

# God says it's sin that determines if I belong to the devil or to God

1 Jo 5:19 **We know that we belong to God even though the whole world is under the rule of (and belongs to) the Evil One (the devil).** TEV

Why does the whole world belong to the devil? Because we've all sinned and died to God

Isa 53:6 **All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to our own way; And the LORD has laid on (Jesus) this sin of us all** (it includes the most moral and the immoral among us, for we have all gone our own way).

Rom 14:23 AMP **...For whatever does not originate and proceed from faith is sin, whatever is done without a conviction of its approval by God is sinful.**

Rom 6:16 **...Sin results in death (to God) 1 Jo 3:8 Whoever sins belongs to the devil;**

This is true of non-Christians and Christians, sin makes me the devil's captive: 1 Tim 2:26. God is light, when I sin the spiritual light goes out, so I can't see the truth I belong to Satan. For as my will is controlled by my evil human nature, mostly my brain, I'm obeying Satan.

Eph 2:2 **You used to live just like the rest of the world, full of sin, obeying Satan ...the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.**

3 **All of us used to live that way, following the passions and desires of our evil human nature. We were born with an evil human nature...** NLT

We all need to be saved from sin, our sin nature, the devil; we are when we belong to God

2 Cor 5:15 **Christ died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves (hence Satan) but for Him who died for them and rose again.**

1 Pet 1:23 **Having been born again...by (believing in our heart) the word of God...**

Eph 1:13 **In Christ you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth...in whom also, having believed, you were (by faith) sealed with the Holy Spirit...**

14 **Who is the guarantee of our (eternal) inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession. (Christ bought us, redeemed us, from Satan by paying for our sins, so we could be forgiven and born again, then freeing us from our sin nature, as He owns us by His Spirit, severing Satan's hold on us).**

Rom 8:9 **You do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead, you live as the Spirit tells you to, if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him (though born again).** TEV

1 Cor 12:3 **...No one can say that Jesus is Lord (or owner) except by the Holy Spirit.**

1 Jo 4:13 **By this we know that we live in Christ, and He in us (as owner, saved from self, sin and being owned by the devil) because He has given us His Spirit.**