## Correcting Things in 2019

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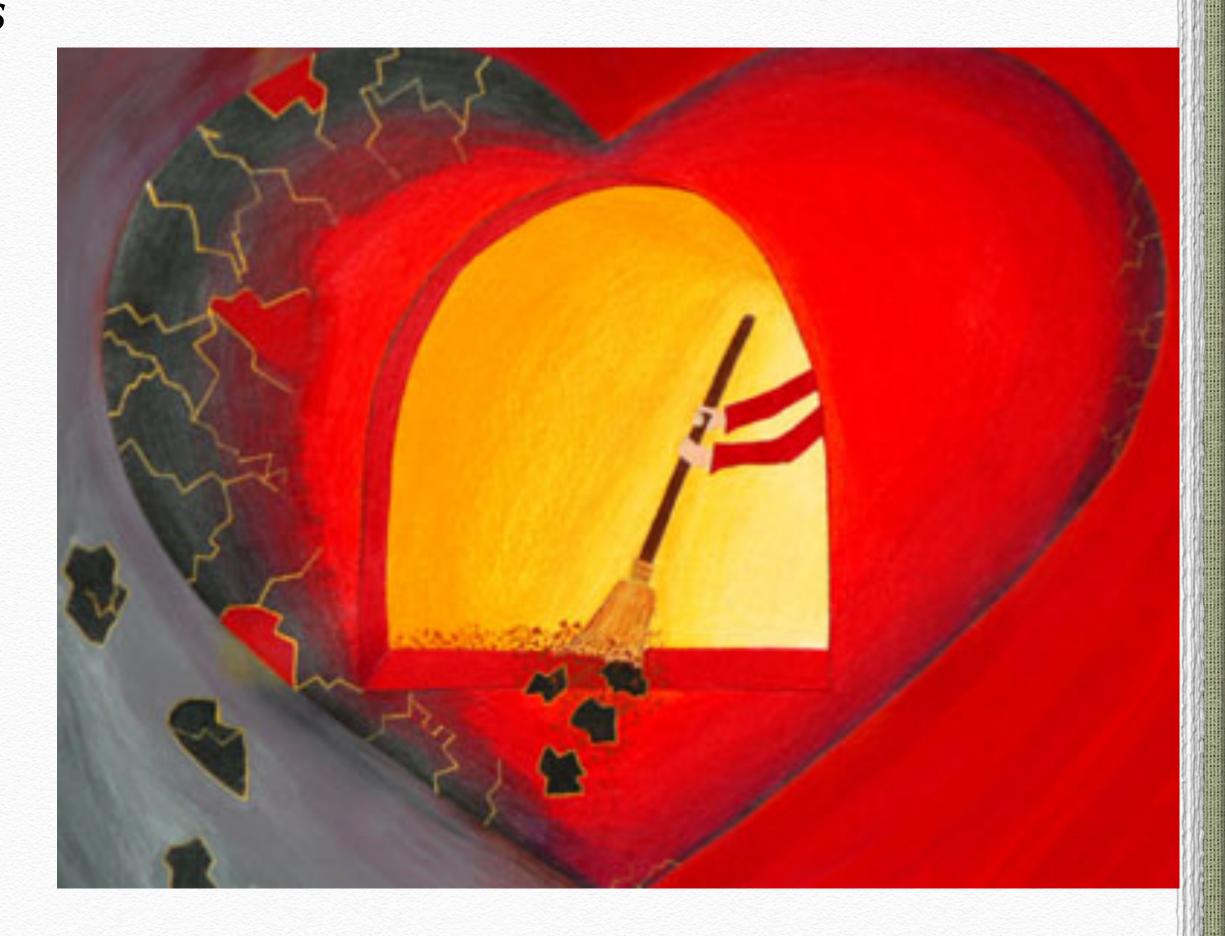
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- Every born again believer has a sinful past. We all came to God because we were sinners. Rom. 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- All born again believers have sinned since they have been born again. Being perfect is the mark we are all striving to obtain. 1John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- When we sin, we have an advocate with the Father to forgive us and restore us back to the place we fell from. 1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



- There is a difference between falling into sin and practicing sin. As believers, we may fall, but we do not make it a lifestyle practice. 1John 5:18 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.
- The Spirit of God in us brings conviction to make us correct our issues. Along with this comes instruction and encouragement from those God has placed in our lives. 1Th. 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
- However, when people remove authorities from their lives and hide from accountability, they begin to defend their sinful practices. This will eventually make them sin hunters. They will search for sin in authorities to justify their own sin. *Prov.* 17:5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.



- The bottom line is, if any man is born again, he should be a new creature, meaning that he desires to do things differently than before. Col. 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
- Even if there was a struggle or a fall that occurred, the Spirit of God will cause this person to strive for perfection in those areas. Luke 13:24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.
- People that do not desire correction or God's holiness do not belong to Him. This desire signifies whether or not you are born again.
  1John 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.





A lot of people that are claiming to be born again have not truly had a born again experience. The desire to change is not in them. The desire to see others change is not in them. The desire to be around those that are changing is not in them. The desire to be better, do better, and learn what "better" means, is not in them. They are reprobate concerning the faith. In other words, they rejoice when people fall into sin. They hunt for imperfections in those that proclaim the truth. They wish and hope for bad things to happen to people so they can feel better about the bad things that keep happening to them.

When a person is born again, he desires to see others saved. A person that truly loves God wants others to truly love Him and benefit from His love as they do. When you are a new creature, you correct the things that are wrong in your life. Some things can be corrected instantly and some things take some work, information, and time. But all in all, it is the goal of a born again believer to strive to live a sin-free lifestyle that is pleasing to God. No matter what you did before, or what you have done lately, your desire is to do the will of God from this day forward!

2Cor. 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?