

“Are we pleading like David?”

Q: At the beginning of the year, do you want a fresh start for your life?

- King David wanted a fresh start!
 - When David committed great sins, what did he plead with God for?
 - “*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.*” (Psalm 51:10-11 (NIV))
 - When your life is a mess, are you supposed to plead with God in the same way? → Yes and No!

Yes: We should confess our sins to God and seek His forgiveness of sins and cleansing.

No: David was not wrong to plead like that during his time, but we would be wrong to plead like that at the present time.

→ The Holy Spirit, who used come and go, **stays** in us now and will **never leave us** anymore. (John 14:16-17a)
- There is more!
 - “*The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. [...] Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”* (Heb. 10:15-17 (NIV))
 - God sees us as if we have never sinned before; God sees us as perfect, blameless, and spotless people. = We can **always** have a **fresh start!**

→ This is because **Jesus** took all our sins and paid the penalty on the cross! (Heb. 10)
- Conclusion
 1. The Holy Spirit who lives in us will never leave us.
 2. God remembers our sins no more, so we can always have a fresh start!