HOW CAN I, A SINNER SERVE JESUS?

The bible says: **Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Unfortunately way too many people think they can do something to earn salvation.

I AM SORRY there ain't NOTHING you can do. Many say, if I could only quit drinking, gambling, smoking ,lying, whoring, taking dope or whatever, then I could serve the Lord.

The thing not realized here is: JESUS paid the price for all of these things on the cross of Calvary. You see Jesus don't stoop so low as to copy man, when he said to the deciples

Matthew 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men

He did not say, I will make you cleaners of fish, you see Jesus catches his fish first then HE cleans them. The keyword here is HE not YOU, why do you think he said:

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

You see, the devil has blinded you and so many people to except this lie, for

Jesus said: **Matthew 11: 28-30** Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Another lie that satan has multitudes of professing Christians believing is: as long as your baptized as a baby, took confirmation and attend THE church your OK. Well unfortunately there will be multitudes that will stand before the Lord and say, BUT Lord I didn't know there was more, He will say something like, You had the bible but wouldn't read it, you read all kinds of other books to feed your pleasure and ego, but what about your soul.

Matthew 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

THE ONLY thing WE CAN DO is is to ask Jesus to come into our life and forgive our sins.

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.

And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, MEANS He will clean us up. Don't worry about your hang-ups. FIRST THINGS FIRST.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

When Jesus Cleans us up, he does it in such a way, that we think it's our own idea. In other words you lose the desire to continue what you were doing

Once we have excepted Christ or should I say excepted the price He paid for ME and all man kind, there are 3 things we do in order to grow and maintain our salvation

1/ Read his word - by it we grow. (it's food) its also one way he SPEAKS to us and ` gives us guidance.

2Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

But do not make the same mistake that so many do, pray first and ask God to give you the understanding (1Corinthians 2: 12-16)

2/ pray, talk to God out loud the same as talking to a friend or some one thats present.

Daniel 9:3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, (earnestly or humbly)

James 4:2 yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

3/ Tell others, witness share your joy. **Matthew 10:32** Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

Romans 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Don't be disheartened if everything don't happen overnight, IT MAY, but God knows best trust him.

If you sincerely ask Jesus to come into your life and you want a relationship with him - HE WILL

God Bless and if I can help further, let me know

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