Where Are Your Sins?

SIN: many people do not want to talk about it, some who do will say that they may sin but not that bad, and then there are others who say they do not sin at all. The fact of the matter is, **EVERYONE** is a sinner, and **EVERYONE** does commit sin. A valid question to ask is, "Exactly what is sin?" Sin is an offense, specifically an offense against God. You may say that you have not done that but, yes, you have. When? It happened in the Garden of Eden when Adam, the first human created by God, disobeyed God when he ate forbidden fruit from a tree that God told him to stay away from. You can read about this in Genesis, Chapters 2:16-17 and 3:6. Adam, as the federal head of the human race, disobeyed God and, when he did, sin [the sin nature] came into the realm of humanity. That first "offense" against God was disobedience and as a result we have all inherited his sin nature. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" {Romans 5:12} You may say that you do not like that or believe it but the fact remains, it is so!

Since God is holy [*sacred, pure, blameless, or religious, free from sin and every kind of impurity*] "Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy." {Psalm 99:9}, He demands that we be holy. "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." {1 Peter 1:15-16} God created this world and everything {Genesis, Chapters 1 & 2} in it, including us, so He has the right to make this demand.

As a result of being a sinner and committing sin is this, "For all have sinned, and come short [*to be deficient, destitute*] of the glory of God;" {Romans 3:23} and the payment for this death, both spiritual and physical. "For the **wages of sin is death**;" [*death as opposed to eternal life*] {Romans 6:23 *first half*} We were born [*in a state of our corrupt nature*] "dead in trespasses [*error or transgression*] and sins [*the cause of spiritual death*]" {Ephesians 2:1}Even though the wages of sin is death, God offers a gift as a remedy. "…the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." {Romans 6:23 *last half*} The physical body will die but the eternal soul will live for eternity in one of two places; the place the Bible calls **hell** or in Heaven with God. Jesus, speaking to His disciples said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in **hell**." {Matthew 10:28} Speaking to another group Jesus said, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent [*to think differently, to reconsider, to take God's side against your sin*], ye shall all likewise perish." {Luke 13:3}

Though all mortal humans are sinners by birth and deed, the **GOOD NEWS** is that God has provided a payment for our sin debt. He did this with His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary with His shed blood and death. "In whom we have redemption through his **blood**, even the forgiveness of sins:" {Colossians 1:14} "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious **blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" {1 Peter 1:18-19} "…the **blood of Jesus Christ** his Son cleanseth [*makes clean, purges*] us from all sin." {1 John 1:7} "Much more then, being now justified [*declared innocent*] by **his blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through him." {Romans 5:9} God did all this because of His great love for us. "But God commendeth **his love** toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." {Romans 5:8} He does not want to see anyone die and go to **hell**. "…, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." {2 Peter 3:9} "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." {John 3:16}

So many people walk the path of life with a load of sin, guilt, despair or whatever you want to call it; it's almost like a backpack that they cannot be free of. Well, it has all been dealt with on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus Christ and freedom and forgiveness are only a prayer away. Friend, **where are your sins?** I encourage you to repent of sin and trust Jesus as Saviour today, right now! "Casting all your care upon him; for he [*Jesus Christ*] careth for you." {1 Peter 5:7} "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." {Romans 10:13} "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." {1 John 5:13} **Where are your sins**; are they under the blood or are you still carrying them around?

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