

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

(Questions Week Three - Why do I still sin if I'm a new creation in Christ?)

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?  
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Can you think of a time where the reality of a situation did not meet the expectations you had going into it?  
What led you to have those expectations (statements others made about it, previous experiences in it, etc.)?  
Are there any ways in which your experience in Christ didn't match your expectations?  
(based on how the gospel was presented to you, what you'd seen in others, or your own ideas of what it should be like)?
3. Why is it important to understand the distinctions between Justification and Sanctification (and even Glorification)?  
How do each of these realities encourage your heart at this time, and how can these realities motivate us to live by the Spirit?  
Justification has happened (& you have been (and continue to be) declared righteous in Christ)  
Sanctification IS happening (as you grow in maturity in Christ and in His likeness)  
Glorification WILL happen (Once the Lord finishes the work He began in you - at the end of this life).
4. Toward the end of the message, I shared four "possible reasons why I still sin" that could be applicable in each of our lives.  
Consider each of these and the passages with them - are any of them possible explanations for you specifically?  
As you look at these, do you sense the Lord calling you to repent of anything specific and turn to Him?
  1. I've not truly placed my faith in Christ & the Holy Spirit is not living in me. (John 3:16-21, Rom. 1:18-32, Rev. 3:1-3)
  2. I've forgotten/neglected my First Love and wrongly prioritized other things. (Matt. 24:12, Gal. 6:7-10, Rev. 2:4-5)
  3. Like the Apostles, my spirit is willing [to live for Jesus] but my flesh is weak (Rom. 7:15-25, Matt. 26:40-43)
  4. God hasn't finished the work He began in me. (Phil. 1:6, 2 Cor. 3:18-19, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, James 1:2-4)
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the end of the sermon.  
Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?
  1. **Don't deceive yourself; you are not good!**  
*Nobody is - apart from Christ Jesus!*
  2. **You are righteous before God in Jesus!**  
*Live your life by the Spirit in light of this!*
  3. **Consistently confess your sins to the Lord!**  
*You'll receive grace, mercy, & forgiveness!*
  4. **Saturate your mind with God's goodness!**  
*That upon which you dwell will move you!*