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Pastor's Corner

How to Stop Sinning and Keep Growing Adapted from James Rutz



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I recently preached this message and I believe it to be a very important concept for us all to master. Most of us would say we want to continue growing in our faith and relationship with Christ. But, the truth is many new Christians stop maturing within two or three years—usually because they don't know how to handle the entrenched sin in their lives. Why do Christians fail? The true cause of hitting a plateau and failing is most often found in this acronym: **GROJ** That stands for Guilt, Repentance, Obedience, and Joy. I call it the **SPIRITUAL GROWTH CYCLE**. Over and over, the Holy Spirit is going to put you through the process of **GUILT, REPENTANCE, OBEDIENCE, and JOY**. If you learn the drill well, you will become like Christ and grow tremendously in power, wisdom, and love.



How you can Stop Sinning & Keep Growing

1. Pay attention to GUILT

Guilt and shame serve the same function as feeling pain when you injure your body. They are saying, "stop doing that," or "you need to see a doctor for this." Nobody likes pain, but it serves an important purpose in keeping our bodies healthy. Guilt and shame do the same thing for us spiritually. We don't like guilt and shame, but if we respond appropriately they keep us spiritually healthy.

2. REPENT

Billy Graham said, "If your sorrow is because of certain consequences that have come on your family because of your sin, this is remorse, not true repentance. If, on the other hand, you are grieved because you also sinned against God and his holy laws, then you are on the right road." Someone else said, "Repentance is to be sorry enough to quit." Until you come to see the horror of sin as God does, you will never grow spiritually. Repent now and save yourself a ton of grief.

3. Live out your Repentance in OBEDIENCE

Here is the hard part. You can truly repent in seconds, but then you need to make that repentance a seamless element of your new lifestyle. Here are a few thoughts about obedience: *Your obedience to God today determines what you'll be for God tomorrow; obeying God is the best prescription for spiritual health; the cost of obedience is nothing compared with the cost of disobedience.* The attitude we all need to have is one of absolute surrender to the leadership of Christ. His word is our command.

4. Live on with JOY

This is the fun part. When we are living with a holy heart, then we can walk in perfect peace and joy with no fear since we are right with God. Evelyn Underhill put it this way, "This is the secret of joy. We shall no longer strive for our own way, but commit ourselves, easily and simply, to God's way, acquiesce in his will, and in so doing find our peace."

Learn the cycle. Don't plateau or fall back in your Christian walk. Learn to grow!

God's blessings to you!

Church Schedule

Sundays

8:45 a.m.

Breakfast in the Café

10:00 a.m.

Celebration

K.I.D.S. Church

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.

AWANA for K-6

L.I.F.T. for teens

First Annual ~Meet Your Neighbor~ Cookout Highlights

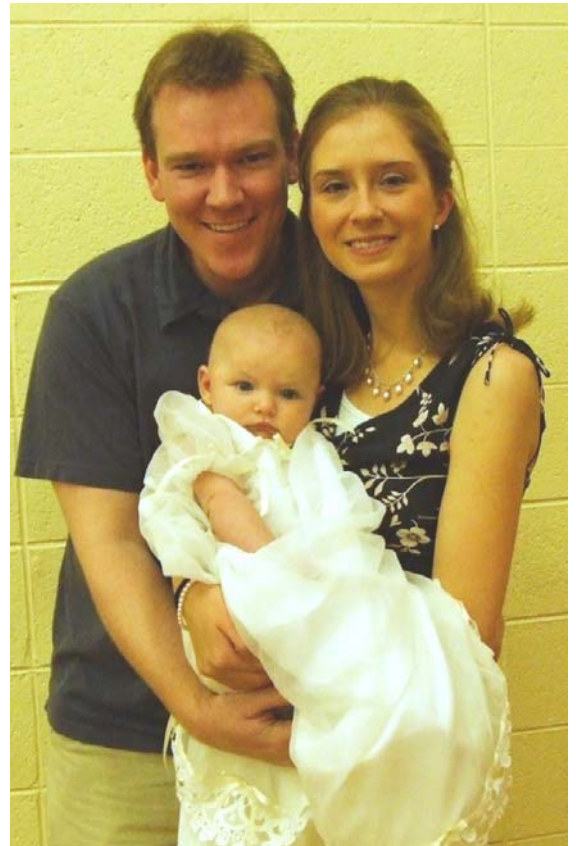


New Members



Brian and Tammy Foltz were recently received into official church membership. They are pictured here with two of their children, Adam and Kassy.

Dedication



Ben and Kristin Bravard dedicated themselves and their daughter Julia JoLee to the Lord during a Sunday morning celebration. They are committed to raising Julia in a Godly home.

On the web...

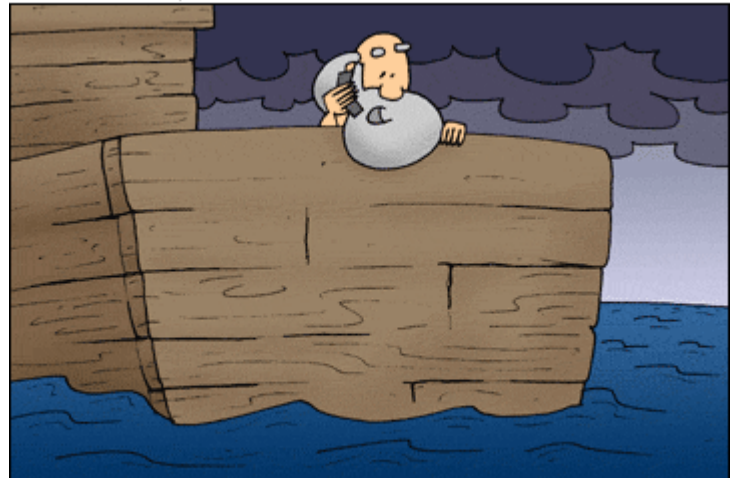
A Party With A Purpose (APWAP) is now on the web! You can check it out by going to: <http://www.myspace.com/booneapwap>



New Small Groups have begun! There is quite a variety of Small Groups in progress this fall. It is not too late to join one! Check out the Small Group Menu on the hall bulletin board and see what group is right for you. Pictured above are Bill Hitt, Abbie Freeman, Whitney Ward, Bridget Biersner and Joshua Freeman who were among those who attended "Peace Makers" Small Group this summer.

Just for Fun...

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Genesis 6-8)

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Upcoming ...

Sunday	October 1	Next Gen Celebration	10:00 a.m.
Sunday	October 1	All Leaders Meeting	1:30 p.m.
Sunday	October 1	Praise Fest	6:00 p.m.
Sundays	October 1, 8, 15	Ministry Sign Up	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	October 7	Elders Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	October 8	Choir	Noon
Monday	October 9	No School—Boone	
Saturday	October 21	AWANA Leaders Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	October 22	Choir	Noon
Wednesday	October 25	Harvest Party	7:00 p.m.
Friday	October 27	Worship Team Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Friday	November 10	No School—Boone	
Sunday	November 12	Choir	Noon
Saturday	November 18	Worship Team Retreat	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Thursday	November 23	Thanksgiving Day	
Friday	November 24	No School—Boone	
Sunday	November 26	Choir	Noon