

## You Can't But **God** Can!

So many people carry a load of guilt, guilt brought on by sin; it's like a heavy sack on their back and it's weighing them down and, try as hard as they may, they cannot rid themselves of it. To get relief people turn to drugs, alcohol, psychological therapy, religious therapy, or perhaps become a workaholic so that they don't have time to dwell on their problems. In spite of their best efforts, the problem persists, and they feel they are being drowned by it. The person who turned to drugs only needs more drugs. The one who turned to alcohol became an alcoholic; psychological therapy could only treat the symptom but not the cause. Religious therapy helps to some degree but, like the psychological therapy, it only treats the symptom but not the cause. For the workaholic, when the lights are turned off at night, the problem is still there. People going through life needlessly carrying a load of guilt and trying everything and anything to be rid of it. In spite of their efforts they cannot rid themselves of the heavy load they carry and find rest for their soul. As the title of this pamphlet says, **"You Can't But God Can!"**

The Bible clearly tells us that we are all sinners by birth because we have a sinful nature and, from that nature, we commit the various acts of sin. We inherited our sin nature from Adam who disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. "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} Even though ALL of humanity is sinful and committing all sorts of sins and wickedness, the God who created this world has such a great love for mankind that He provided a Saviour in the person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." {Romans 5:8} Jesus Christ who is God the Son left the glory of Heaven and took to Himself the body of a man for one specific purpose and, that purpose was to die on the Cross of Calvary as the full and final payment of our sin debt. "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} Jesus Christ not only died, but He also shed His innocent blood, He was buried and three days later He bodily rose from the grave and at this very moment He is back in Heaven at the right hand of God the Father. "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;" {Hebrews 10:12} All of this because of the love of God for the likes of you and me because He does not want to see any men, women, boys, or girls die and go to a devil's hell for all eternity. Talk about a true love for people!!

**You Can't But God Can** forgive you of sin and remove that heavy burden that you carry. **You Can't But God Can** give you rest for your soul. None of your good works are sufficient; none of your church attendance is sufficient; none of your benevolence is adequate to provide what you need. **You Can't But God Can** give you that peace that passes all understanding. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." {John 14:27} What must you do to obtain this? It's so simple that even a child can understand it. All you **NEED** to do is to repent {"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3} of your sin and, by faith alone in Jesus Christ and His shed blood for you on the Cross of Calvary, you acknowledge to God that you are a sinner {God already knows it but you are just admitting it} and trust Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Just like a person who is drowning when swimming cries out for someone to save them, you cry out to God for mercy and by grace, He saves you. All who truly repent and call on Him for salvation are saved - for all eternity. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life:" {John 3:36a} "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 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 5:11-13}

Once a person has trusted Jesus Christ as Saviour, it is then a matter of living in such a way that He is honored and glorified. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." {1 Corinthians 6:19-20}

Well my friend, there you have it; **You Can't But God Can** give you that forgiveness of sin and eternal life in Jesus Christ and a freedom and peace that passes all understanding. What will your answer be to Jesus; will you trust Him as your Saviour or will you reject Him. It must be one way or the other for there is no middle ground so remember, **You Can't But God Can!**

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