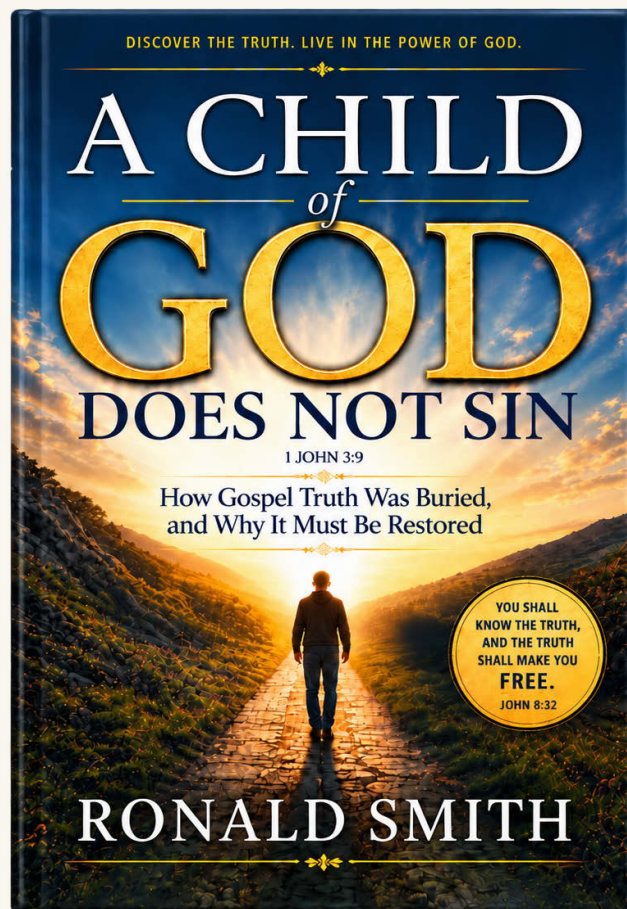


A CHILD OF GOD DOES NOT SIN

1 JOHN 3:9

PODCAST / MEDIA KIT



This kit is built for producers and hosts prepping a guest interview — everything you need in about 15 minutes, without reading the full manuscript first. A full advance copy is available on request for hosts who want to go deeper.

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One-Page Synopsis

Thirty-three years ago, in a small diner in Muncie, Indiana, Ronald Smith asked a pastor a question that would change his life: why can't we just pray to be healed from sin? That question started a thirty-three-year journey — through marriage, a career, and six kids — that finally led to his first book, *A Child of God Does Not Sin*.

The book takes its title from one of the most famous, and most overlooked, verses in the Bible — 1 John 3:9 — which flatly states: *"Whoever has been born of God does not sin."* Smith argues that most churches preach what he calls a "half-gospel": forgiveness without freedom, grace without power, a Savior who cancels the debt but supposedly leaves the addiction to sin fully intact. He makes the case, drawing on Scripture, John Wesley's largely forgotten doctrine of Christian holiness, and a documented look at how modern Bible translations have quietly softened key verses over time, that real freedom from willful, deliberate sin was never meant to be the exception for a spiritual elite. It was meant to be normal for every believer.

The title itself makes the point. Most modern translations soften 1 John 3:9 into something more comfortable — "does not sin habitually," "does not make a practice of sinning" — a drift the book documents translation by translation. Smith argues the plain reading was correct all along, and that recovering it changes how the rest of the New Testament reads too.

The book also traces why this matters practically. Most Christians have never been told that their church's teaching on sin descends from one of two competing five-hundred-year-old traditions — Calvinist or Wesleyan-Arminian — chosen for them before they ever walked in the door. Untangling that split, Smith argues, is the first step toward recovering a doctrine the modern church quietly let go of.

Smith is not a theologian by trade — he's a sales and marketing professional living in Scottsdale, Arizona, which is part of what makes the book land differently. It reads less like a seminary lecture and more like a friend who spent three decades working out an answer he'd been given early on. The book builds its case like an actual legal argument across eighteen chapters, stacking dozens of supporting verses and answering every major counterargument rather than avoiding it.



Good fit for shows covering: Christian living, discipleship, holiness/sanctification theology, Wesleyan-Arminian vs. Reformed debates, addiction and recovery parallels, or personal-transformation and testimony-driven interviews.

A full chapter-by-chapter breakdown, discussion questions, and quotable excerpts follow in this kit.

The Book at a Glance

All 18 chapters, one sentence each — for hosts who want a quick map of the whole argument before diving into a few chapters in depth.

CHAPTER 1

What Is Sin, What It's Not, and How Do We Know If We've Been Born Again?

Sin is a willful, knowing transgression, not mistakes, ignorance, temptation, or infirmities, and genuine new birth is diagnosable by Wesley's three stages: the natural man who sins willingly, the awakened man who sins unwillingly, and the child of God who does not sin at all.

CHAPTER 2

Unbelief Is the Root of All Sin

Every act of sin traces back to one of three traps of unbelief: not believing it's really sin, not believing the consequences are real, or not believing freedom from it is actually possible in this life.

CHAPTER 3

Not Just Any Belief Will Do

Merely believing facts about Jesus is the same faith demons have; only trust that entrusts yourself to Him as Lord produces the transformation Scripture calls saving faith.

CHAPTER 4

Grace Is More Than a Pardon

Grace is not only unmerited pardon but active divine power that breaks sin's dominion, as Romans 6:14 makes explicit and modern preaching consistently ignores.

CHAPTER 5

Can a Christian Be Free from Sin? Wesley and the Lost Doctrine

Wesley's doctrine that freedom from willful sin begins at the new birth and can be entirely realized in this life is biblically sound but has been functionally erased from most modern churches' teaching.

CHAPTER 6

Before & After Pentecost

The Old Covenant's external, conditional system assumed and managed universal sin, while the New Covenant's permanently indwelling Spirit makes willful sin structurally incompatible with the believer's new nature.

CHAPTER 7

How Old Testament Tithing Is Blocking Your New Covenant Freedom

The mandatory tithe was never carried forward by the apostles into the New Covenant, and clinging to it as law trains believers to relate to sin the same legalistic way.

CHAPTER 8

Clearing the Blur from "Twisted" Scripture

Dozens of familiar verses have had their plain meaning quietly drift over generations without a single word of the text ever changing.

CHAPTER 9

How "Altered" Scripture Has Decimated the Power of God

Modern translations have actually softened the wording of key verses, and in every documented case the change moved one direction: weaker, never stronger.

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The Book at a Glance *(continued)*

The second half of the book turns from doctrine to practice — how the freedom described in chapters 1–9 is lived out, defended, and sustained.

CHAPTER 10

Who Are We? Identity, Perfection, and the High Calling of Love

The New Testament never depicts a genuine, Spirit-filled believer sustaining willful sin the way Old Testament saints did, and believers are commanded to actually pursue perfect love, not merely admire it from a safe distance.

CHAPTER 11

Two Rivers, One Church

Almost no Christian has been told their church's teaching on sin descends from one of two competing 500-year-old traditions, Calvinist or Wesleyan-Arminian, chosen for them before they walked in the door.

CHAPTER 12

Why the Church Settled: Easy Believism and Its Psychology

Believers unconsciously import an American grading-curve mentality into their faith, settling for passing rather than the zero-tolerance standard Jesus actually taught his disciples to expect.

CHAPTER 13

The Whole Gospel

Holiness is not optional extra credit but the proof and purpose of salvation, and "Once Saved, Always Saved" falsely detaches eternal security from any ongoing condition of walking in the Spirit day to day.

CHAPTER 14

The Daily Walk

Freedom from willful sin is sustained not by man-made rules but by Spirit-led daily practices: continuous prayer, feeding the new nature, and learning to recognize and trust the Spirit's leading.

CHAPTER 15

When a Child of God Falls

A believer who willfully sins has stepped outside the salvation they were given, but genuine repentance always reopens the door, except in the case of final, deliberate rejection of the Spirit.

CHAPTER 16

What to Do When Your Church Teaches Otherwise

The recommended response to a church normalizing ongoing sin is self-examination, prayer, and a private conversation with leadership first, with leaving the congregation only as a last resort.

CHAPTER 17

Living Free as Children of God

The resurrection's power is not a doctrine to be admired but a present, lived reality: the same power that raised Christ from the dead now indwells every born-again believer today.

CHAPTER 18

The Cost of the Half-Gospel

Five centuries of half-gospel dominance have produced measurable societal wreckage: collapsing church attendance, divorce rates matching the world's, and a generation of young adults walking away from faith altogether.

Full chapter text, verse references, and supporting research are available in the advance manuscript.

Quotable Excerpts

Short, self-contained passages a host can read aloud or reference on air.



The demons have correct theology. They have accurate Christology. They know the story is true. What they lack is surrender, trust, obedience, and love. They believe about Jesus without believing into Jesus. And the tragedy is that most modern Christianity has settled for the same.

— ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DEMON-FAITH AND SAVING FAITH



A child of God does not sin. The New Testament did not just say it. It demonstrated it.

— ON THE OLD TESTAMENT VS. NEW TESTAMENT PATTERN OF SIN AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE



Paul's answer is one word in the Greek: pisteuson — believe. One word. No syllabus, no catechism to pass first, no probation period.

— ON THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER'S CONVERSION, ACTS 16:30–31



You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free — not free in some vague, spiritualized sense, but genuinely, actually free, the way a prisoner released from a cell is free.

— ON JOHN 8:32



This is the proving ground. It is not the practice field.

— ON WHY FREEDOM ISN'T DEFERRED TO ETERNITY

Each excerpt is short enough to read verbatim on air and self-contained enough to work without additional setup. For longer passages tailored to a specific segment or theme, request the advance manuscript.

Suggested Discussion Questions

Pick 5–6 of these for a typical 30–45 minute conversation — ordered to build from hook to depth to takeaway.

- 1 The whole book is built around one verse, 1 John 3:9 — "whoever has been born of God does not sin." Most Christians have never heard a sermon on it. Why do you think that is?

- 2 You talk about a "half-gospel" being preached in a lot of churches today. What does that actually sound like from the pulpit — what's missing?

- 3 You open one section with the line, "the demons believe — and tremble." What's the difference between believing the facts about Jesus and what you call believing "into" Him?

- 4 Romans 7 — Paul's "wretched man" passage — is one of the most common verses used to argue Christians are stuck fighting sin forever with no real victory. You read it differently. Walk us through that.

- 5 You lean heavily on John Wesley's doctrine of Christian holiness. Why do you think that teaching largely disappeared from modern churches, even Methodist ones?

- 6 You draw a striking parallel between willful sin and alcoholism — specifically AA's zero-tolerance, total-abstinence model. What made you land on that comparison?

- 7 Take us back to the diner in Muncie, Indiana. You asked a pastor friend why we can't just pray to be healed from sin, and his answer shocked you. What did he say, and what took you the next thirty-three years?

- 8 What almost stopped you from ever writing this book?

- 9 Some listeners will worry this message could produce guilt, shame, or legalism instead of freedom. How do you respond to that?

- 10 You describe two five-hundred-year-old church traditions — Calvinist and Wesleyan-Arminian — that most believers don't even realize they've inherited. How would you explain that split to someone hearing about it for the first time?

- 11 You connect the "half-gospel" to some striking cultural trends — falling church attendance, divorce rates matching the world's. That's a bold claim. Walk us through the connection.

- 12 If someone listening today takes away just one thing from this conversation, what do you want it to be?

Have a different angle you'd like to explore? Ronald is glad to prep around a custom line of questioning for your audience.

Author Bio & Key Facts



Ronald Smith is a sales and marketing executive with a degree in journalism who spent thirty-three years — alongside a career, a marriage, and raising six children — studying the doctrine of Christian holiness, not in a seminary, but in his spare time, after a pastor friend gave him a simple, startling answer in a diner in Muncie, Indiana: we can be free from willfull sin, but almost nobody believes it anymore.

He and his wife, Nancy, live in Scottsdale, Arizona. Together they have raised six children and have been blessed with two grandchildren. *A Child of God Does Not Sin* is his first book.



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— FROM THE BOOK

Key Facts

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