



BEWARE OF WILLFUL SIN

*“For if we sin willfully after that we
have received the knowledge of
the truth, there remains no more
sacrifice for sins,..”*

Hebrews 10:26

BEWARE OF WILLFUL SIN: HEBREWS 10:26

INTRODUCTION

ARE ALL SINS WILLFUL?

WHAT IS A WILLFUL SIN?

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INVITATION



ARE ALL SINS WILLFUL?

Willful Sins Are Not:

- Sin requires a human agency.
 - Sin is “transgressing” God’s law.
 - Sin brings about God’s punishment.
 - Sin requires accountability.
- **Sins committed in acts of weakness**
 - **Sins committed in unintentional failures**
 - **Sins committed from being deceived**
 - **Sins committed due to ignorance**
 - **Sins committed due to misunderstanding**
 - **Sins committed inconsistently**

WHAT IS A WILLFUL SIN?

Strong- willful sin emphasizes one's "voluntary" actions.

*Thayer- willful sin is "voluntary effort on one's own accord." **1 Sam 15***

Greek- willful sin indicates "an intentional, deliberate choice."

Premeditation is needed. **Acts 5:1-6 & 2 Samuel 11**

Hebrew, willful sin means "with a high hand." Presumption is a key.

Deuteronomy 17:12; Numbers 15:30; Psalm 19:13



WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF WILLFUL SIN?

As a result of willful sin, we will experience personal, physical, spiritual and eternal consequences.

Personal: Hard heart, seared conscious **Romans 7:15-20**

Physical: Loss of fellowship (God and man) **1 Corinthians 5**

Spiritual: No sacrifice for sin **2 Peter 2:20**

Eternal: Hell waits for obstinate **Hebrews 10:27**



HOW CAN WE PREVENT WILLFUL SIN?

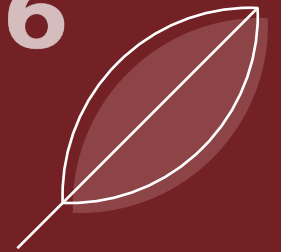
Step 1: Hold fast (takes effort) **1 Thessalonians 5:21**

Step 2: Guard your heart **Hebrews 3:12-13**

Step 3: Examine yourself (daily) **2 Corinthians 13:5**

Step 4: Confess your sins to God **James 5:16**

Step 5: Seek God's forgiveness **1 John 1:9**



Step 6: Encourage others of like faith **Hebrews 10:25**

CONCLUSION

“But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be mentioned; in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them shall he die.”



Ezekiel 18:24

OBTAINING OR REGAINING OUR SPIRITUAL STANDING

NEED TO BE BAPTIZED

- Hear the Word: Romans 10:17
- Believe the Word: John 3:16
- Repent of Sin: Luke 13:3
- Confess Christ: Romans 10:9-10
- Be Baptized: Acts 2:38
- LIVE FAITHFULLY: James 1:12

NEED TO RETURN TO GOD

- Repent of Sin: Acts 8:32
- Confess Sins to God: Acts 8:32
- Pray for His forgiveness: Acts 8:32
- LIVE FAITHFULLY: Revelation 2:10