



TRAIL TIP:

When you get bucked off: Get back on and ride again.

When you are learning to ride a horse OR a bicycle you hear the same thing come out of the grown-ups mouths when you fall.

- Are you all right?
- Then let's get back on there and try again.

Truth is, all of us are imperfect; all of us are going to make mistakes. But more than mistakes or imperfections the Bible, God's Word, explains to us that we are all sinners as well.

There is a difference in a mistake and a sin. Mistakes are like $2 + 2 = 5$. That is an arithmetic mistake. And accidents happen in life as well. For example, you might fall while roller-skating. That is not a sin but rather that is an accident or perhaps happens even as a result of a mistake.

Sin is the breaking of God's law. The Bible tells us in [Romans 3:10](#) *For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.* None of us keep all of God's Law. In fact God tells us that only One could keep the whole law, that was Jesus Christ Himself who was God in human flesh. The Bible also tells us that if we break ONE of God's laws we have broken them ALL.

Because we have this "sin nature" built into us from birth; we need the Savior, Jesus, who has paid for our sins with His Blood. When you ask Jesus to save you, then you are accepting His payment or atonement for your sins.

Once you are "saved" or "born-again" your sins are forgiven by Jesus Christ.

That's where this old western saying has some meaning.

While you are alive on this earth, even though you are saved/born-again you still will sin. You might find yourself being disobedient to your parents; or hitting someone in anger. When you do wrong, you will experience "guilt" or "conviction" for your wrong-doing. This is one sign that you are born-again because the Bible tells us that Jesus corrects His Born-again children. [Hebrews 12:6a](#) *"For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth..."*

Once you are forgiven by the Savior and are now born-again, don't let the devil rob you of your joy. If you are saved, then ask forgiveness from your Heavenly Father, learn from your failure and go forward.

I am not talking about sinning at will; instead, I am talking about genuine repentance from the heart.

[1 John 1:9](#) *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

That scripture is written to born-again believers.

SO when you sin as a born-again Christian:

- Ask for forgiveness.
- Get back up and go forward knowing you have a Savior.