

**NO LONGER WILLINGLY HABITUALLY DISOBEDIENT**

“The genuine Christian finds clear evidence of *two* natures, two contrary principles at work within him.”<sup>1</sup> My fleshly nature still lives and tempts me to choose unrighteousness even though, as a Christian, I have the desire to do what is right (Rom 7:18).

Before I believed in CHRIST through faith, I was enslaved, giving all my body to sin as an instrument for unrighteousness (Rom 6:13). But now, having been set free from sin that entangles my natural flesh, I am able to present my new-nature self as a slave to righteousness (Rom 6:18-19).

A non-Christian can only sin. A Christian has a choice.

He who is born again does not sin habitually, or is not habitually a sinner. [T]he act is against the habitual inclination and purpose of his soul. [H]e who is born again does not do wrong deliberately and by design. He means to do right. He is not willfully and deliberately a sinner. It is true that when one does wrong, or commits sin, there is a momentary assent of the will; but it is under the influence of passion, or excitement, or temptation, or provocation, and not as the result of a deliberate plan or purpose of the soul.<sup>2</sup>

I have died to trying to obey GOD’s law with my natural flesh and now walk in the new way of living in the SPIRIT (Rom 7:5-6).

“We are progressively becoming more and more like Christ as we go on in the Christian life. Paul tells the Colossians they have ‘put on the new nature, which is *being renewed* in knowledge after the image of its creator’ (Col 3:10).”<sup>3</sup>

When we surrender to Christ as Lord, and trust in the efficacy of His sacrifice, the heart is prepared for the Spirit to enter and take possession for Christ’s use. When we give up ourselves to Christ, He owns the dedication by making our bodies the temples of the Holy Spirit, there to maintain His interests against all the oppositions of the Devil.<sup>4</sup>

When Jesus commands us to be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect (Matt 5:48), this simply shows that God’s own absolute moral purity is the standard toward which we are to aim and the standard for which God holds us accountable. The fact that we are unable to attain that standard does not mean that it will be lowered; rather, it means that we need God’s grace and forgiveness to overcome our remaining sin.<sup>5</sup>

*“Let us put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires”* (Rom 13:13-14 ESV).

# I Recognize the Sin in Me

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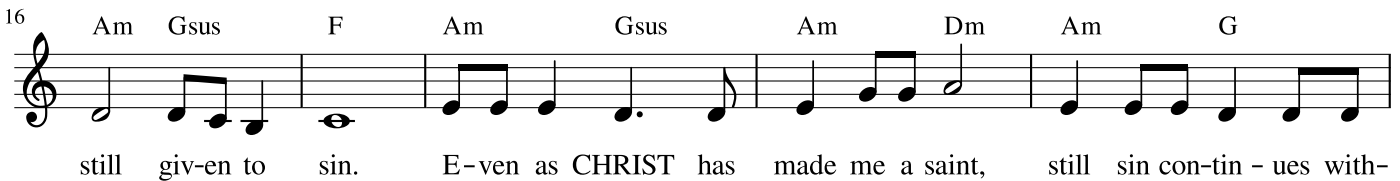
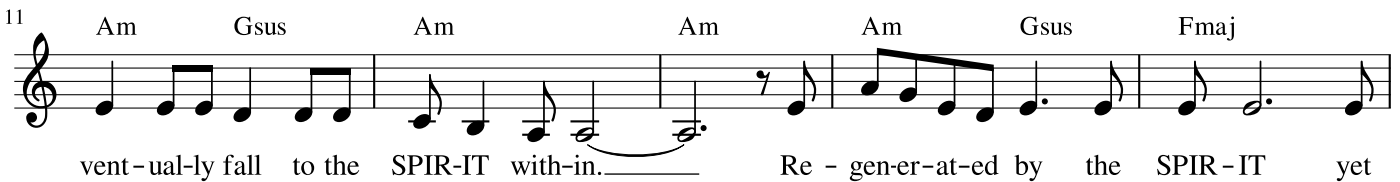
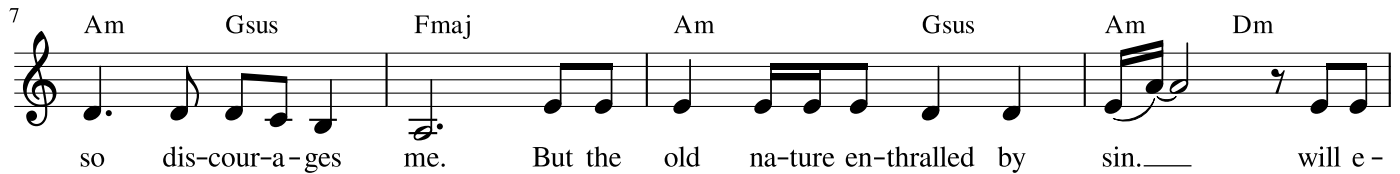
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## INTRO



## VERSE 1

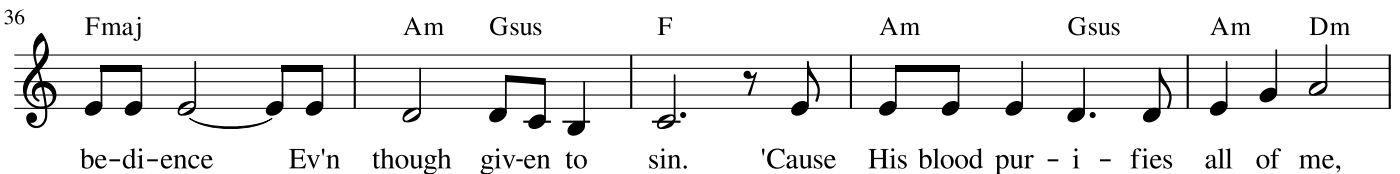
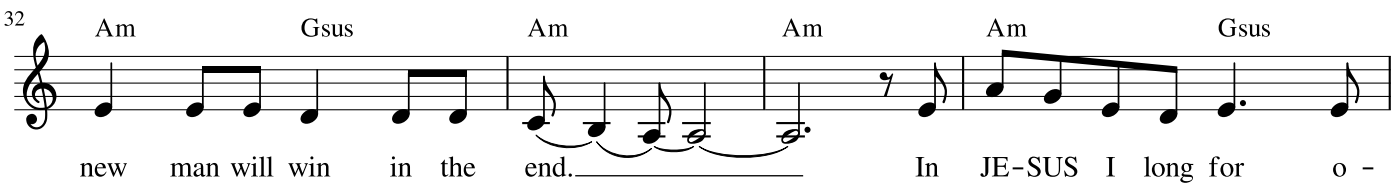
1...I rec-og-nize the sin in me. And it



## INTERLUDE



## VERSE 2



## CHORUS

41 Am G C C Am F  
 GOD won't re - call my sin.<sup>7</sup> There's ab-so-lute for-give - ness of sins,<sup>8</sup>

45 G Em7 F Dm E  
 washed clean in wa - ters pure.<sup>9</sup> Sa - tan brings my sins to mind, but his words won't en-dure.

48 C F G Em7  
 Snared by sin I ex-press re - gret. It's my ac-knowl - edge - ment.

50 F Dm E Am 1. Am  
 Faith in His par-don stops guilt. Lift-ing CHRIST is my in - tent. There's

53 2. INTERLUDE Fine VERSE 3 Am Gsus Fmaj  
 3...Sin with-in does not rule me.<sup>10</sup> though

60 Am Gsus Fmaj Am Gsus Am Dm Am Gsus  
 pas - sions maytake o - ver. My de - sire is to do what is right. The sin I do is al-ways

65 Am Am Am Gsus Fmaj Am Gsus  
 out of fav-or.<sup>11</sup> Re - deemed men have two na-tures war-ring, the SPIR-IT and the

70 F Am Gsus Am Dm Am G C D.S. al Fine  
 flesh.<sup>12</sup> The sin-ful na - ture is in me still, but the new na-ture is my quest. There's

## ENDNOTES

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