

## Fault!

All of us have experienced guilt for committing a mistake. Then our thoughts search for a reason or someone as the cause. We struggle to think we are the fault for our mistake. God found fault with his first covenant of laws (Hebrews 8:7, NKJV). It was perfect, but the fault was humanity's inability to keep it. There were some exceptions, such as the King of Gath found no fault in David (1 Samuel 29:3) and Pilate, the Roman governor of Galilee, found no fault in Jesus (John 19:4). Still, God established a new covenant through the redeeming blood of his son, Jesus (Hebrews 8:8-13).

Beloved, fault is not sin, nor is sin a fault. Anything we do outside of faith in Jesus is a sin because, without him, we can do nothing successfully. Usually, we do something without consulting the Holy Spirit because we are intentionally determined to have it or do it. (John 15:5). Faults arise from unintentional mistakes. When Jesus is our Savior, God does not look at our sins, nor our faults (Isaiah 43:25, Hebrews 8:12). Instead, he looks at the shed blood of his son, Jesus, on the mercy seat in heaven (Hebrews 9:1-28). We sustain our fellowship with one another when we regretfully acknowledge our faults. Such acknowledgement confirms our righteousness (James 5:16). Most often, the urge to acknowledge our faults comes from the Holy Spirit, who reminds us we are righteous (John 16:8). Shalom

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