

PART 3:
If you're not careful
I'll blot out Your Name...

STUFF JESUS NEVER SAID



Note to Leaders: Every Link is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

INTRODUCTION

God is love (1John 4:8) and for this reason He cannot stop loving. This should be the basis of all of our theology. Whatever picture you have of God that doesn't look as beautiful, caring, compassionate, as Jesus Christ is not a true picture of God. Whatever theological understanding that contradicts with "GOD IS LOVE" is most probably not the right theology. God's love is not improved by the good things we do, nor is it diminished by the bad. Perhaps you've heard that sinning will cause God to stop loving you. It can't happen. Your sin has more chance of extinguishing the sun than dimming your Father's love for you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When did you feel like God is not for you? How has God demonstrated that He is for you?
2. Jesus never said *"If you're not careful I'll blot out your name from the book of life."* Have you ever doubted your salvation in Jesus Christ? Give an example of the time you doubted your salvation? What happened? How did you feel?
3. Read Revelation 3:5 and answer the questions below: *"The one who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels."* (Revelation 3:5)
 - a. In order to understand the Bible correctly, Ps. Daniel said, one important rule of Bible Interpretation is to allow the CLEAR passages of the Bible to explain the UNCLEAR passages of the Bible. How does Rev. 3:5 seem to contradict the clear verses of John 3:16, John 6:47, Ephesians 2:8-9.
 - b. Who is the one who overcomes? Does being an overcomer have to do with your behaviour or your identity? If it has to do with your behaviour, how much sins are you allowed to have before you stop being an overcomer? Where do you draw the line? Can anyone really know the answer? Contrast this with 1John 5:5: *"Who is it that overcomes the world? Only **the one who believes** that Jesus is the Son of God."*
 - c. Revelation 3:5 cannot mean a believer will lose his/her salvation because it contradicts the following truth taught elsewhere in the Scriptures. Read the following verses and discuss them:
 - a. 1John 5:11-13. What made John sure about his salvation?
 - b. Colossians 2:13. How much of our sins have been forgiven by Jesus Christ? Which of your sins were nailed to the cross? What does this tell you about your future sins?
 - c. Romans 8:31-39. List what Paul said cannot separate you from God's love in Christ Jesus?
4. If sin cannot separate us from God's love, list a few reasons why we still need to do good?

MOVING FORWARD

"For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 1:9 NLT)

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The resurrection is a giant receipt stamped across history for all people to see that you have been purchased in full through the sacrifice of Jesus, a receipt that allows you to know that your future is certain if you believe in Jesus Christ.