

## **Fundamentals of Faith 12 - Who is your Agent?**

**God designed us to have our own agency.**

***4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. 5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. 6 No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.***

***7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. 10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister. 1 John 3:4-10***

***God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21***

**Jesus, God's one and only son is effectively negotiating on our behalf with his accomplishments and not ours.**

**Because our sin has been dealt with a cosmic level, we can carry a quiet confidence that we sit securely in Christ and His forgiveness.**

***21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" Matthew 7:21-23***

**Faith is far more than admitting our to sin, it is walking away from it entirely.**

**To believe that Jesus expects no real change from us is not just a spiritual disconnect, it doesn't even make logical sense.**

**If its to the cross that Jesus had to go then it is to the cross we must follow.**

