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How often we hear people say:
I find it impossible to believe
the Bible because it contradicts
itself so much -

May I ask, "where does
it do this?"

When you ask a person to show
a contradiction in the Bible
they begin to hem & haw -

"I can't put my finger on it,
but I know it's there"

Do you know why? people feel
the word is contradictory? Because
they take a verse out of context.

Read one verse & leave the
rest off -

In the epistle of 1 John chapt.
3 Verse 9 the Bible says:
"Whosoever is born of God
doth not commit sin"

It says. "He cannot sin" because
he is born of God"

Yet in 1 John 1:8 John writes:
"If we say we have no sins,
we deceive ourselves and the
truth is not in us"

Now Remember that John is
writing to "Believers" So people
will tell you that here is
a contradiction —

But Note Very Carefully, 1 John 1:8
is simply a warning to those
who are Self Righteous Those who
rely on Self rather than those God

"And at some time in our
life we have been guilty" ~~now~~

John has already given the
formula for "Sweet fellowship
with God"
Being honest with God & self

You want to be happy in the land?
"Be thankful with God and
yourself"

To be happy in the land, one must

- ① Acknowledge Him As Lord
- ② Remember where we were
- ③ Remember how we were delivered
- ④ And be reminded that it was
God who sent Jesus when man
was at his lowest ebb —

To be happy in the land, one must

- ① Not lay one thing to another
- ② Must not drag one foot in the
world

It seems that some were saying:
I've never sinned so terribly
to deserve God's wrath —

John says "You deceive yourself.
If you believe like that" "Sin
is sin and deserves the
wrath of God" (Rom. 6:23)

People deceive themselves (or rather give false impressions) either by statement or action, when they say, "We are above sin"

Paul said this: "wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall"

Or in the living Bible says: "Be very careful if you are thinking 'Oh I would never behave like that, let this be a warning to you, you too may fall into that sin'"

John also shows God's promise to believers, "If we (believers) acknowledge our sins, confessing them to God (who already knows what we have acknowledged) God can be depended on (is faithful) to forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness"

Now let me Ask, "In light of what
we've shown from the word,
Can a believer sin?"

Absolutely, we sin both by doing
& not doing —

James 4:17 "knowing what is right to
do, and then not doing it is sin"

Are you guilty? Am I?

~~Yes~~ — Think about it.

Now 1 John 3:9 says this: "Whoever
is born of God doth not commit
sin, for his seed remaineth in
him, he cannot sin, because
he is born of God —

Contradiction of 1 John 1:8 & 9
No — No — No —

To understand fully what we have
written here, we must know
what these words really

The term "Commit a Sin" in the Greek is to say, Continue to sin or make a habit of it

To understand the Verse, we must see it as John intended.

Whoever is born of God
Does not willfully, habitually
Continue in sin"

In v-2 John tells Believers that they have not yet arrived, you are not what you will be, but promise God, you're not what you once were

It is this hope that draws a believer away from the world and worldly things -

It's knowing that God has made provision for the changes / that keep or believers from becoming "willfully", "habitually" and "continually".

Oh Dear hearts if we are to understand
the word of God, we must study
the word of God —

We must not take a verse
out of context but rather
read verses pertaining to
what we read

Someone might read verse 9 of
1 John 3 and say - "No matter
what I do, it's not sinful"

If all they read was
the first part of verse
9 and we didn't know
what else goes with it,
we too could become
confused —

Here's what the verse really says
to me, in light of other scriptures
dealing with "I'm

A person born of God" or saved
does not commit sin or he or she
did before they were saved"

Before being saved, "Sin was the element in which we lived"

This person may be a Law-abiding Citizen yet break God's first Law, therefore breaking them all -

The Law of God said: "Thou shalt have no other gods" yet the Unbeliever has many -

But when one is truly saved, their first question will be, "Lord, what would you have me do or be"

that person does not become perfect then, but is always reminded of "one day being like Adam"

Now we've read, all sin, we've read, whosoever is born of God does not sin, (carefully, consistently, habitually)

"For his seed remaineth in him" "what seed is this"

Some believe the "Seed" is Grace
Others believe it's "Mercy"

But it would seem proper to say
"The Seed is the word of God"

listen to 1 Peter 1:23 "You have
been born again, not of perishable
seed // but of imperishable seed,
"By the word of God which
liveth and abideth forever"

"Faith Cometh by hearing, And hearing
by the word of God" Rom 10:17

The Living Bible says: "Faith Cometh
from listening to the Good News,
the good news about Jesus"

Oh listen, Once the Seed takes
Root, A man never die - Rom

"He Cannot Die" John writes
Because he is born of God"
Notice carefully
what this does not say.

① It does not say, "A person ~~can~~
not sin willfully, habitually or
continually because they join a church

② It does not say they cannot sin
willfully, habitually or continually
because they have been baptized.

It says: Whosoever is born of God
will not sin willfully, habitually
or continually because, they
are a new creature, "born of God"

Oh listen the idea that some
have that a person truly born
of God cannot sin deserves a
great portion of the New Testament.
As for the idea that one born
of God can do as they
please and it not be called
sin is too ridiculous to
deserve our time

But it is true that a person truly
born of God cannot sin willfully
habitually and continually or they
did before they were saved

Why? Because of the "Seed" they
Accepted // Because now they
knows the word of God says
"Sin shall not have dominion over
you." Rom. 6:14

Or "Sin Never again need be your
master you are now under
Grace"

The Bible says people heard that and
asked, "Now this means that we
can go ahead & sin and not
worry about it?"

And Paul said: "Absolutely Not"

Because if you're truly saved, you'll
not want to sin willfully, habitually
& contrarily. And if you do sin,
the seed (or the word) will
remind you, and you'll know
you're displeased God, // you'll
want to get rid of the stain.

you'll Confess your sin.
You can't be born of God & enjoy
willful, habitual, contrivous sin.

Some interpret 1 John 3:9 to say:

"I am born of God" and
therefore now never perish
things I love in sin —

but let that person read v-10

God's people don't make sin a
habitual thing // They hunt like
crazy — ~~let~~ people feel
no remorse —

Oh dear hearts, there is no
contradiction in the word
of God. Folks, just stop working
too soon — Amen —

They take a verse out of
context — They try to make
it say something contrary
to God's intent —

One You Born of God? If so, "The
Seed Remains in You" you
will sin, but you'll hunt over
it —

But praise God "If we Confess
Our Sins, We are Dependent on God
to forgive our Sins." Amen —