



[John 8:34](#)

(34) Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

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Instead of freedom, habitual sin brings about an enslaved consciousness, and one can gain insight into its nature by comparing it to chemical addiction. Like the chronic use of drugs, habitual sin causes a hardening of the heart ([Job 9:4](#)). Just as a junkie needs more of the addictive drug more often, habitual sin lowers the barriers of our conscience to more sin. As [Jesus Christ](#) says, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you" ([John 5:14](#)).

Our religion—our connection to God—provides us with the moral compass necessary to define both sin and the standards we need to walk worthy of our calling. This same connection also provides us with the ultimate solution for our addiction to sin—His love.

We do not live or commit sin in a vacuum. Each sin lowers our inhibition to further transgression and often causes collateral damage to those close to us and beyond. More importantly, it separates us from our Father and His love, without which we would be eternally lost. We can be assured, though, that because of our heavenly Father's powerful love for each of us, He has provided the perfect antidote to all of our sinful habits in the life and the blood of Jesus Christ.

— Martin G. Collins

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