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Recovery has to do with our experiential relationship with God; not our positional relationship with God based on positional truth in regard to the royal family of God.

Our reference point for recovery is the propitiatory death of Jesus Christ on the cross where He was judged for all our sins.

Our Lord's substitutionary spiritual death solves the problem of our sin nature's weakness which produces our sins which were poured out undeservedly into Jesus Christ's cup and judged.

When we commit a sin we either know it was a sin or we don't if it was an unknown sin but whether we know it or not we still do it from our free-will and yet, we must remember that all our sin was poured out upon God's perfect Son on the cross and judged for us at no charge to us.

We all sin after salvation but although our sin is a form of carnality, it's never loss of salvation and so, how do we recover from a diving tail-spin which resulted from our spiritual engine stalling?

When we are prompted by the Holy Spirit, we simply acknowledge (*homologeo*) our sin to God which means only to name it with no emotional attachment required; so, although we might, we do not have to feel sorry for it.

And our acknowledgement of our sin involves our assigning it where it belongs; to the cross of our blessed Savior and never holding on to it in the form of guilt which all too often leads to self-deprecating bitterness; Hebrews 12:15.

And the alternative to God's gracious provision of post-salvation experiential recovery is simple;

If we choose NOT to humbly name our sins to Go, we continue in carnality which culminates in full-blown rebellion.

Our indoctrination of God's Word is designed to enlarge our stream of consciousness with the knowledge of God by repeated teaching of pertinent subjects and a believer's failure to respond to the repetition of Bible teaching, results in his opting instead for a life of self-justification, self-deception and ultimately, complete self-absorption.

The average Christian today wants to hear something new to stimulate his emotion or scratch his itching ears, so he easily falls for false doctrine as he seeks emotional, philosophical or psychological distractions for his stimulation which reject true biblical principles.

The sustaining ministry of the Holy Spirit depends on our being filled with the Holy Spirit and when we are, the very nature of Jesus Christ is formed in us!

We are substitutes for Jesus Christ and what we have to say when we share the Gospel accurately, carries with it the power of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit and it doesn't require our begging or emotion either.

No spiritually mature believer can represent Jesus Christ effectively when he's emotionally arrogant.

Arrogance plus emotion results in trying to solve our problems with other problems and we cannot represent our Lord until we have personal love for God the Father, impersonal love for all of His creation and complete contentment and that's how we come to spiritual maturity.

**John # 80 "The Defense Calls His Witnesses" Part 2 John 5:30
E/L=H+B+H by G/A through F/A in C/A.**

One thing man cannot do on his own is perform Divine Good.

Religion is human good plus more human good; human good for salvation and for spirituality.

**All normal thinking human beings will face or acknowledge the cross now or in the future.
If you wish to stand on your human good accomplishments, that's fine but there will come a time of reckoning.**

The work of the cross is Divine Good.

And even when these religious leaders saw the cross with their own eyes, it was incompatible with their human good system, so they remained negative.

Divine Good has great value wherever it is found because it lasts forever.

And human good is not sin but it is evil!

Human good is called dead works. Heb 6:1

Anything produced in the life of the unbeliever is dead, including his human good.

Human good is not acceptable to God. Isa 64:6

Human good will not save mankind. Titus 3:5; Eph 2:8-9

The believer's human good is condemned at the Bema Seat. 1st Cor 3:11-16

The unbeliever's human good is condemned at the Great White Throne. Rev 20:11-15