

## Friday, July 28 – That Thang You Do

**BOTTOM LINE:** When you placed your faith in Christ, you became a brand new person. Sin no longer has to control how you live.

Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is. 1 John 3:6

I asked him why he persisted in this activity, and he said, "I don't know. I love Jesus. I really do. It's just a thing with me. I am so glad Jesus understands."

Jesus does understand. He understands that people who are truly connected to Him on a daily basis do not continue to sin. He understands that disobedience is not just a "thing." He understands it is sin. He understands that persistent sin is a clear indicator that I don't actually know Jesus. Persistent sin goes further—it indicates I don't even know who He is—the perfect and complete Savior.

Do you understand that? In the light of this perspective from Jesus, how does that "thing" look now?

Jesus died that we could be victorious over sin—not because He wants to have control, strip us of anything fun or beneficial—but because he knows sin is so vicious and destructive that He gave His life to save us from it. How wrong and foolish is it to hang on to a "thing" that is so harmful He gave His life to protect you from it?

If you feel uncomfortable right now, be grateful. The Holy Spirit is still speaking to you, and you can still hear. Make today your turn-around day. See Jesus for the perfect Savior He really is, and your opportunity to be free of sin as it really is.

• Take the rest of your time with God today to write Him or speak to Him an honest prayer about where you are and how you need Him.