

OF SIN AND SALVATION

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The concept of sin and salvation is only relevant if the biblical viewpoint of a purposeful creation is considered. If the human race is merely accidental and temporary, then our existence is without purpose and our life would be pointless. Should evolution be the source of humanity, then life, love and happiness would also be totally meaningless. On this basis, we will promote the scriptural viewpoint, because it is the only approach that gives meaning to life and its values. Thus, the bible defines sin as... a breach of God's purposes, either spiritual or natural. Life is a choice (we clothe, feed and protect ourselves) and likewise eternal life is also a choice that is equally available. This is where the Gospel of Jesus Christ comes into play.

God reveals that we are created and we need to make choices. GEN 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. *Most people who have gone before us have not made the best choices... with the vast majority of people not even bothering to spend any time finding out whether God exists or whether his Gospel plan actually works. Without God, every other choice leads to certain death. The graveyards of the world support the certainty of human failure.*

The primary choice is between life and death... and furthermore, that choice is made every day of our lives. DUE 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore **choose** life, that both thou and thy seed may live: **2COR 6:2** (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, **now** is the accepted time; behold, **now** is the day of salvation.) *Everything we do is a series of daily choices based on whatever circumstances surround us... these vary from person to person. Salvation is not about whether people are nice or nasty, fair or unfair... it is about being empowered to overcome our spiritual shortcomings. This choice once accepted and made; needs to remain a priority for us... daily, of course.*

All humanity is offered a common solution. 1COR 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. *Salvation is only possible if people hear about it... then follow through with its requirements.*

Salvation is backed with supernatural signs. ACT 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. **This action is also ongoing... 17** And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: *The promise of a sign based, power driven salvation, is universally promised till the end of this current age.*

Salvation sets you free with ongoing maintenance keeping you free. ROM 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. *How does this work?*

First priority... 1JOH 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, **that ye sin not. Second... if sin occurs.** And if any man sin, we **have** (present tense) an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

We are also duty bound to offer God's mercy to others. LUK 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and *to* the evil. **36** Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

God's judgement is based on the choices we have made, not on choices he makes. GAL 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap (*you choose your own rewards*). **8** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting (*this is why fellowship, reading prayer, etc., are so valuable as worthy choices*). *God's judgement will only reflect the choices we make... that is why we should choose well.*

We will all suffer one of two things: the short term pain of discipline, or the enduring pain of eternal regret.

Lasting joy only comes from walking in the spirit... not from natural choices. GAL 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

&22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. **24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts (*making ongoing corrections and changes as they are required*). **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. *A daily choice we are all encouraged to make.* **26** Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. *Earthly choices affect everyone, not just ourselves.* **6:1** Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. *Life and its preservation are not accidental; make good choices.*