was manifested to take away *our sin* and in Him is *not sin* (1 John 3:5). Please note that Christ **asked** His *enemies*: "which of you can convict me of **sin**?" (John 8:46) did anyone? **NO** ! In John 14:30 the Lord Jesus told the disciples that the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me! This ever obedient, sinless one, (Christ) had only one objective in view...to *put away sin* by the sacrifice of Himself...(Hebrews 9:26)

Peter states the *Holy One* [Christ] didn't see *corruption* quoting from Psalm 16:10. His perfect humanity was completely unlike our sinful humanity. It is appointed unto man to die (Hebrews 9:27). By contrast Christ *laid down* His life (John 10:17,18), He *abolished* death, was raised again the third day and brought *life* and *immortality* to light through the gospel! (2 Timothy 1:10; 1 Corinthians 15:4)

In **Hebrews** 4: 14,15 we read this great high priest (Christ) has passed *back into* heaven having been tempted like as we are yet *apart from sin*. He hungered, was tired, wept, and was rejected by men, even unto death, a death of crucifixion, yet His temptation was *apart from sin*...further we read that Christ **is** holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners and made higher than the heavens (Hebrews 7:26).

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Note: never *once* is it ever contemplated in these verses that Christ could sin. **Sin** is the outworking of *disobedience* to God. I have yet to find any verse that even suggests that Christ was anything but divine, righteous, holy and obedient in every respect...**HE** is all together lovely.

So the **question is**, could Christ **sin**? The **record is clear**, He *couldn't sin* and I revised this letter originally written to address this error with a desire to set forth what God has revealed concerning the one in whom **He is well pleased...**

And without controversy *great is the mystery of godliness, God was manifest in flesh*, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the gentiles, believed on in the world, *received up into glory*. (1 Timothy 3:16).

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