

GOSPEL GUT CHECK: HOW TO WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST SIN

1 JOHN 5:16-21 (ESV)

- I. Unaddressed sin causes problems for _____ and the _____ around them.
- II. The battle against sin requires _____ in God's _____.
- A. Jesus is actively at work to _____ Christians from sin's _____.
- B. Through union with Jesus, we have been fundamentally _____.
- C. We need these promises not only in the moments we are _____, but particularly in _____ for those moments.
- III. The battle against sin requires vigilance.
- A. Idolatry happens when we have a higher _____ or _____ for something than we ought.
- B. Every _____ we _____, it's because of idolatry.
- C. We must be vigilant about...
1. The _____ we _____ toward,
 2. The hidden _____ that _____ our idolatry, and

3. Our _____ idols and the ways we could be tempted toward them.

IV. The battle against sin requires community support.

A. When other Christians sin, we should _____ for them...

1. To know and rest in God's _____,

2. To _____ and grow beyond that sin, and

3. To live the _____ life to which Christ has called them.

B. We pray about one another's sins, because God has given the _____ the _____ to shepherd, restore, and encourage the sinning individual.