

Hard Sayings from the Bible

1 John 3:6-9

6. **No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.**
7. Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;
8. the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.
9. No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Three possible interpretations:

1. Sinless perfection for believers
2. That the one who is born of God does not habitually commit 'serious' sins
3. That the part of man that is born again [his spirit] does not commit sin.

Which is it? Why?

What else does John teach on this subject?

1 John 1:8, 10;

Contradictory? Let's see.

Position: Colossians 2:10; Ephesians 2:6

Practice: Eph. 4:1; Phil. 3:12; Romans 7:14-8:17

John's definition of sin: 1 John 3:4; 1 John 5:17

James teaching: James 4:17

Paul's teaching: Romans 14:23

Solomon's teaching Proverbs 24:9; 21:4

A proper desire. 1 John 2:1

A proper response. (are we obligated to sin?)

A sure victory. John 10:10