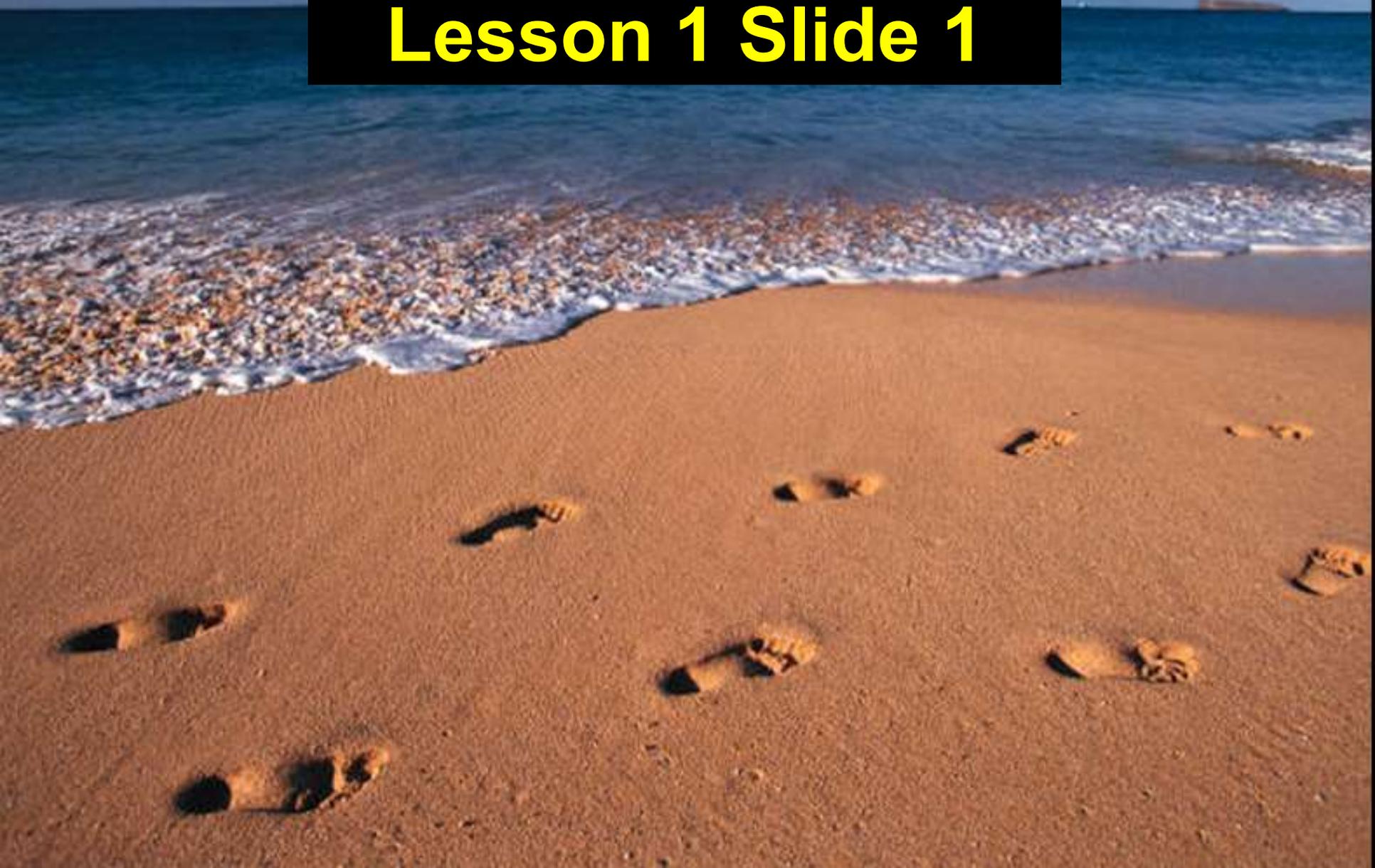


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THE PROBLEM OF SIN

Objective:- To understand the process of sin as shown in James 1:13-15; and to examine our reactions towards temptation.

At the centre of all man's trouble is SIN, and at the centre of sin is 'I' .

Sin is doing what 'I' want instead of what God intended me to do.

It is rebelling against God.

Remember, when someone wants to do wrong it is never God who is tempting him.

For God never wants us to do wrong and never tempts anyone else to do it.

Everyone is put to the test by being attracted and seduced by that person's own wrong desire.

SIN AND EVIL:- WHO CAN ANSWER?

The Agnostic?

Why ask? – You Cannot know!

The Atheist (Naturalist)?

Who are you asking? – If there is no one to ask!

The Pantheist (New Age)?

What question?– They do not believe Sin/Evil is real!

The Theist?

If God exists, then the question is valid and the theist can offer some valid answers!



SIN AND EVIL:- WHO CAN ANSWER?

Muslims believe that suffering is due to God. Anything that happens is the will of Allah. If you are suffering, that is God's will for you.

Hindus, by contrast, will tell you that your suffering is not so much God's fault as your fault."

How can Jesus help US?

"He claims that there is only one way to God?

John 14:6; "Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

"Aren't we being a bit arrogant and exclusive?"

Christ's claims and proof of claims are totally unique compared to any other major religious leaders.

Buddha claimed to point to the way.

Muhammad claimed to be a **prophet** of God.

Jesus Christ is the only major religious leader that ever **claimed to be God**, who **fulfilled prophecy**, lived a sinless life, and then **died on the cross and rose from the dead.**”



**Some say Christianity is too exclusive!
Remember the times in which we live!**



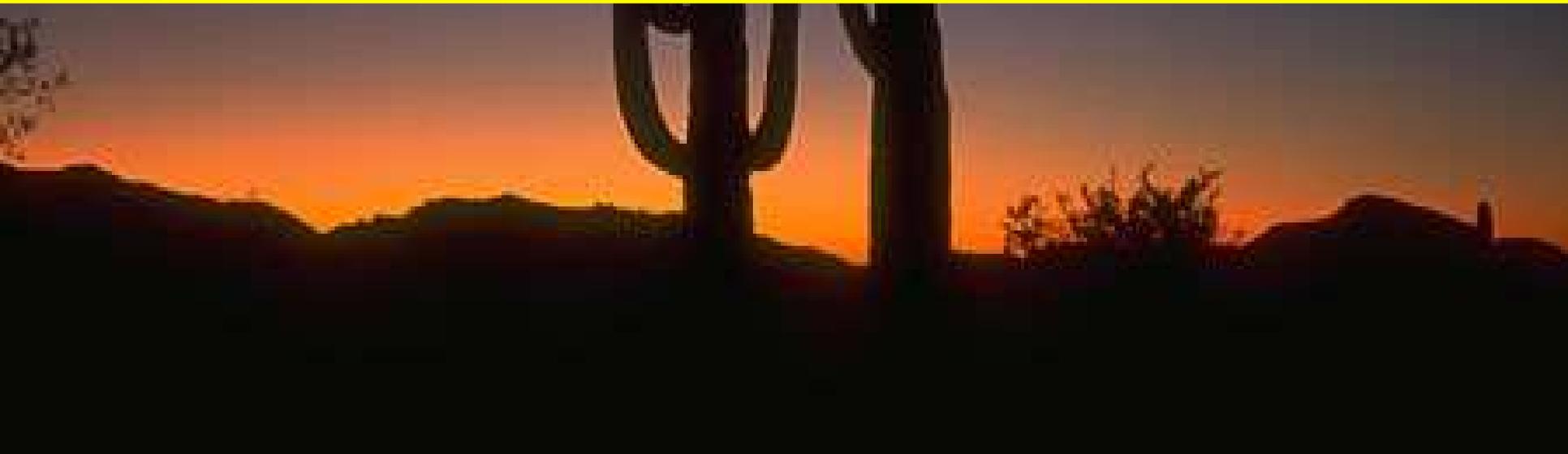
“We live in a time when **angry voices demand that we **shouldn’t** consider people **‘lost’** just because they aren’t Christians.”
Ravi Zacharias, Jesus Among Other Gods, p. 117**

Let's say that you're lost in a desert and that it is getting dark. Furthermore, you're hungry and thirsty and know deep down inside that if you don't find food and shelter soon you are probably going to die.

Then you see a speck of light on the horizon indicating that there is human life out there.

But instead of moving toward the light, you move away from it, whose fault is it if you die?

Dr. Norman Geisler



Why Is It Our Fault?

Because, we saw a light that indicated that there was someone who might be able to help us, but instead we chose to go away from the light.



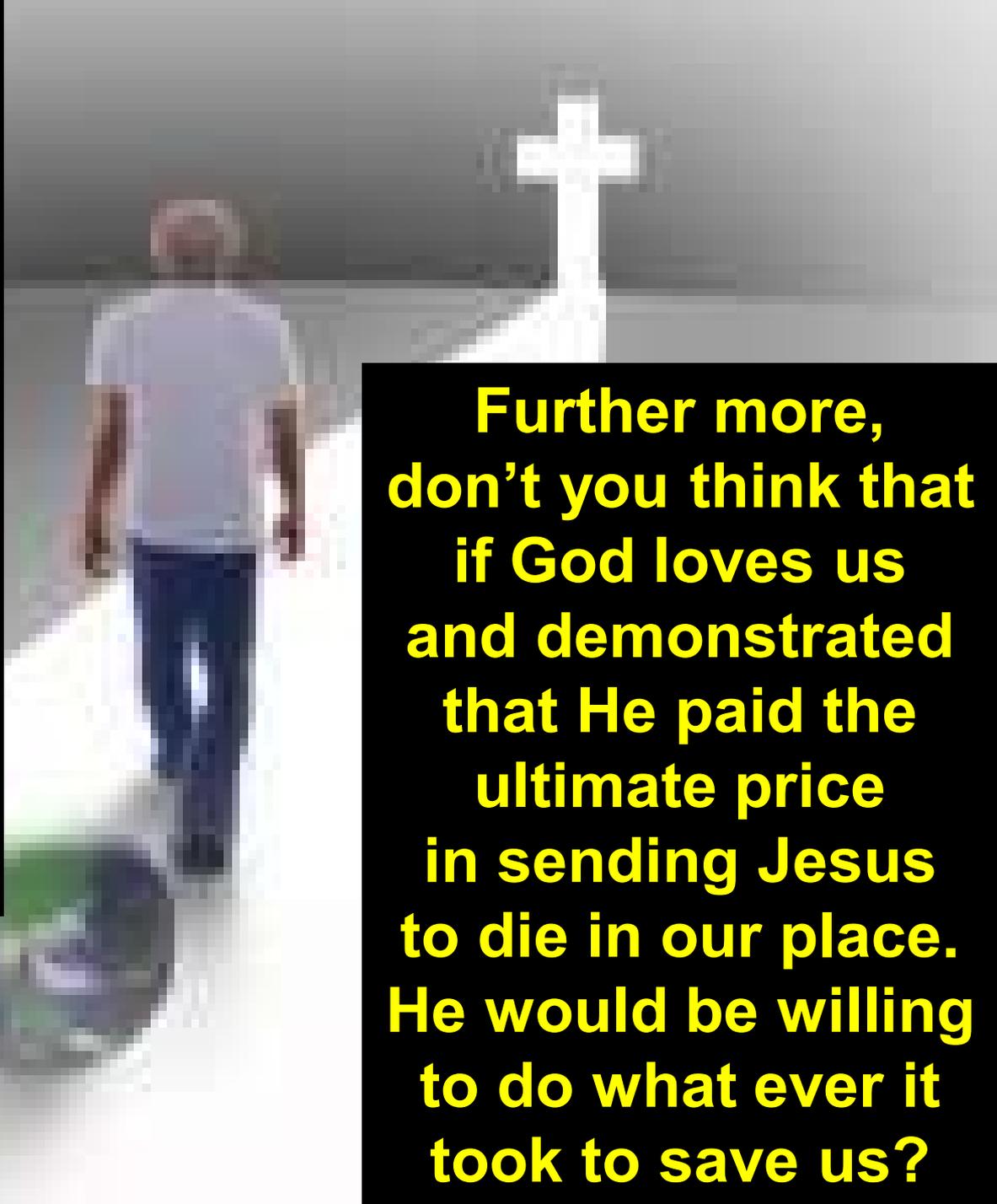
Furthermore, if we had chosen to move toward the light, wouldn't the light have grown brighter, revealing who was there?



In a similar way, God is not responsible for giving us greater light of who He is if we haven't responded to the light He has already revealed through general revelation!

As a further illustration of God's blamelessness regarding our choices, we know that the Bible reveals that there will be people of every dialect from every nation in Heaven.

Gal 3:26-29; Rev 5:9;



Further more, don't you think that if God loves us and demonstrated that He paid the ultimate price in sending Jesus to die in our place. He would be willing to do what ever it took to save us?

Straight Line = Standard.

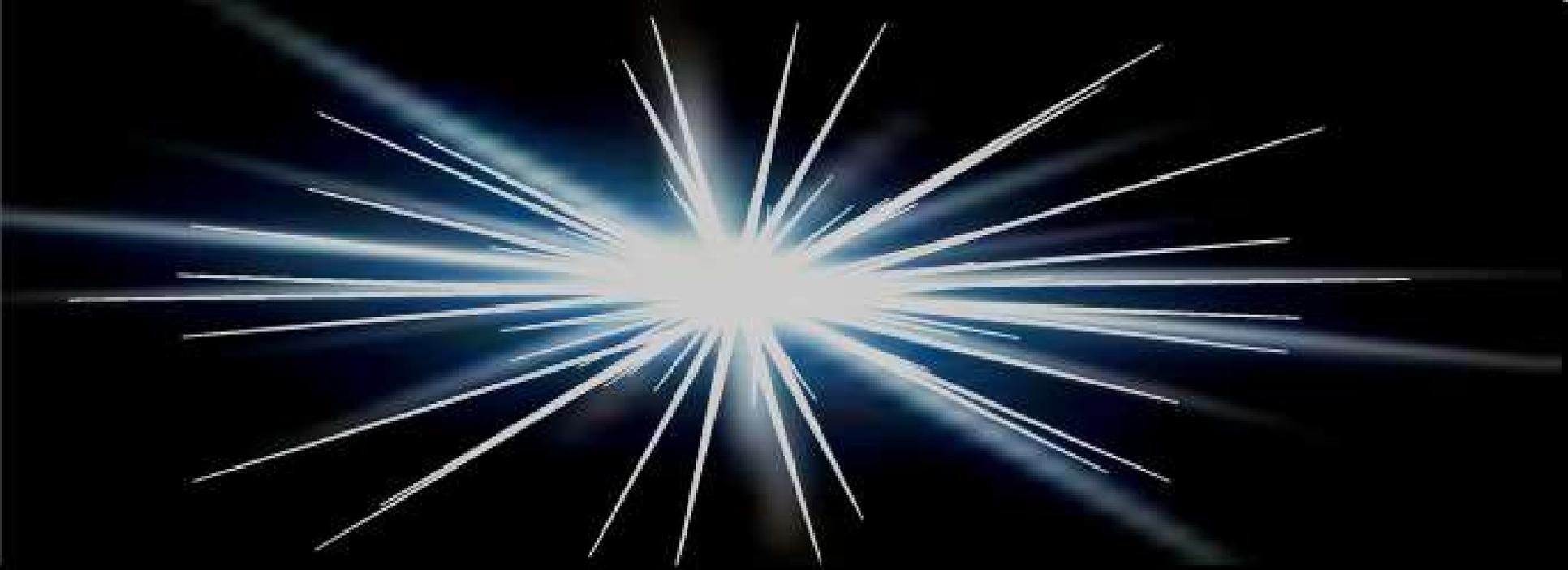


Argument Against God.

“[As an atheist} my argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But **how had I got this idea of just and unjust?**

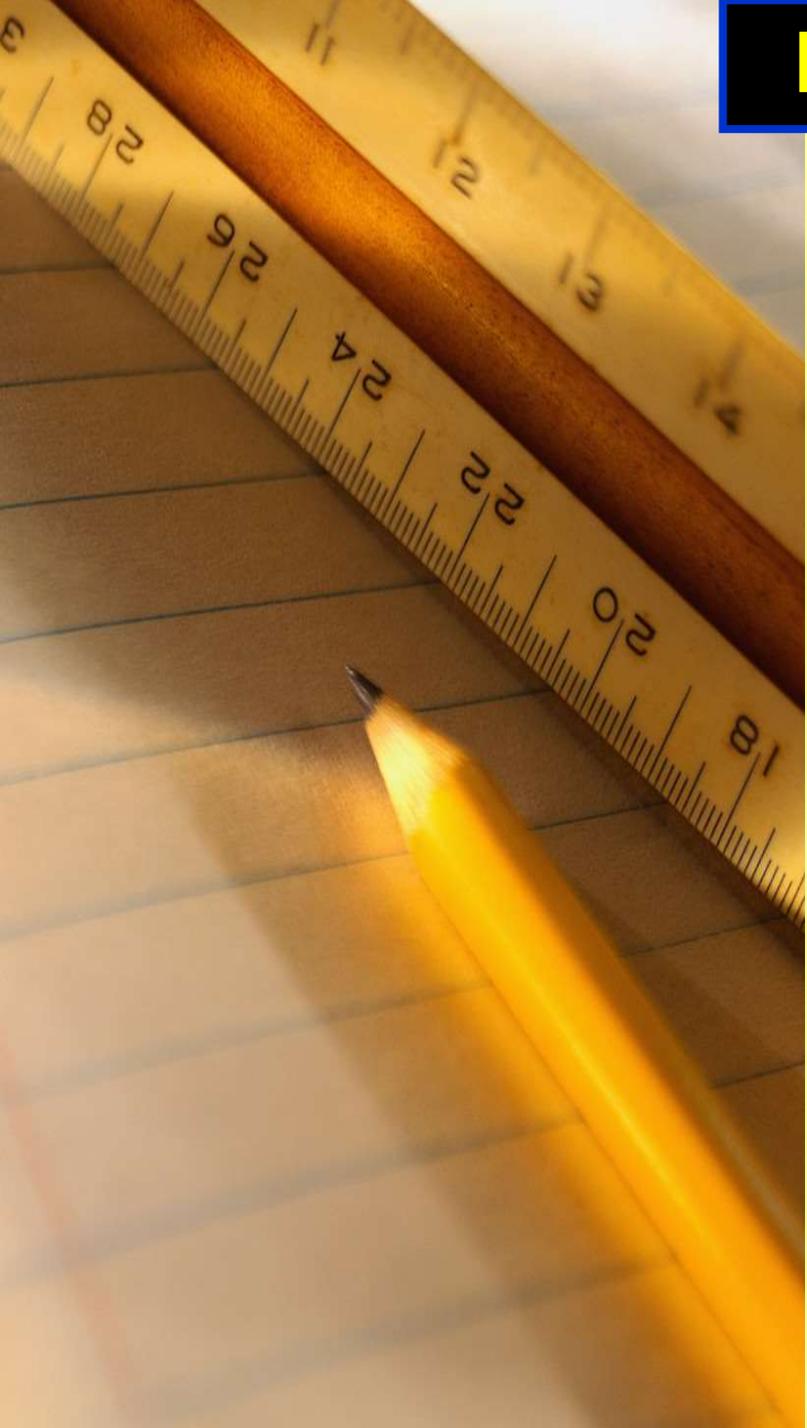
A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?”

C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity. p 45.



**“If there were no light in the universe
and therefore no creatures with eyes,
we should never know it was dark.
Dark would be without meaning.”**

C.S. Lewis Mere Christianity. p 46.

A close-up photograph of a wooden ruler and a yellow pencil resting on a piece of lined paper. The ruler is positioned diagonally across the frame, and the pencil is also positioned diagonally, pointing towards the bottom left. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white.

How Do We Measure Evil?

Don't we measure what is evil by the standard of good rather than measure good by a standard of evil?

So, if we say something is good or right, doesn't that imply a moral law?

And if there is a moral law, doesn't that imply there is a moral law giver?



An Independent Standard for Measurement.

“The moment you say that one set of moral ideas can be better than another, you are, in fact, measuring them both by a standard, saying that one of them conforms to that standard more nearly than the other.

But the standard that measures two things is something different from either.”

Answer to the Cause of Evil and Sin:-



Answer to the Cause of Evil and Sin:-

**“God made everything perfect.”
One of the perfect things that
God made was free creatures.”**

**“FREE WILL is the CAUSE of Sin & Evil. (Gen 3:6;)”
Therefore, imperfection (evil) can arise
from the perfect (not directly,
but indirectly, through freedom.)”**

**“God created the FACT of freedom;
Man performs the acts of freedom.”**

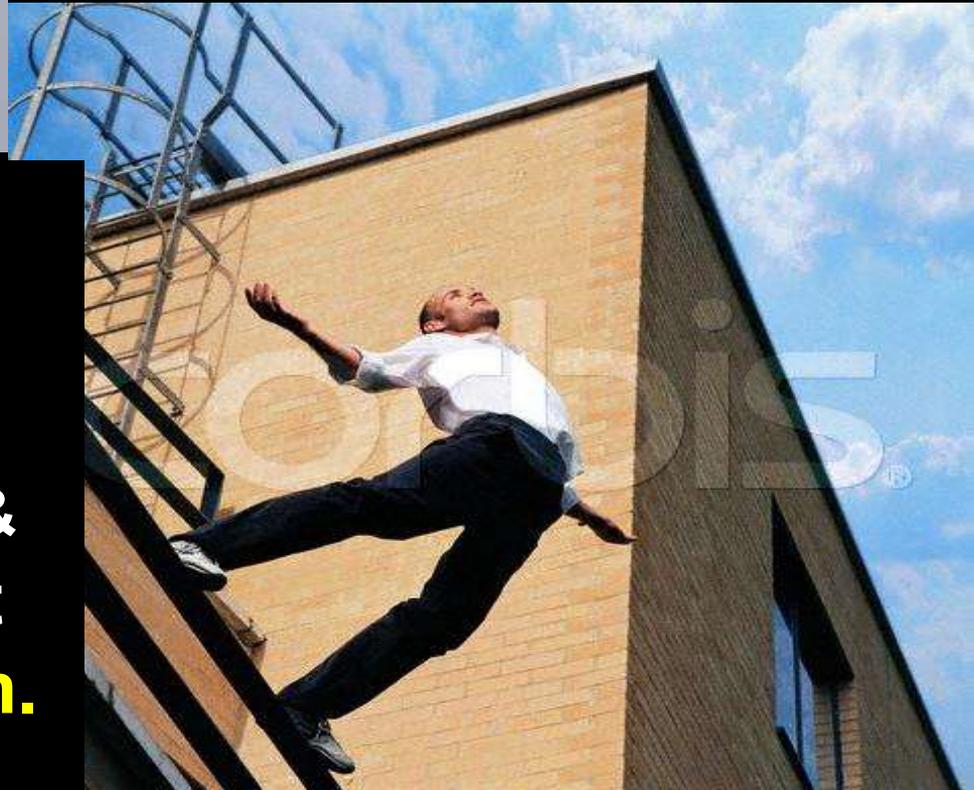
**“God made Sin & evil POSSIBLE,
WE make it ACTUAL.”**



**Why doesn't God
step in and stop it.
(Sin Evil & Suffering?)**

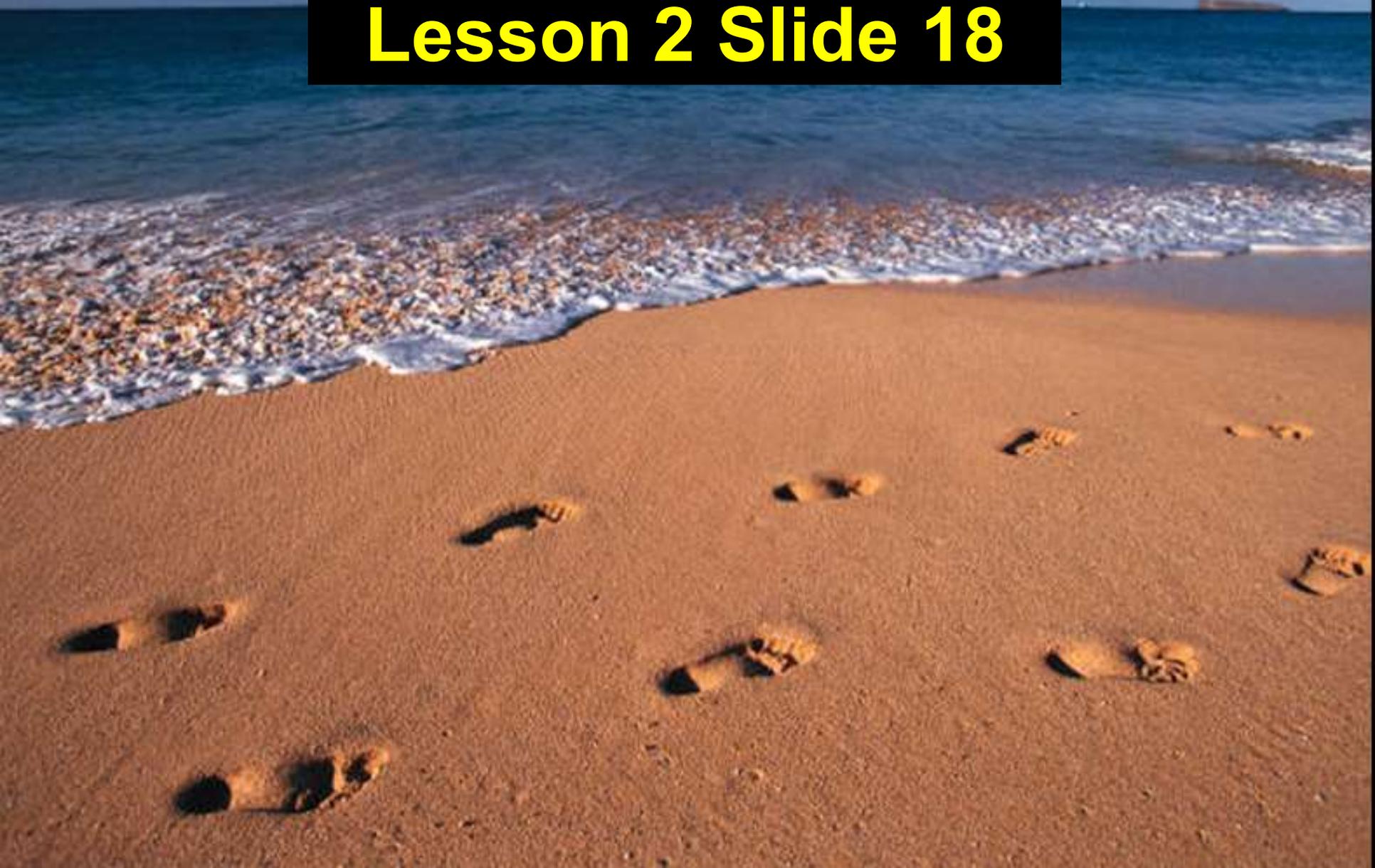
**He can but He won't.
Why?**

**Because His direct
intervention to stop Sin &
Evil will also require that
He suspends our freedom.**



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**God woos us without
violating our freedom.**

"How do I make someone **love me
without violating their free will?"**



Have you ever chosen to do something you knew was wrong? **The Bible calls those wrong actions sin.** In a general sense, sin means that when **God gives us a law (or commandment)**, and we refuse to do it, this makes us **without law, or lawless.**

"Whoever commits sin commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness." 1 John 3:4;

BREAKING OR VIOLATION of GOD'S LAW IS SIN.
Lawlessness is from,
the Greek word **ANOMIA** the Amplified Bible says:-

"Everyone who **commits (practices) sin** is guilty of lawlessness; for (that is what) sin is - lawlessness. (the **breaking, violating of God's law by transgression** or neglect; being unrestrained and unregulated by His commands and His will."

We see that this passage is teaching us that **sin is a personal refusal to be governed by God's divine law and a setting up of our will against God's will.**

1 Jn 1:8; "If we say, "We are without sin," **we deceive ourselves**, and the truth is not in us.

10. If we say, "We have not sinned," **we make Him a liar**, and His word is not in us."

NOTE that **this text** implies that there is a **divine will or standard** against which **all, things** are measured.

This is not very popular in an age of "**do your own thing**" or "**if you feel like it do it**" or let there be "**freedom without restraint**" this really means anarchy. **Freedom brings responsibility to use the freedom wisely.**

In other words, **the Bible teaches that certain things are wrong, such as stealing.**

Paul says plainly:- Eph 4:29;

"Let him who is stealing, steal no longer."

Stealing is wrong:- If we steal,

we have broken God's law - we have sinned.

Thieves are counted among the **unrighteous** who **shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven.**

1 Cor 6:9-10;

Rejecting Truth is also sin, The Bible is Truth.

One book of the New Testament that discusses the subject of sin is Romans.

“It is not as though man has never known truth; he has turned away from it and rejected it.”

Romans 1:18-20;

**These verses show how mankind
has treated God and His Word.**

**"Because, although they knew God,
they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful,
but became futile in their thoughts,"**

**"their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing
themselves to be wise, they became fools,
and changed the glory of the incorruptible God
into an image made like corruptible man and
birds and four-footed beasts and creeping things."**

**"Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness,
in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonour their bodies among
themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie,
and worshipped and served the creature rather than the
Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen." Romans 1:21-25;**

God wants all men to know the Truth:-
that is the reason He gave us the Bible.

**If we reject His message,
He will let us become fools.**

He will allow us to be **blinded by error**
(things that are not true)
and even to be lost eternally. 2 Cor 4:3-4);

He will allow us to be deceived by false teachings.

Many have already perished "**because they
did not receive the love of the truth.**" 2 Thess 2:10;

Do WE love the Truth?

"What is the worst sin?" Rom 1:29-31;

"Unrighteousness, wickedness, evil, envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice, gossip, slander, blasphemy, insolence, sexual perversion homosexuality, arrogance, pride, disobedience to parents, bad language, hypocrisy, drunkenness, rape, adultery."

"..the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men."

Rom 1:18;.

Each sin bears the same consequences.

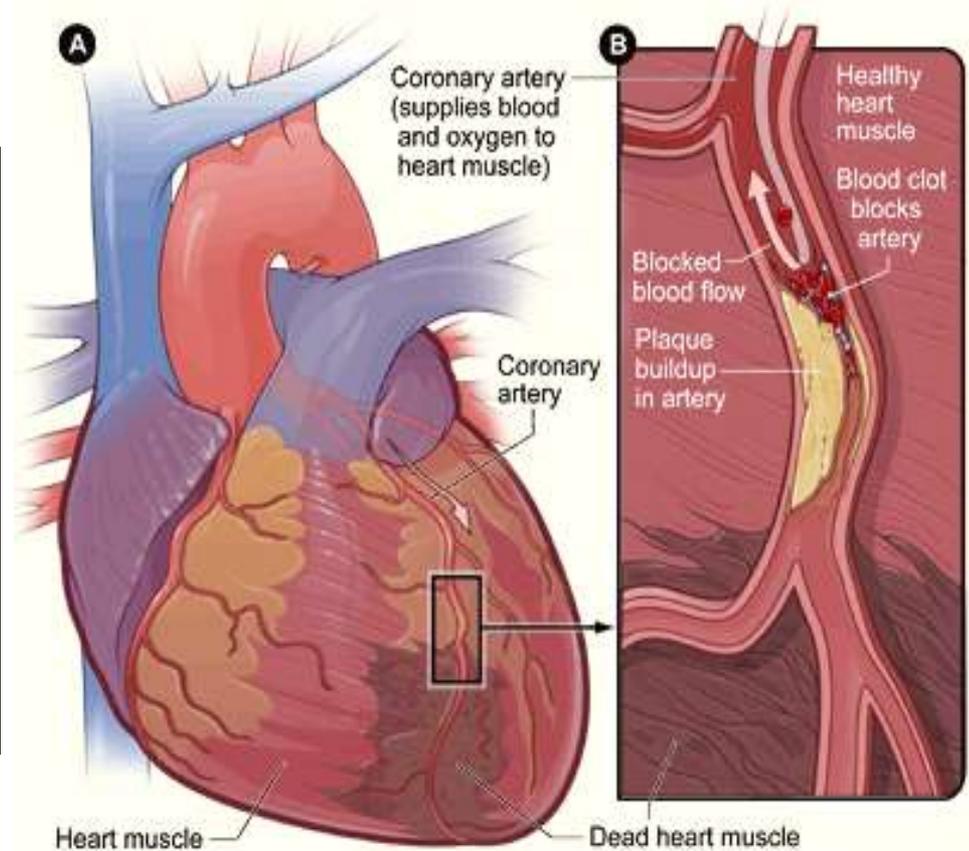
"And the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as the person who has broken all of God's laws."

James 2:10;

We live in a world of alienation.
1994 EMT Pawnee: check ABC
Airway/Breathing/Circulation -

Blood is life;
all parts of the body must
be continually surrounded
by the flow
of life's blood: *circulation.*

Sign: first it will hurt ...
then it will begin to die.



God's grace is like life's blood. It must circulate
without obstruction through all aspects of our life.

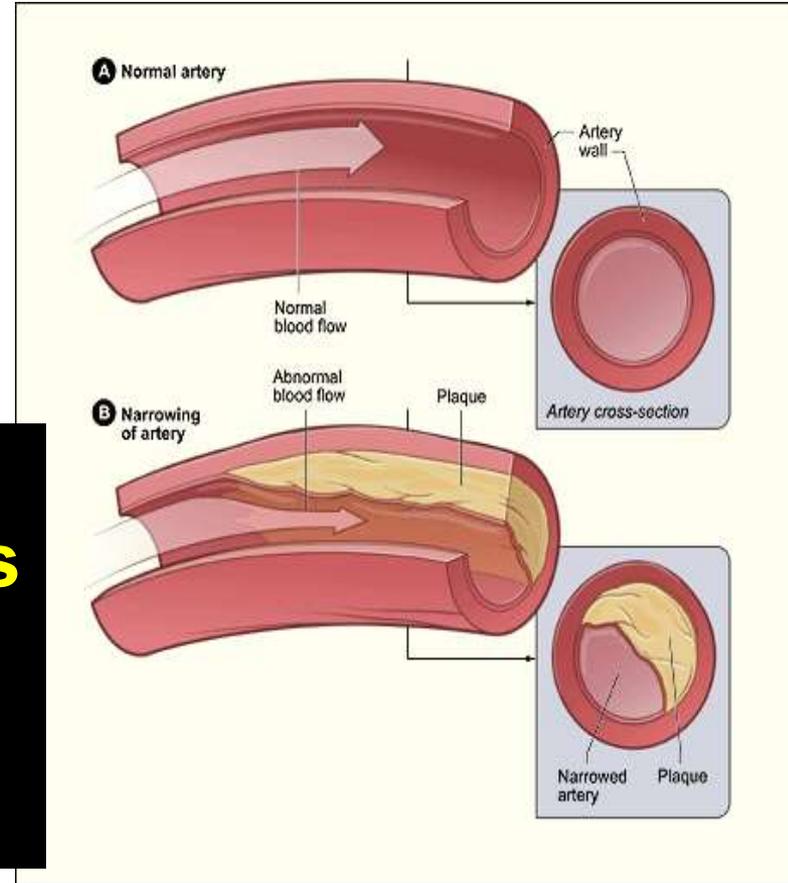
What causes a blockage of grace?

Sin.

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The flow of grace.



Sin is pretending that we are the center of the universe. It's an "I" problem ... the "I" swells up and becomes an obstacle to grace.

Sign: first it will hurt ... then it will diminish ... then it will begin to die.

Consider:-

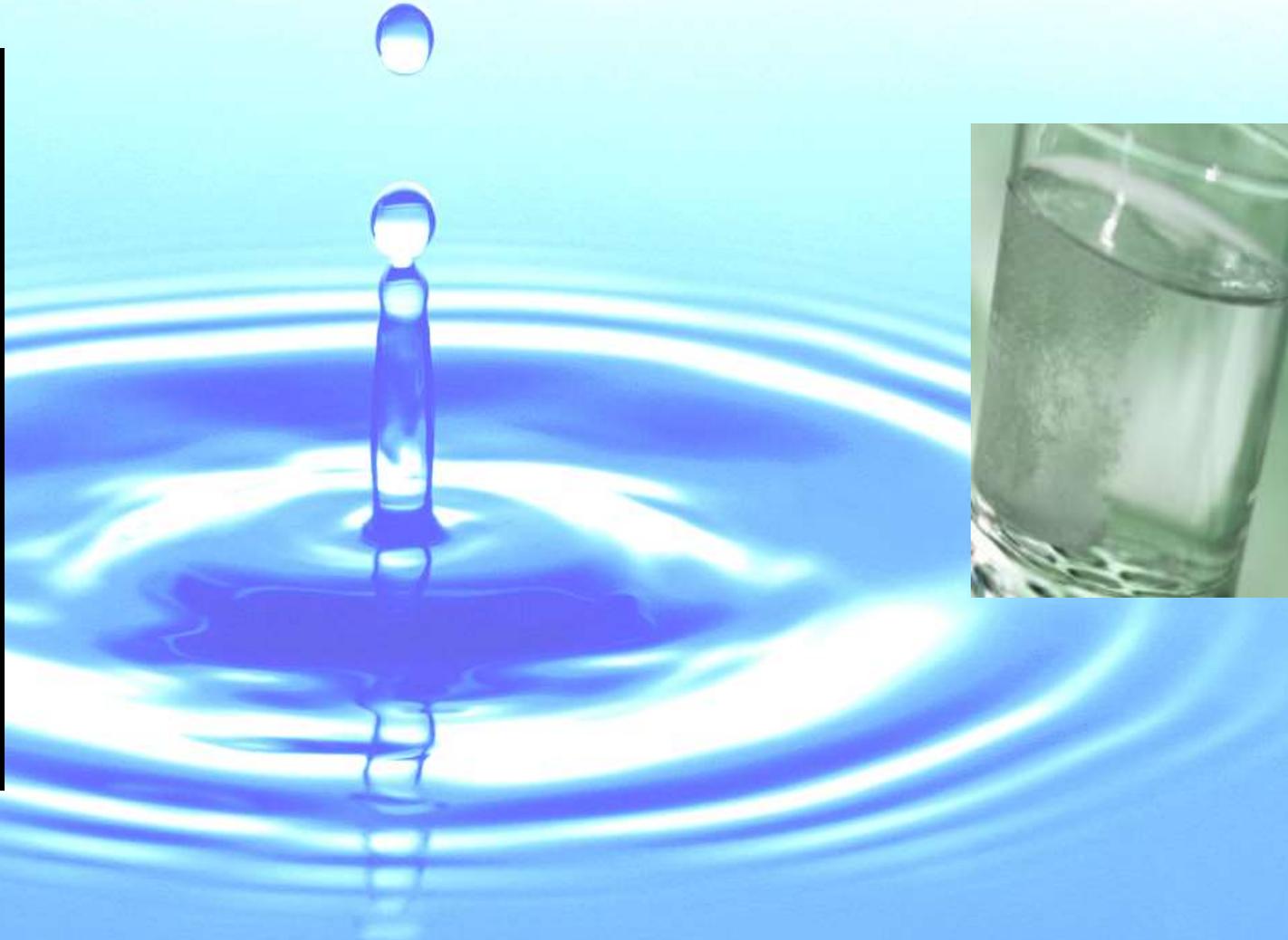
- a) Eve's sin. - Fruit Stealing?
- b) Lots wife. - Nosiness.
- c) King Uzziah. - Pride.

Sin is serious Heb 2:1-2; 1 Pet 4:17-19; Heb 10:26-31;
To treat sin lightly is very dangerous.
God hates sin and must punish it.

He cannot just brush it aside.
His righteousness
demand the penalty be met.

Suppose you were drinking some water out of a paper cup. Would it be acceptable for me to put a little SEWAGE in your water?

If not do you see how something can seem so small but in reality still have a huge impact?



So is it possible **our “sins”** could cause a bigger barrier between us and God than we think?

Picture a young women getting out of the car in her beautiful white wedding dress. Then imagine another car pulling up right next to her and a man with grease all over him getting out. As he gets out and passes by her, he smears grease all over her beautiful white wedding dress.



Now, do you think that wedding dress is going to acceptable to her?

Of course not, because the dress has to be spotless on her special day!

“Now if you and I have a standard of what is right and wrong and we don’t live up to it, can you imagine that God’s standard might be a little higher than our own?” (Matt 5:48; Jas 2:10;)





To Miss the Mark.

**To sin is to miss the mark
to fall short from
the standard,
to not measure up,
to be less than what
we should be. Rom 3:23;**

**Therefore,
it does not follow
that God causes
Sin & Evil.
(James 1:13-17;)**

The Problem Of Sin.

The Problem That Sin Causes Is Severe.

It Breaks Our Relationship With God.

This Has Been True Since The Beginning.

Remember The Big Picture Of The Bible;



Right From The Beginning The Disobedience Of Adam And Eve Caused Them To Lose Their Place In The Garden Of Eden & Their Relationship With God.

Without God's help man would be **without hope** to **save himself** from **sin** and **its consequences**.

Definitions of sin.

1 John 3:4;

Lawlessness.

James 4:17;

Failure to do what we know to be right and good.

Rom 14:23; **Failure to act according to personal conviction and conscience when the bible is silent on an issue.**

Rom 3:23; **Falling short- not attaining a set target or goal.**

Conclusion:- = SIN is disobedience.

THE PROBLEM OF SIN.

“We- every one of us- have strayed away like sheep! We, who left God's paths to follow our own. Yet God laid on him the guilt and sins of every one of us!”

Isaiah 53:6;

“But all have turned their backs on Him; they are filthy with sin--corrupt and rotten through and through. Not one is good, not one!”

Psalms 53:3;

“We are all infected and impure with sin. When we put on our prized robes of righteousness we find they are but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves we fade, wither and fall. And our sins, like the wind, sweep us away.” **Isaiah 64:6;**

THE PROBLEM OF SIN.

“If we say that we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves, and refusing to accept the truth.”

1 John 1:8;

**“Well, then, are we Jews better than others?
No, not at all, for we have already shown that
all men alike are sinners, whether Jews or Gentiles.**

**as it is written:-“There is no one who is righteous,
not even one; there is no one who has
understanding, there is no one who seeks God.”**

Romans 3:9-11;

Let's Go Back To Genesis 2:15-17; And Find Out What Happened There.

*“The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; **but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.**”*

**At This Point God Put A Warning Before Adam,
but He Also Gave Him A Choice.**

**He Could Either Choose To Obey God
And Do What He Said, Or He Could Choose
To Ignore And Disobey Him.**

Adam And Eve Yielded To The Temptation.

As We Read On,
We Find Out That Adam And
Eve Yielded To The Temptation
To Eat Of The Fruit From
The Tree Of The Knowledge
Of Good And Evil.

Because The Serpent Deceived
Them By Telling Them
They Wouldn't Die
They Would be like God.
(Gen 1-7;).



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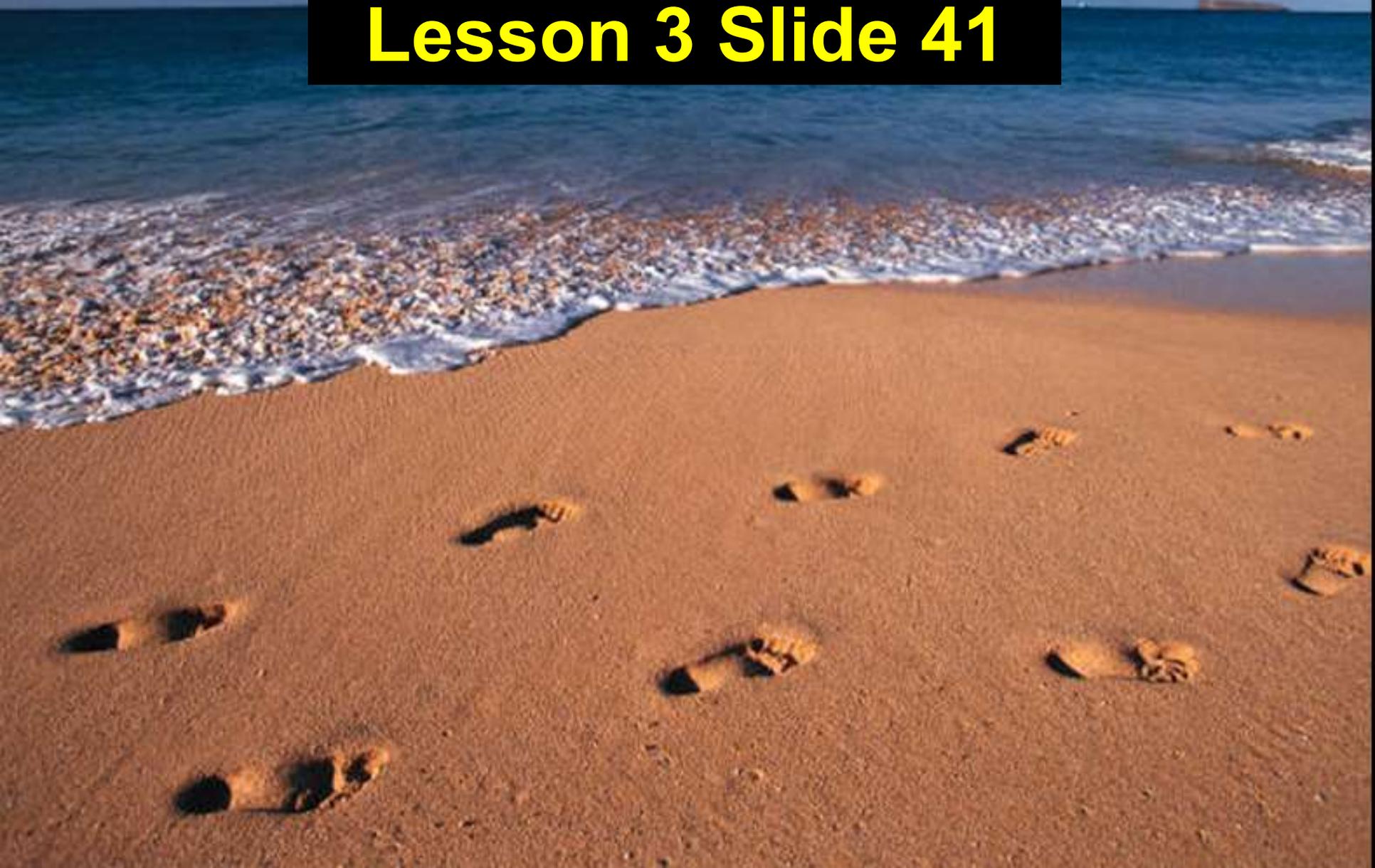
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Adam And Eve Yielded To The Temptation.

**There Are
Two Kinds Of Death
That We Read About
In Scripture.**

**The One Most Familiar To Us
Is Physical Death.
Where Our Spirit Separates
From Our Physical Body.**



Spiritual Death.

The Other Kind Of Death Is **Spiritual Death** Where Our **Sin Separates Us From Fellowship With God.**

It Is Probable That This Passage In Genesis Is speaking About **Both Kinds Of Death.** For as well as being **separated from God.**

After they left the Garden **their cells would begin the process that will lead to physical death.**

Gen 2:16-17;
“And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it in dying you will die.”

The Consequences of sin.

“You ask: “Why is not the son charged with the guilt of his father?” Because the son has done what is right and just, and has been careful to observe all my statutes, he shall surely live.”

“Only the one who sins shall die.

The son shall not be charged with the guilt of his father, nor shall the father be charged with the guilt of his son.

The virtuous man's virtue shall be his own, as the wicked man's wickedness shall be his.” **Ezek 18:19-20;**

Sooner or later everyone sins.
Ezekiel 18:20; makes clear
that all of us will be responsible
for our own sin.



New Born Children Are Innocent.

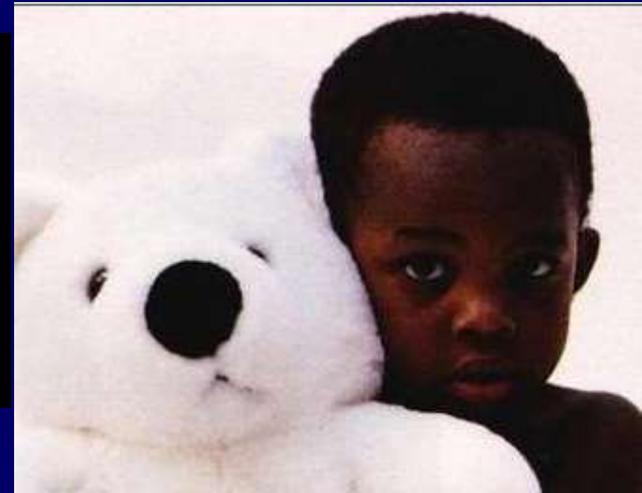
When a child is born, he is not guilty for his parents sin, his grandparents', or his great grandparents'.

Many people believe we are born already separated from God due to Adam's sin.

The bible does not teach this.

Those who believe this often sprinkle their children (calling it baptism) and say that takes care of their sin problem.

But God wants us to realize that we have a problem with sin and need the blood of Jesus Christ to wash away our sins.



Here are two more passages that speak about children and God's kingdom.

Matthew 18:1-3;

*“At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: **“I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”**”*

Matthew 19:13-15;

*“Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, **“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”** When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.”*

Greatest In His Kingdom.

Not only does Jesus say that children are in His kingdom, but He says they are the greatest ones there.



Children do not have a broken relationship with God until they are old enough to be accountable for their sin.

Deuteronomy 1:39; see also Rom 9:10-11;
“And the little ones that you said would be taken captive, **your children who do not yet know good from bad - they will enter the land.** I will give it to them and they will take possession of it.”

Little Children Are Not Accountable.

God does not hold the children accountable for the sins of their parents.

They don't understand the eternal consequence of sin and how to seek the solution for it.

They will become responsible for their sin before God when they are old enough to understand these things.

The Consequences of sin.

GUILT. / SHAME.

A hardening of the heart- i.e. a callous attitude, **learning to live with it instead of fighting it.**

Sin spoils : - Think about how each of the following sins has an effect.

- a. Jealousy.
- b. Selfishness,
- c. Pride.
- d. hatred,
- e. Lying.
- f. Dishonesty
- g. Gossip.
- h. Anger.

**God by His very nature
must separate Himself from sin.**

**What are some of the attributes or qualities of God
that show His separateness from sin?**

**Psalm 145:17; “The Lord is righteous in all His ways,
Gracious in all His works.”**

**Rom 1:18; “But God shows his anger from heaven
against all sinful, wicked people who push the truth
away from themselves.”**

**Isa 6. “Then I said:
‘Woe is me! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have seen the King, Yahweh Sabaoth.’”**

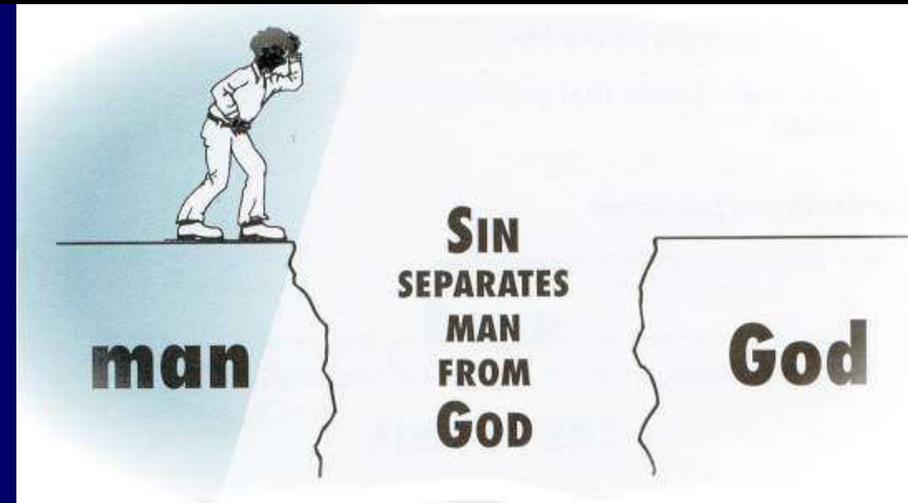
Separation from God was caused by their Sins.

Paul says how they got into this situation.

“they followed the ways of this world
and desires of their flesh.”

You and I are just like them, we have
followed the passions of our flesh, too.

We must seek the same solution that
God promised them, or at the day of judgment
we will receive God's Wrath.



Adam and Eve were forced away from God's presence because God cannot fellowship with sin, other places in the bible speak to this truth as well.

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.” 1 John 1:5-6

**God Is Pure, Holy, Righteous, And Just.
darkness is used to picture the ugliness of sin
and its unacceptable nature.**



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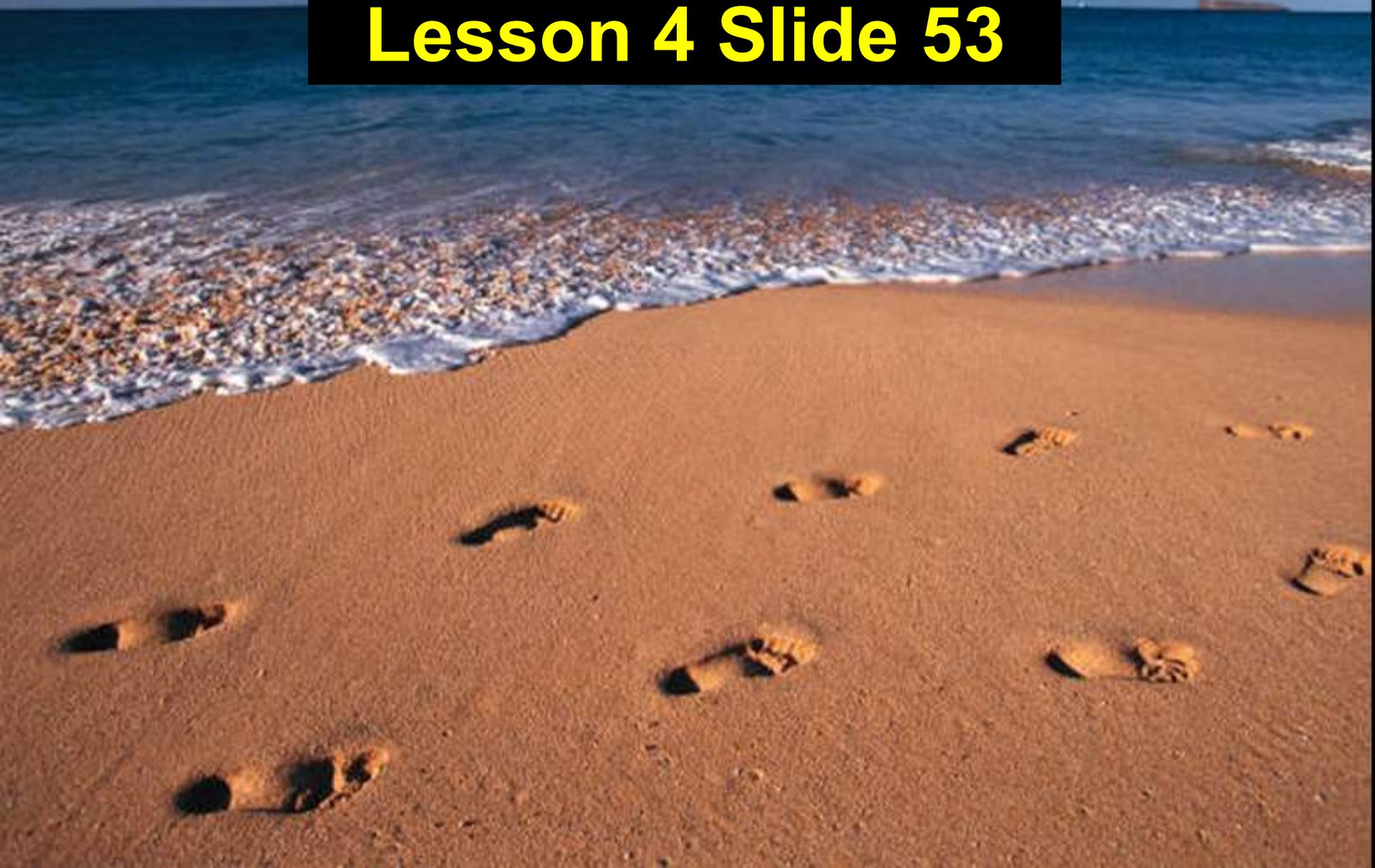
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Before you can appreciate the full value of the solution that God provided through Jesus.

We must understand the severity of the problem that sin causes, our eternal separation from God.

If we die physically while we are spiritually separated from God.

We will be separated from Him forever.

Through Jesus, God provides the way for us to accept His Grace, Forgiveness, And Mercy.

**This means that He will restore us,
bought by the blood of Jesus,
redeemed back into a relationship with Him.**

"ALL HAVE SINNED"

When God chose Abraham and his descendants to be His own special people, there became two classes of people in the world:-

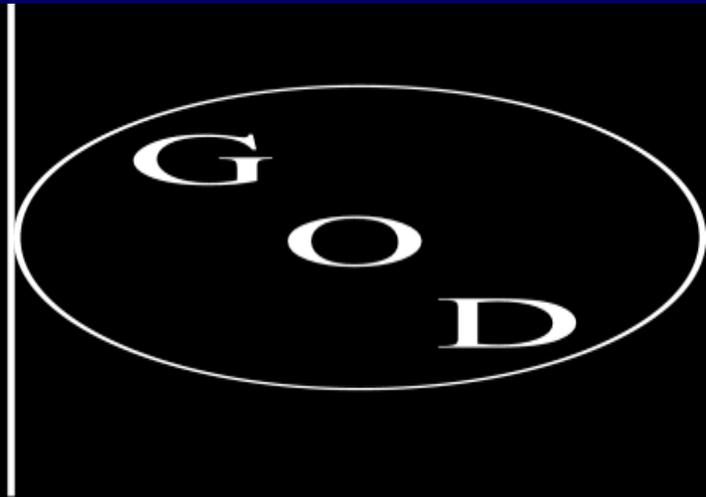
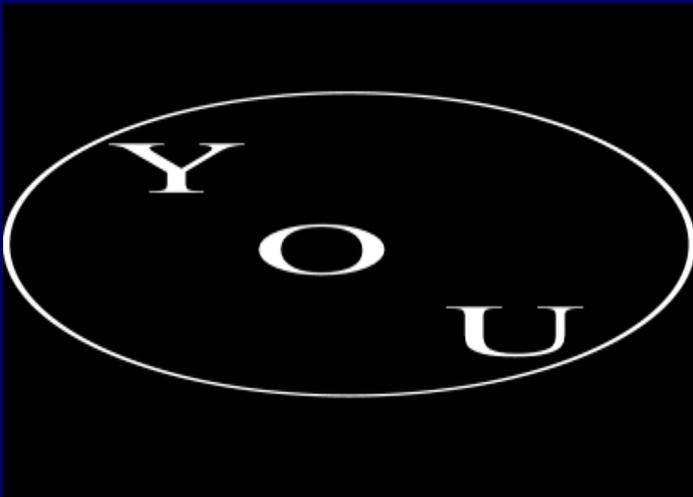
Abraham's children (who were later called Jews,)
and
Gentiles (people from every other nation in the entire world.)

In the book of Romans, the apostle Paul shows that both Jews and Gentiles are guilty of sin. **The Gentiles** rejected Truth and became worshipers of idols.

The Jews were given God's holy law.

But they did not keep it.

Everyone (Jew or Gentile) who has made the wrong choices has committed sin.



We need to put **our name** in the circle on the left
Because **our sins separate us** from God.



The Sin Problem.

There is nothing we can do by ourselves to solve the sin problem.

We can never do enough good deeds so that God will ignore or disregard our sins.

We can not earn or buy our way back into a relationship with Him.

God chose to provide the solution to the problem by sending Jesus to pay the price for our sins.

SOME ATTITUDES TOWARDS SIN...

This is the keynote of our study:-

What is our attitude towards sin.

For attitudes determine actions.

Prov 4:23; 23:7; Matt 15:18-20;

What are some BAD attitudes.

Some people **DENY SIN**:-

They speak of sin as a mere **MENTAL AGITATION**,
or **THEOLOGICAL ABSTRACTION**,
or **AN INVENTION OF PREACHERS**,
TO KEEP THEM IN A JOB.

But what does the Bible say?:-

1 Jn 3:4; sin is LAWLESSNESS.

**Did you know that the Bible
has 21 lists dealing with sin.**

**Matt 15:18-20; Rom 1:18-28;
1 Cor 5:9-11; Gal 5:19-21; etc.**

The Bible says that sin is a universal problem.

1 King 8:46; Ecc 7:20; Rom 3:23; 5:12;

**The Bible was written to help to convince
man of sin, and tell of God's solution.**

Rom 7:7; Lk 19:10; Acts 18:28; Titus 1:9;

Not only they deny, but some people MOCK SIN.

**They turn sin into a JOKE. Prov 14:9; 10:23;
Sin should make us mourn rather than mock
because of its serious consequences.**

Some people LOVE SIN.

**Mic 3:2; 2 Pet 2:15; 1Jn 2:15-17; Psa 52:3-4;
Prov 17:19; Rev 22:15;**

**Men have pleasure in that which they love
therefore the Bible speaks of
pleasure in unrighteousness.**

2 Thess 2:10-12; 2 Tim 3:4; Prov 21:17; Rom 1:23;

**When we say that we love sin,
we are saying that we love that which
led to the crucified Christ.**

Rom 4:25; Gal 1:4;

Some people **MINIMISE SIN.**

Sin is a mere "defect of the temper"
or someone was just "misdirected" or sin is
just a carry over from an unenlightened age.

Or young people will be young people!
or a leopard cannot change its spots!
or they will grow out of it.

**We sometimes classify
sin to make it not so bad.**

We agree that murder and lying are terrible,
but what about ingratitude, or discontent,
murmuring, gossip and malice.

What about "lack of self discipline?"

(we know how to discipline others.)

Or lack of zeal in evangelism, is it because we no longer see sin as an urgent problem?

We no longer see it as **soul destroying?**

**If we have light thoughts on sin
we will never have great thoughts on God...**

Some just **DISMISS IT** from their minds.

Acts 24:25; Felix. Acts 17:32; Athenians.

Sin is worse than cancer, **it will not go away**

if we ignore it. It has not just physical

but **everlasting** spiritual consequences.

WHAT ARE PROPER ATTITUDES TOWARDS SIN..

We should ADMIT IT.

Psa 51:3-4; 1 Jn 1:8-10; Lk 18:13; 1 Tim 1:15;

8. “If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth.
9. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.
10. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.”

We should HATE SIN. Prov 8:13; Amos 5:15;
Ex 18:21; Psa 97:10; 119:104,113; Rev 2:6; Jude 23;

We usually avoid things we hate.

Not many of us would keep a box full of tarantulas in the house. if we hate it we keep our distance from it and it will be less likely to effect us.

We know that God hates sin. Deut 16:22; Prov 6:16-19;

We should SHUN sin. Rom 12:9;
Shrink from sin. 1Thess 5:22;
Abstain from sin. 2 Tim 2:22;
We are to flee from sin. Matt 6:13;
Pray, and don't make provision (plan) for sin.
Rom 13:14;

**We know that Jesus reacted to sin
with righteous indignation.**
Mk 3:5; Jn 2:13-17; Heb 1:9;

“Then he turned to his critics and asked, “Is it legal to do good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing harm? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?” But they wouldn't answer him. 5. **He looked around at them angrily, because he was deeply disturbed by their hard hearts.**

Then he said to the man, “Reach out your hand.”

The man reached out his hand, and it became normal again!”

We are to EXPOSE sin- Because:-

God condemns sin. Rom 8:3;

The Holy Spirit rebukes sin. Jn 16:7-8; Acts 2:36;

Jesus exposed sin. Matt 7:15-20; Lk 20:45-47;

John Baptist condemned sin. Mk 1:5; Matt 14:1-12;

The apostles denounced sin.

Acts 13:6-10; 17:22-31; 24:25;

Preachers/elders are to rebuke sin.

2 Tim 4:1-2; 1 Tim 5:20; Tit 1:13; 2:15;

All Christians are to rebuke sin. Eph 5:1-10;

Eph 5:1-7; “Follow God's example in everything you do, because you are his dear children. 2. **Live a life filled with love for others**, following the example of Christ, who loved you and gave Himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins. And God was pleased, because that sacrifice was like sweet perfume to Him.”

“3. Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. 4. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes **these are not for you.** **Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.**”

“Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the terrible anger of God comes upon all those who disobey him. **7. Don't participate in the things these people do.**”

We are to **CONQUER SIN**:–

Not commit it, nor continue in it. Rom 6:1-7;
Jesus taught that sometimes it takes drastic action
to conquer sin. Mk 9:43-48;

If we do not conquer sin it will conquer us.

If we are able to be over comers
we will receive a blessing from God.

Rev 2:7,11,17,26; 3:5;12, 21;

**WHAT IS SIN? We have discussed
attitudes towards it both good
and bad but what is it?**

A VIOLATION OF YOUR CONSCIENCE IS SIN.

Rom 14:23; “But if people have doubts about whether they should eat something, **they shouldn't eat it.**”

“They would be condemned for not acting in faith before God. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning.”

Faith here is spoken of as a **contrast** to **doubt**, therefore it is not talking about the gospel as faith but **rather your individual convictions, opinions and faith.**

The Amplified bible says "But the man who has doubts-misgivings- an uneasy conscience- about eating, and then eats (perhaps because of you) stands condemned (before God) because he is not true to his convictions, and does not act from faith,"

"for whatever does not originate in and proceed from faith is sin, that is whatever is done without a conviction of approval by God is sinful"

The conscience in and of itself is NOT a safe guide
Acts 23:1; 24:17; Our consciences must be educated by the word of God. and once so educated should not be violated - remember when you fight with your uneducated conscience and lose - you win...

These verses show the sin of failing to do Good.
We are not only to be harmless - but helpful.

If we see some problem we ought to deal with and do not deal with it, it is sin, if we know someone who needs encouraging and fail to encourage!

Or someone in a need we can help with
and fail to?:-

Remember what Jesus said in Matt 25:31-46;
YOU DID NOT.....

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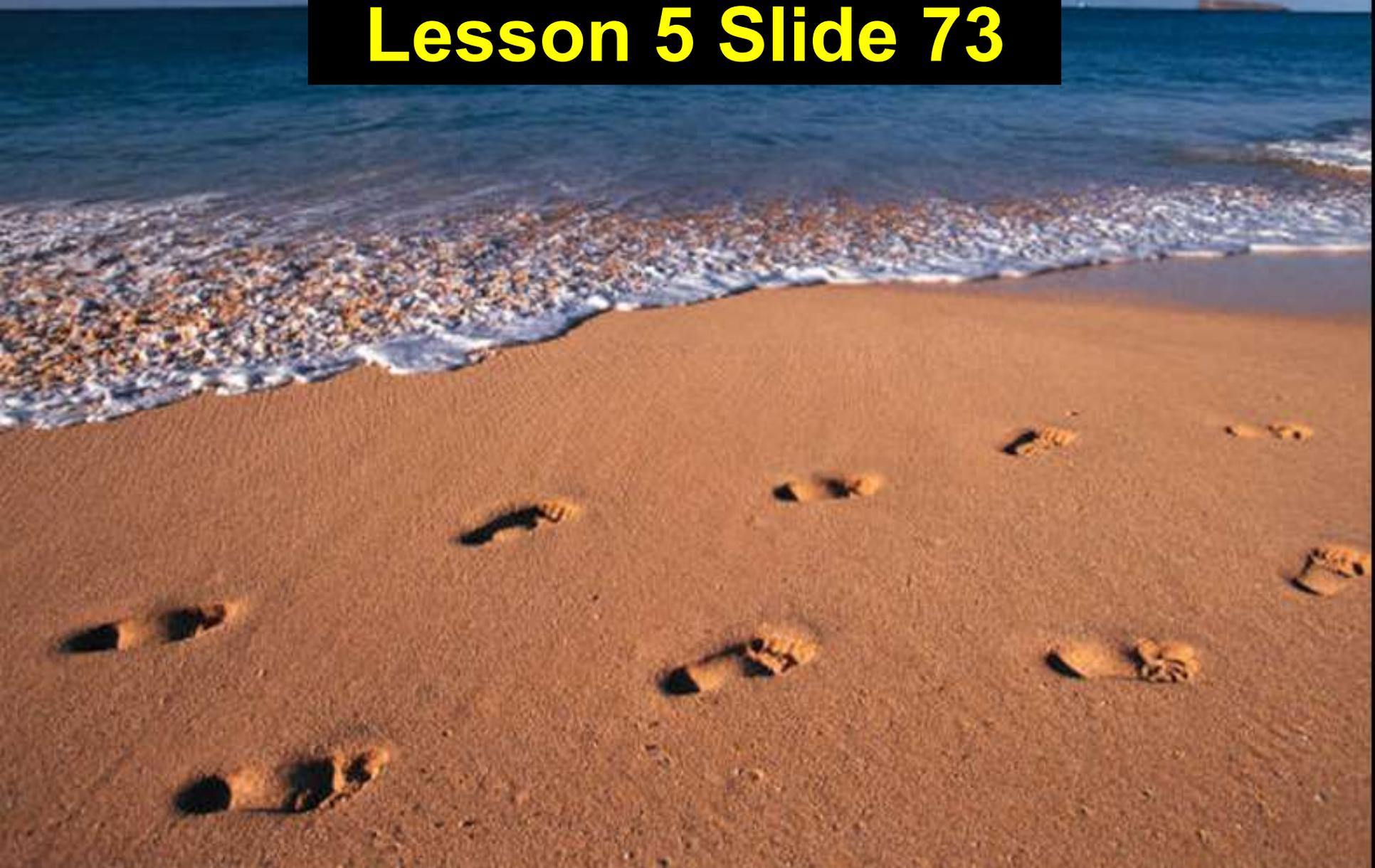
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NOTE that this text implies that there is a divine will or standard against which all things are measured.

This is not very popular in an age of
"do your own thing" or "if you feel like it do it"
or let there be **"freedom without restraint."**
This really means anarchy.

If sin is breaking or violating or going away
from God's law, then it is obviously
not an inherited thing but a personal choice.

WE come to that point in our lives when
we do what we want to do irrespective of
Good advice/ or God's advice. Eze 18:20;

We cannot deny that we experience sin.

***Missing
the mark:
Hamartia. -
ἁμαρτία***



***“Sin is anything
that causes us
to miss the target
of God’s will
for our lives.”***

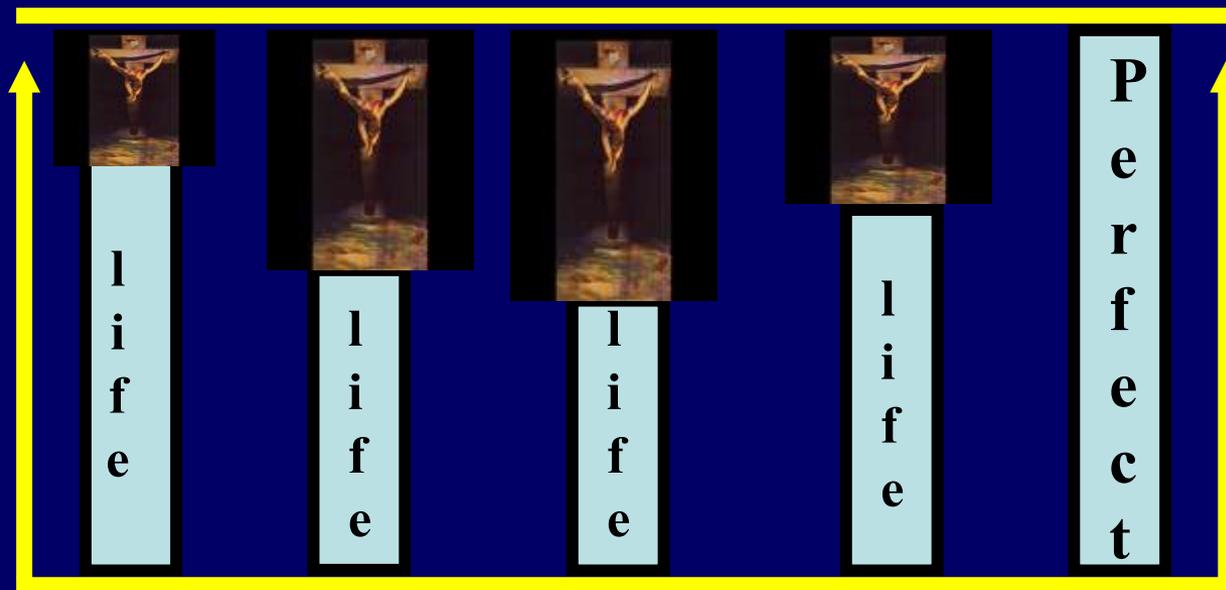
***Life diminishes
where sin is,
because sin creates
an obstacle to grace.***

THE PROBLEM OF SIN.

As it is written: "There is **none righteous**, no, not one." (Rom 3:10).

"For **all** have **sinned** and **fall short** of the glory of God."
(Romans 3:23).

GOD'S GLORY - MAN'S FULL POTENTIAL.



JOHN MARY FRED SUE YOU

**Because of
our sin
we all fall short.
In a factory
assembly
we would be
seen as rejects
and thrown
away.**

**WE ALL NEED THE BLOOD SACRIFICE
OF JESUS TO TAKE AWAY OUR SIN.**



The process of sin. Jam 1:13-15;.

- 1. Temptation.**
- 2. Lust. Jam 4:1-2;.**
- 3. Action.**
- 4. Spiritual death. 1 Jn 5:16-17;**

Sin spreads.

- | | |
|--------------------------|---|
| a. 2 Sam 11:2-27; | How does one sin lead to another? |
| b. John 8:34 | What is anyone who commits sin? |
| c. Rom 6: 16-18; | What two types of slave are there? |
| d. 2 Tim 2:26; | Who captures people in a snare?. |

**Freedom brings responsibility
to use the freedom wisely.**

Can you see the problem?

**Idolatry.
Priority.**

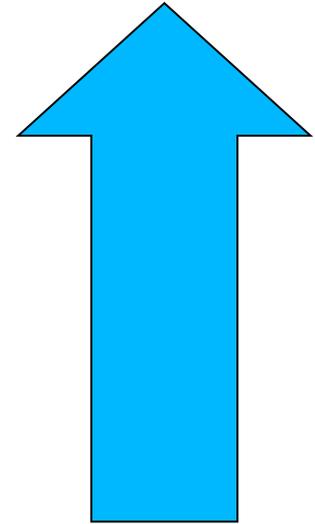
**Blasphemy.
Resisting.
Disrespect.
Disobedience**

Lazy.

**Unbelief.
Ignorance.**

**Pride.
Unforgiveness.**

***My name is
?,
and I have a
problem with sin.
I have a problem
obeying God.***



Matthew 22:37-38;

“And He said to him,

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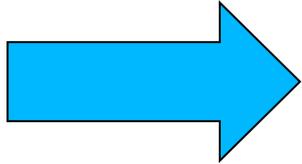
and with all your soul,

and with all your mind.

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first commandment.”

Can you see the problem?



**Murder. Lying.
Addiction & Abuse**

**Coveting. Gossip.
Stealing. Envy.**

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Sin makes it hard for us to see Christ.

Sins are like ugly graffiti on the work of art that is God's love for us.

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SIN

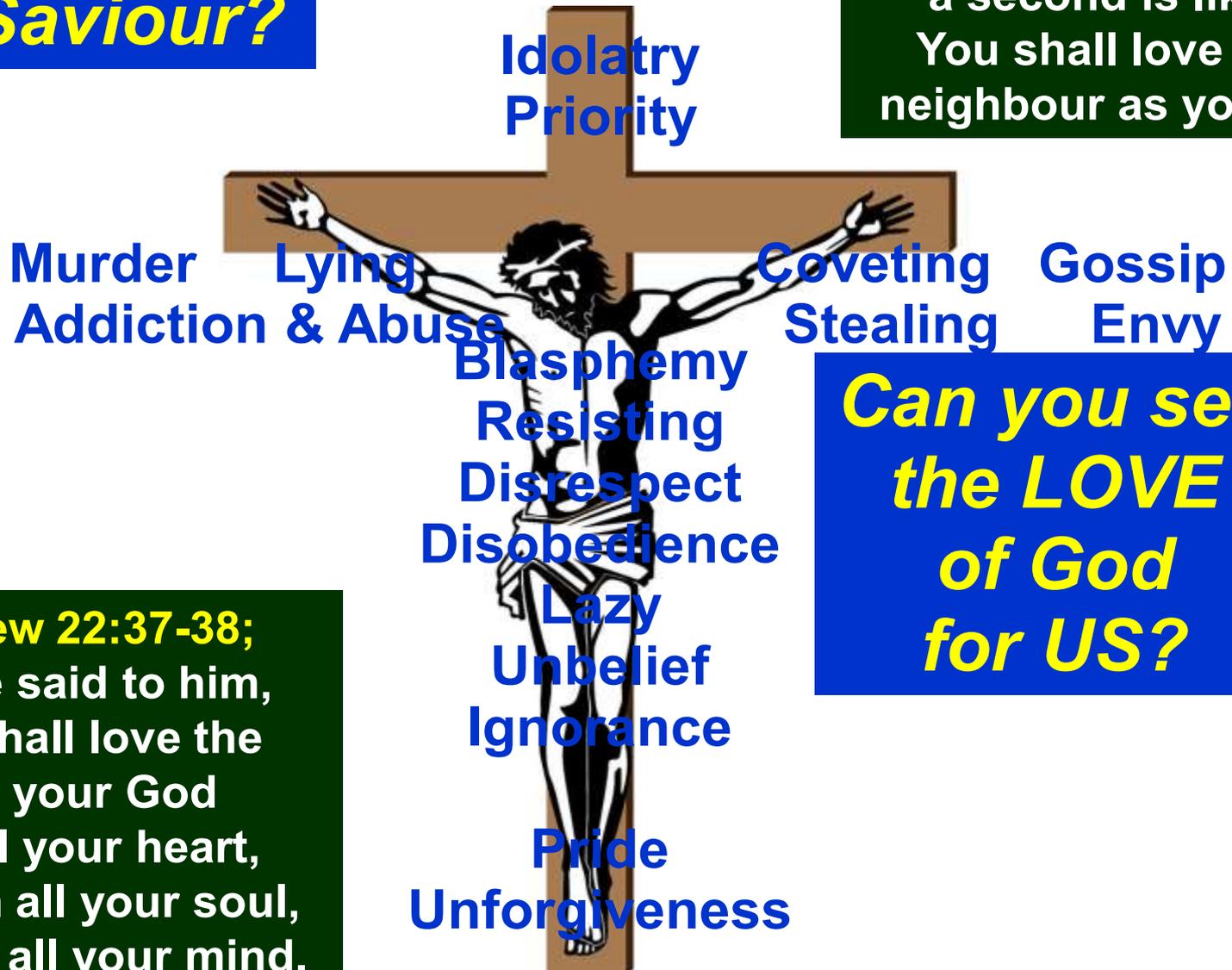
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The image of Christ is obscured by our trash. Our garbage.

***Can you see
the Saviour?***

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***Can you see
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**WE need to learn How to overcome sin
It must be fought at the temptation stage.**

**Temptation itself is not a sin, but a time of testing
which we can pass or fail. it is an opportunity
to put our faithfulness to the test.**

We need to follow the example of Jesus:-

**Learn to know what the scriptures say and apply
them at every opportunity. Matt 4:4-11;.**

**Jesus Was Tempted Just Like We Are,
Yet He Never Yielded To The Temptation.**

Hebrews 4:15-16; “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.”

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin.”

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

We need to follow Joseph's example and run away from sin if possible. (read Gen 39:7-12;) Do everything possible to remove ourselves from sources of temptation.

If we had not sinned there would have been no need for Calvary, for it was **the love of God combating the consequences of sin** that caused Christ to leave heaven and ultimately die on a tree for you and me.
2 Cor 5:21;

We need to Speak to other Christians about our struggles Jam 5:16; But be we need to be careful in our choice of who to share with.

We need to replace old attitudes and desires with new ones Rom 12:1-3;. This is accomplished by:-

Reading the scriptures, thinking about them, meditating upon them, and applying them.

Keeping our mind on Jesus through developing a prayer life. Phil 4:6-7;

Trying to avoid bad company, literature, programmes, etc. 1 Cor 15:33;

We need to realize that **failure as well as success** will **sometimes be the outcome**, but God has already made provision for us in those circumstances.

1 Jn 1:7; also 1 Jn 2:1;.

Read Rom 7:15-19; Paul describes **the struggle with sin**.

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1;)

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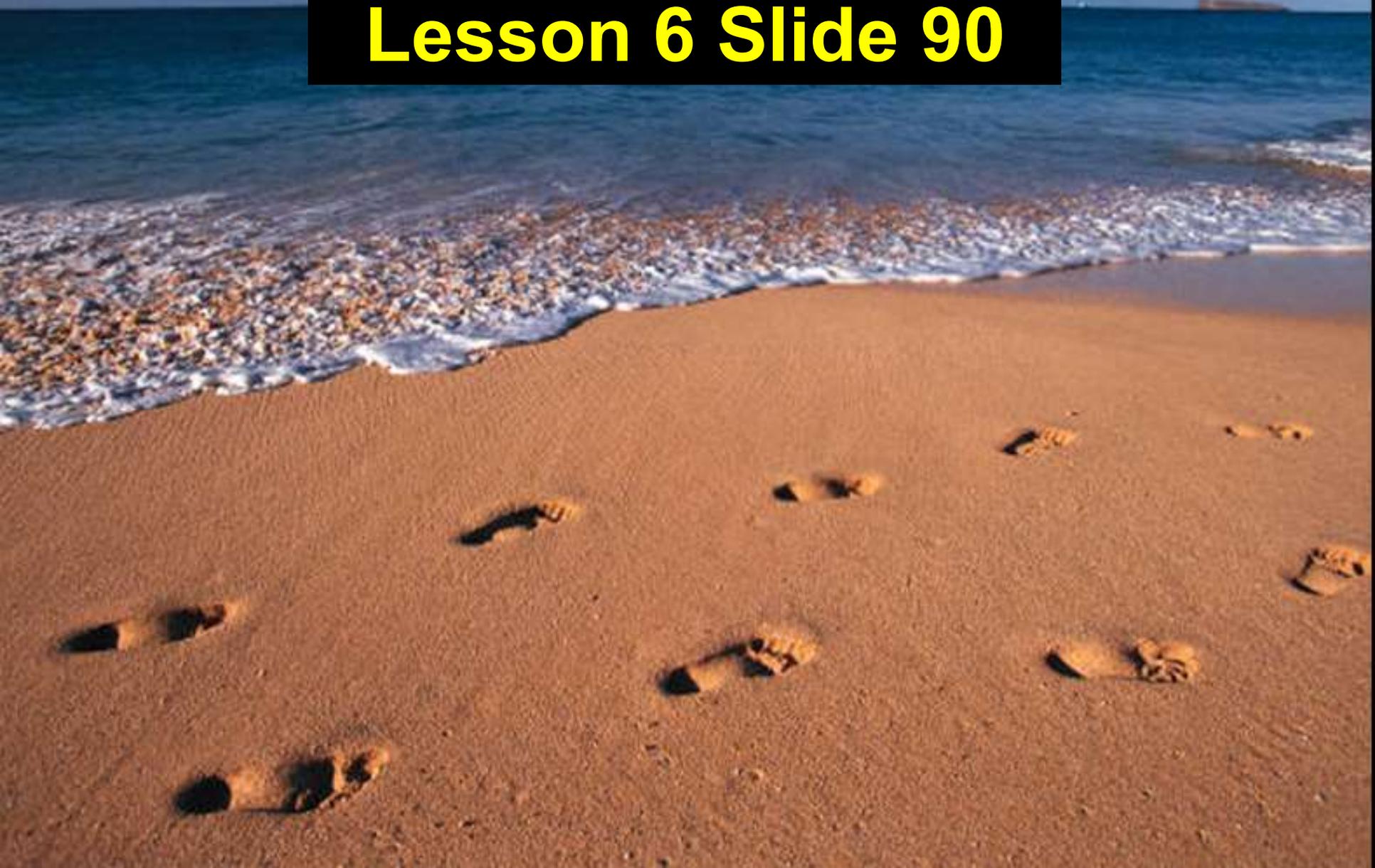
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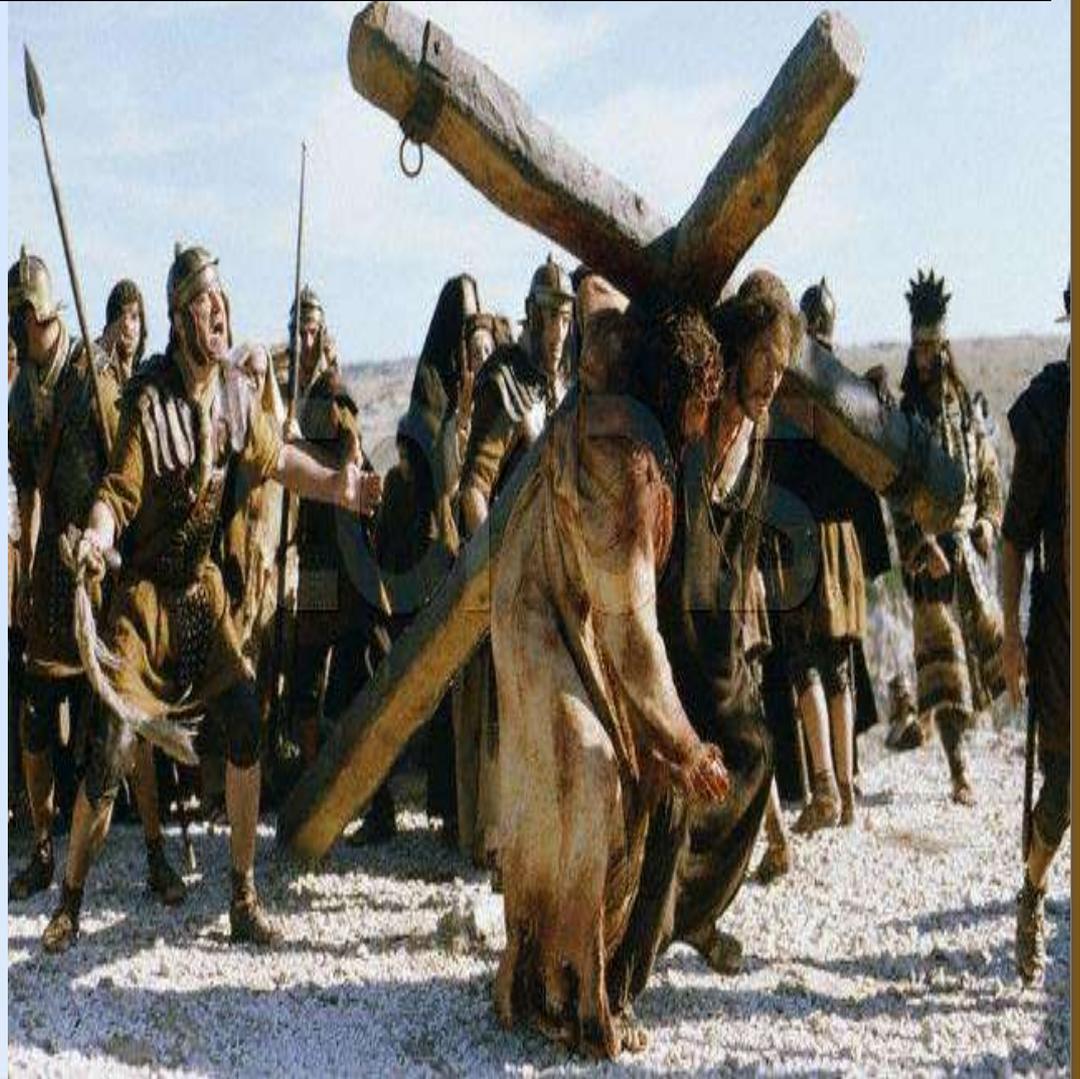
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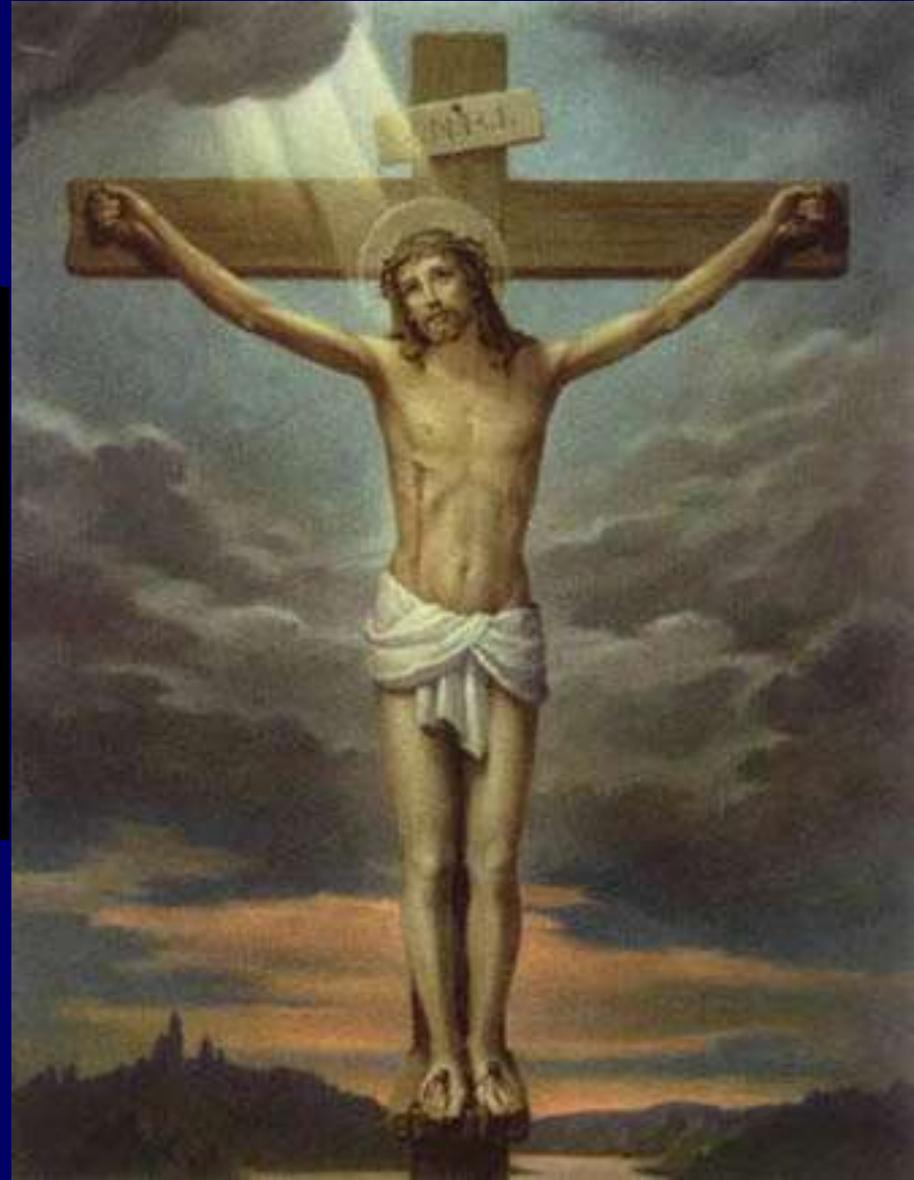
But What is God doing about the problems of SIN, Evil and Suffering?

He identifies with our sin and sufferings in the Person of Jesus Christ.



God Made Him To Be Sin For Us.

2 Corinthians 5:21;
***“God made Him who
had no sin to be sin for us,
so that in Him
we might become the
righteousness of God.”***



Can a man get back to God by:-

- a) Trying his best to lead a good life?**
- b) Going to Church?**
- c) Being sincere?**
- d) Being washed in the blood of Christ?**

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST IS VALUABLE IN OUR DAILY LIFE.

Rom 6:3; “We are baptised into His death.”

**Therefore in baptism we contact the blood
of Jesus and are forgiven.**

**1 John 1:7; It cleanses the faithful from daily sin:-
not just a one time act.**

**This should cause us to really
appreciate the gift of Christ. 2 Cor 9:15;**

An understanding of the true nature of sin will:-

- 1) Cause us to abhor it. (hate it.) Rom 12:9;**
- 2) Cause us to seek to eradicate it from our life. Isa 1:16-20;**

3) Cause us to really appreciate the gift of Christ. 2 Cor 9:15;

Because of sin, man is cut off from God.

If man continues in this state of sin, this separation will be total and final and hell will be theirs for eternity.

Man desperately needs help.

**God comes to the rescue. - God's remedy?
We will Consider it under three headings.**

- 1. The purpose.**
- 2. The problem.**
- 3. The plan.**

THE PURPOSE.

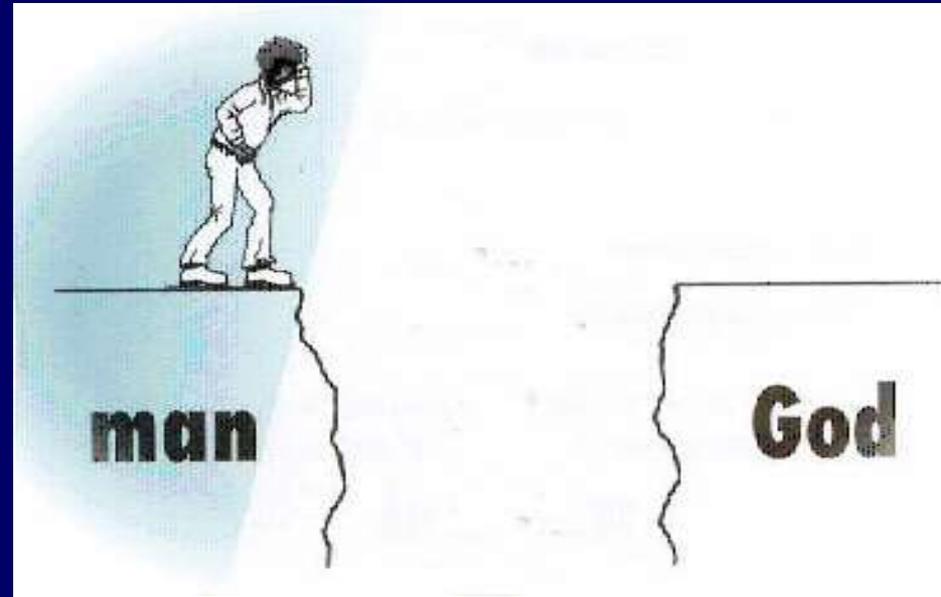
**Let us see if we can identify from these passages
in our own words the purpose of God's Plan.**

**Rom 5:6-9; Lk 19:10; Matt 1:21; Jn 10:10-11;
Jn 3:16-17; Heb 9:28; 1 Tim 1:15;**

**“I, the Son of Man, have come to seek
and save those like him who are lost.”**

A Reminder By Paul.

The Book Of Ephesians.
Written By Paul.
Reminds The Christians
In Ephesus How
They Used To Be
Separated From God.



As Paul Begins This Letter, He Tells Them Of The
Present Spiritual Blessings They Have In Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 1:3-8; “(God) has blessed us in the
heavenly realms with **every spiritual blessing in
Christ**. For He chose us in Him before the creation
of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight”

“In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will, to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves.”

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.”

The Ephesians Christians Had Not Always Had These Blessings.

Ephesians 2:1-6; “As for you, **you were dead** in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”

“All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.”

“**But** because of his great love for us, **God**, who is rich in mercy, **made us alive** with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions, it is **by grace you have been saved**. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms **in Christ Jesus.**”

Rom 5:6; “When we were utterly helpless with no way of escape, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners who had no use for him.”

“7. Even if we were good, we really wouldn't expect anyone to die for us, though, of course, that might be barely possible.”

“9. Since Christ's blood has made us right with God, even more we will be saved from God's punishment through Christ.”

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John 10:10; "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. **My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.** 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His own life for the sheep."

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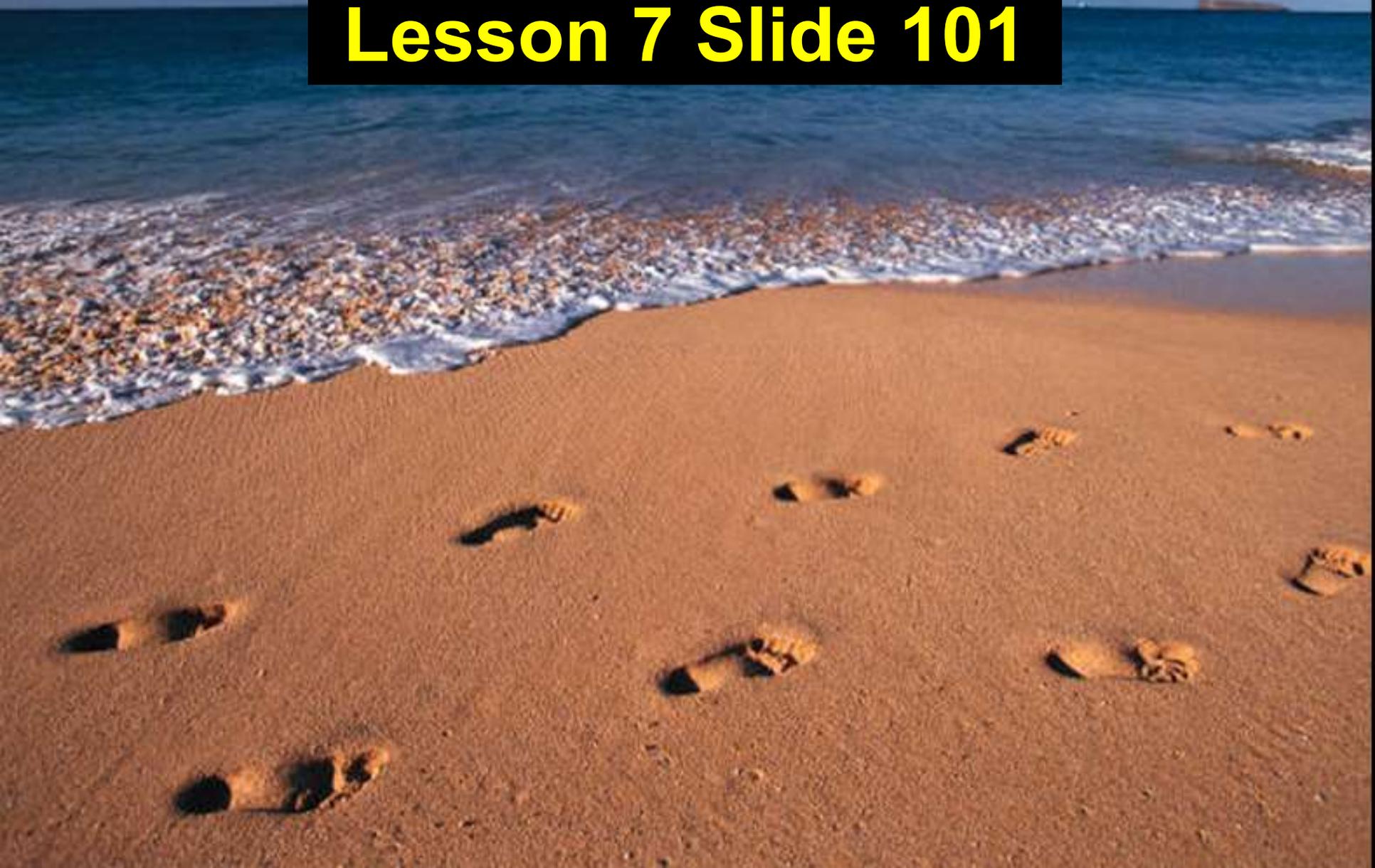
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Hebrews 9:28; “so also Christ died only once as an offering for the sins of many people; and He will come again, but not to deal again with our sins. This time He will come bringing salvation to all those who are eagerly and patiently waiting for Him.”

1 Timothy 1:13-17; “15. How true it is, and how I long that everyone should know it, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, and I was the greatest of them all.”

“16. But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as an example to show everyone how patient he is with even the worst sinners, so that others will realize that, they too, can have everlasting life.”

Ephesians 2:8-10; “For it is **by grace you have been saved, through faith**--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Rom 6:23; “But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the **wages of sin is death**, but the **gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**”

Jam 2:26; “For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.”

The Bible uses different words to express God's purpose, can we give a definition to these words:-

- a) Salvation. b) Atonement. c) Reconciliation.
d) Justification. e) Redemption.**

We need to be able to identify which one of these words would describe what is being spoken of in these passages. (salvation etc.)

- a) Rom 4:25; b) Acts 4:12;
c) 1 Pet 1:18-19; d) Rom 5:11;
e) Rom 1:16; f) Rom 5:18;
g) Eph 1:7;

These words were in everyday use in N.T. times today their meaning is often not quite so clear.

ATONEMENT:- The word means 'a making at one'.

It is used to describe the process of bringing together two people that have been estranged.

In the N.T. it is used to describe the work of Jesus dealing with the problem of sin and in bringing man back into a right relationship with God.

An easy way to remember it's meaning is to break the word down **AT- ONE- MENT.**

RECONCILIATION. – RECONCILE.

This word is very similar in meaning and is used to translate the same Greek word as atonement.

When two people are enemies and they sort out their differences and become good friends, this is reconciliation.

We were God's enemies. Rom 5:10;

Jesus takes away the barrier of sin so that we can become His friends.

Also used in 2 Cor 5:18; Eph 2:11; Col 1:19;

REDEEM, REDEMPTION, REDEEMER, RANSOM.

This family of words mean to recover something or someone by paying a price.

The word is used in the following ways:-

- 1. A prisoner of war may be released on payment of a price which is called the ransom money.**
- 2. Kidnappers demand a price for their victim. When the ransom money is paid the victim is said to have been redeemed.**
- 3. You may pawn a gold ring because you need the money. You go back and redeem it by paying the price.**

REDEEM, REDEMPTION, REDEEMER, RANSOM.

4. A slave is freed on payment of a ransom price.

For the Christian we are slaves to sin
and unable to get ourselves free.

**Jesus paid the ransom price,
(His own life) to set us free.**

We have therefore been **redeemed,**
- bought back- by Jesus our redeemer.

Jesus death on the cross is the ransom.

This is good news for us!

JUSTIFICATION.

This is a legal term meaning to acquit to 'declare one righteous'.

It is the opposite of guilty. Rom 8:33-34;

The judge gives the verdict in your favour.

He pronounces you not guilty.

This is justification.

We are in fact guilty, but because Jesus died in our place.

God now attributes Jesus righteousness to us!

We are declared NOT GUILTY. - JUSTIFIED.

In printing. – The Justification bar makes up the difference in letter size.



God

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ
No greater LOVE has ever been**

Sin
Death

THE PROBLEM OF SIN:-

Why can God not just act as if sin was not there?

What does God's justice demand that He do?

What does His Love desire He do?

THE PLAN.

God wanted to save men from sin and bring them back to Himself, thus showing His love.

Yet He must also be true to His Justice and Holiness.

In order to do this He made a plan. It was :-

- a. Formed before the world.**
- b. Foretold in the Old Testament.**
- c. Fulfilled in The Christ Jesus.**

GOD'S PLAN FORMED BEFORE THE WORLD.

God's plan was no after thought.

**It was perfect and complete in God's mind
before the beginning:-**

Eph 1:3-4; 2 Thess 2:13;

“3. How we praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we belong to Christ. 4. Long ago, even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes.”

Read Eph 3:7-13; carefully:-

**v9. How did Paul speak of the plan? v10. Through what was God's wisdom to be made known?
v11. Who did God's eternal purpose involve?**

**Read Luke at some point and
list the main events in the life of Jesus.**

**The death of Jesus is central in God's plan.
The death and resurrection of Jesus is seen by God
as the greatest events to affect man
in the whole of world history.**

**Read careful Acts 2:22-23;
These verses show two sides that lead Jesus to the
cross. 1. God's side – **grace**. 2. Man's side – **sin**.**

**Acts 2:22-23; "People of Israel, listen!
God publicly endorsed Jesus of Nazareth by doing
wonderful miracles, wonders, and signs
through Him, as you well know."**

**23. But you followed God's prearranged plan.
With the help of lawless Gentiles,
you nailed Him to the cross and murdered Him.**

How does the passage express these two sides?

- 1. God:-**
- 2. Man:-**

**Every one of us who have sinned
have LOST our special relationship,
our fellowship with God.**

**We all deserve to die in our sins,
spiritual death. Eternal separation
from God and all His good blessings.**

**We have earned this punishment
because of our sins.**

**We certainly do not want to suffer forever,
but we do deserve it.**

**“But HE was wounded for OUR transgressions,
HE was bruised for OUR iniquities:-
The chastisement for OUR peace was upon Him,
and by HIS stripes WE are healed.”**

**“He poured out His soul unto death, and He was
numbered with the transgressors, and
He bore the sin of many. . .” (Isaiah 53:5,12;)
[“Transgressions” and “iniquities”
are synonyms for “sins.”]**

**“But God, the very Holy One we have offended, does
not want us to be cast out of His presence forever.”**

**Since He is holy and just, however, He must punish sin.
He decided that there was a way to save us from our sins.
He let Jesus take our place and bear our punishment.**

If We Walk In Darkness We Can't Have Fellowship With God.

**It Is Not That God Does
Not Love Us When We Are
In Sin. He Loves Us
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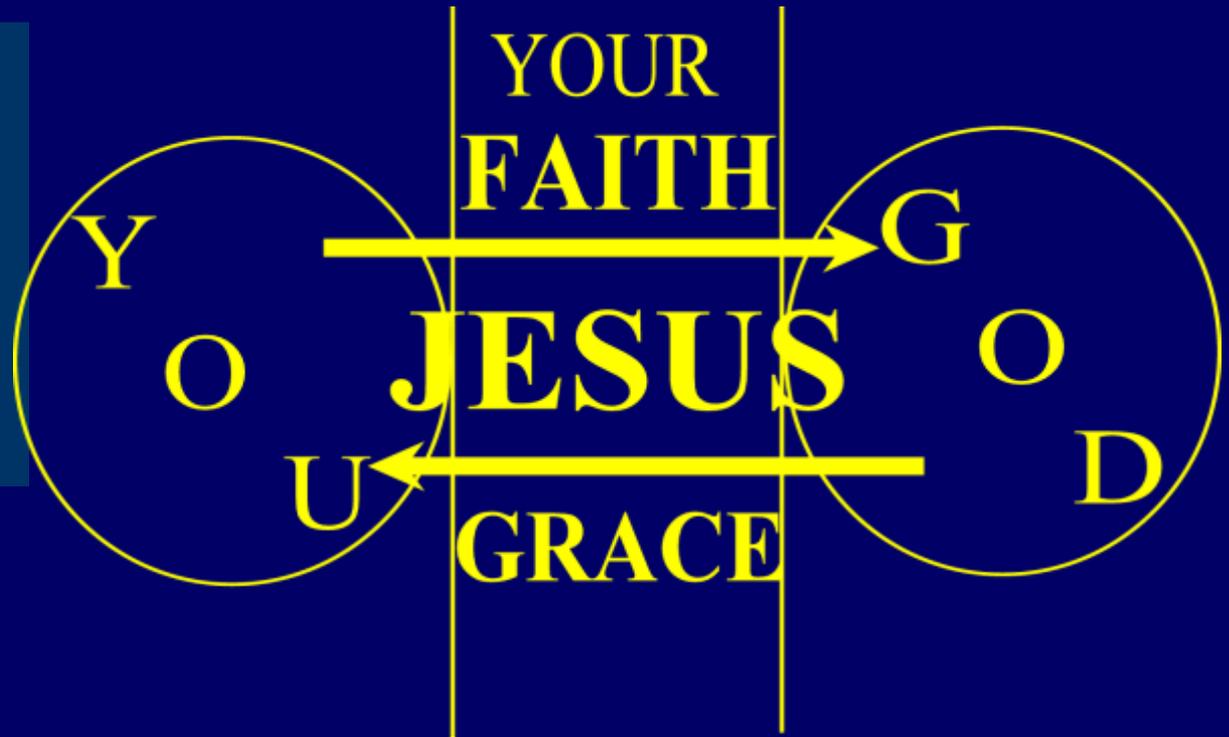
**He Loves Us So Much
That He Sent Jesus
To Be The Payment
For Our Sins.**

**However, We Must Accept
The Solution
That Jesus Has Provided
on His Terms.**



God Has Provided Jesus.

Now We Have
A Picture Of
The Gospel Of
Jesus Christ.
The Good News.



Through His grace God has provided Jesus as
the solution to our sin problem.

When We Put Our Faith In Him, God Gives Us Grace.

Later We Will Talk About What Kind Of Faith
We Need In Order To Receive Grace.

God's Grace Is A Gift.

You Don't Earn A Gift.

**Many Believe That If They Do Enough Good Things
To Outweigh The Bad They Have Done,
They Can Win God's Favour.**

**They Believe He Will Ignore The Bad Things.
If The Good Far Outweighs The Bad.**

This Is Not In The Bible.

If This Were Possible, Jesus Didn't Need To Die.

**In Eph 2:10; Paul Say We Are Saved To Do Good
Works. It Is Not The Works That Save Us.
We Need Our Sins Completely
Washed Away By The Blood Of Jesus,
Then Our Good Deeds Bring Glory To God.**

The Grace Of God

Let's Look At Some Passages About Grace.
But First, Let's Look At An Acrostic Which Shows
What We Receive When We Put Our Faith In Christ.

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R iches
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C hrist's
E xpense.

Some Passages About Grace.

Titus 2:11-12;

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

It teaches us to say

“No to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.”

Some Passages About Grace.

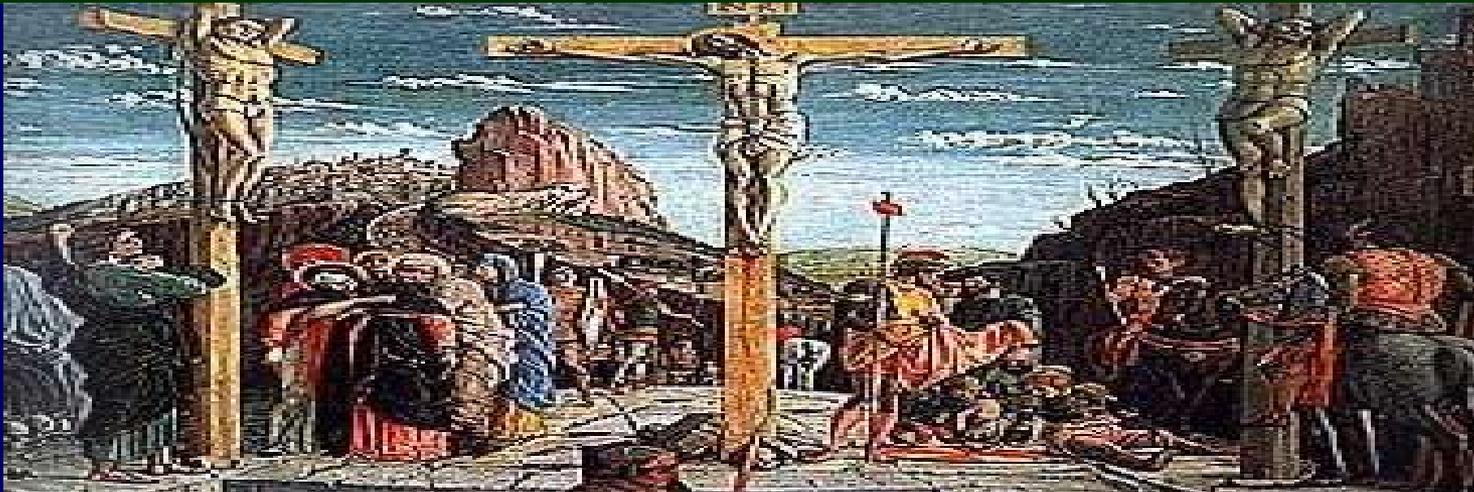
Titus 3:3-7; “At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.”

“**But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.**”

“**He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.**”

Some Passages About Grace.

Romans 3:24-26; “(we) are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood.”



“He did this to demonstrate His justice, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished. He did it to demonstrate His justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”

SONG WHO AM I?

**When I think of how He came so far from glory
Came to dwell among the lowly such as I
To suffer shame and such disgrace
On Mount Calvary take my place
Then I ask myself this question
Who am I?**

**Who am I that The King would bleed and die for
Who am I that He would pray not my will, but Thine Lord
The answer I may never know
Why He ever loved me so
But to that old rugged cross He'd go
For who am I?**

SONG WHO AM I?

When I'm reminded of His words
I'll leave Him never
If you'll be true I'll give to you life forever
Oh I wonder what I could have done
To deserve God's only Son
To fight my battles until they're won
For who am I?

Who am I that The King would bleed and die for
Who am I that He would pray not my will, but thine Lord
The answer I may never know
Why He ever loved me so
But to that old rugged cross He'd go
For who am I?

But to an old rugged cross He'd go, for you and I?

Faith In Christ.

**We Recognized That There Is No Salvation
Without God's Grace.**

Christ is Risen.



**We Must Understand
What He Is Looking
For From Us,
When He Says
We Must Have
An Obedient Faith.**

What is Faith In Christ.

Hebrews 11:1-2;

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.”

Hebrews 11:6;

“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”

What is Faith In Christ.

Faith Has To Start Somewhere. God Is Not Asking Us To Take Some Leap Of Faith.

He Has Provided Us With An Abundance Of Information About Himself, His Love For Us And What He Has Done For Us Throughout The Ages.

That Is Where Faith Must Start.

What is Faith In Christ.

“Consequently, **faith comes from hearing the message**, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17;

Besides The Facts About Who Jesus Is and
What He Has Done For Us.
God Also Makes Clear How
Our Faith In Him Should Take Action.
How We Are To Respond To His Great Love.

Peter At Pentecost.

**On The Day Of Pentecost. (Acts 2:22-37;)
When Peter Stood Before The Thousands,
He Shared With Them The Facts About Jesus,
Who He Was And What He Had Done.**

**He Also Told Them The Facts About
God Raising Jesus From The Dead.**

**When They Believed These Facts, They Asked
What Other Response Or Action On Their Part
Might Be Needed In Order to Obtain Salvation?**

Peter At Pentecost.

Peter Told Them, “Repent And Be Baptized,
Every One Of You, In The Name Of Jesus
Christ So That Your Sins May Be Forgiven.
And You Will Receive
The Gift Of The Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38;).

Believe.

Repent.

Baptized.

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H ope!

“For sin will have no dominion over you,
since you are not under law but under grace.”

Romans 6:14;



“If we **confess our sins**, He is faithful and just, and will **forgive our sins** and **cleanse us from all unrighteousness**. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us”

1 John 1:9-10;

What Must I Do?

“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38;

This Verse Helps Us Understand What God Wanted. Their Response (Action) To Be In Order To Receive The Forgiveness Of Their Sins And The Gift Of The Holy Spirit.

The Fact That They Believed What Peter Said Would Not Have Been Complete Faith Without The Response Of Verse 38;

To have that hope of eternal life:-

We need to **BELIEVE** In Jesus.

We need to **DIE** with Jesus.

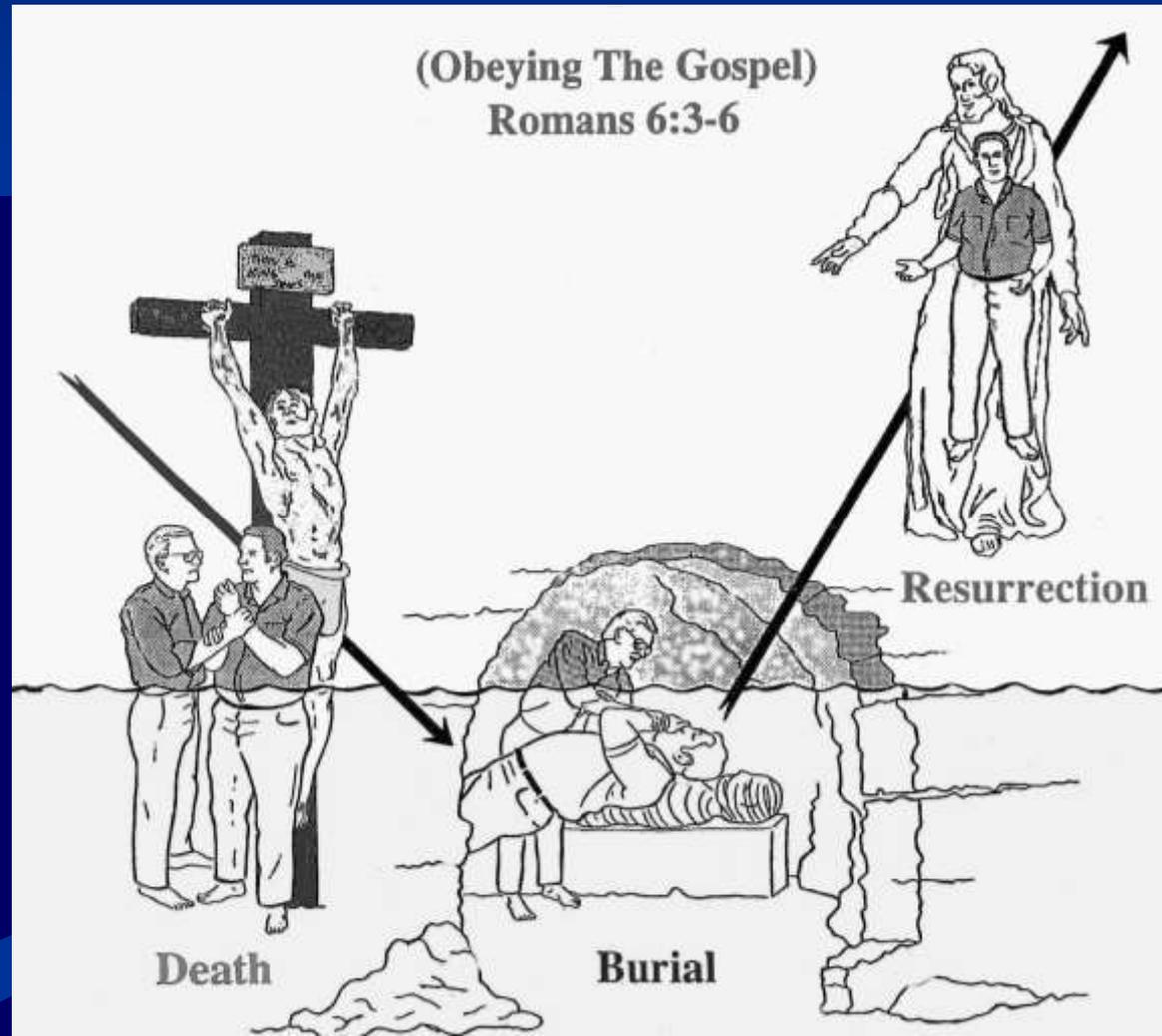
Be **BURIED** with Him in Baptism.

If **WE** are **UNITED** with Him.

We will be **RAISED** like Him.

Rom 6:3-4;

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**By God's GRACE
we are REDEEMED by
the BLOOD of the lamb.**

Dark
Clouds

Bright
Sunshine

PEOPLE



GOD

Under
sin's Power.

JESUS

Freed From
Sin's Power.

It's An Individual Choice

To Accept God Is An Individual Choice That Every Person Has To Make For Himself.

A Husband Cannot Make This Choice For His Wife.

A Parent Can't Make This Choice For Their Children.

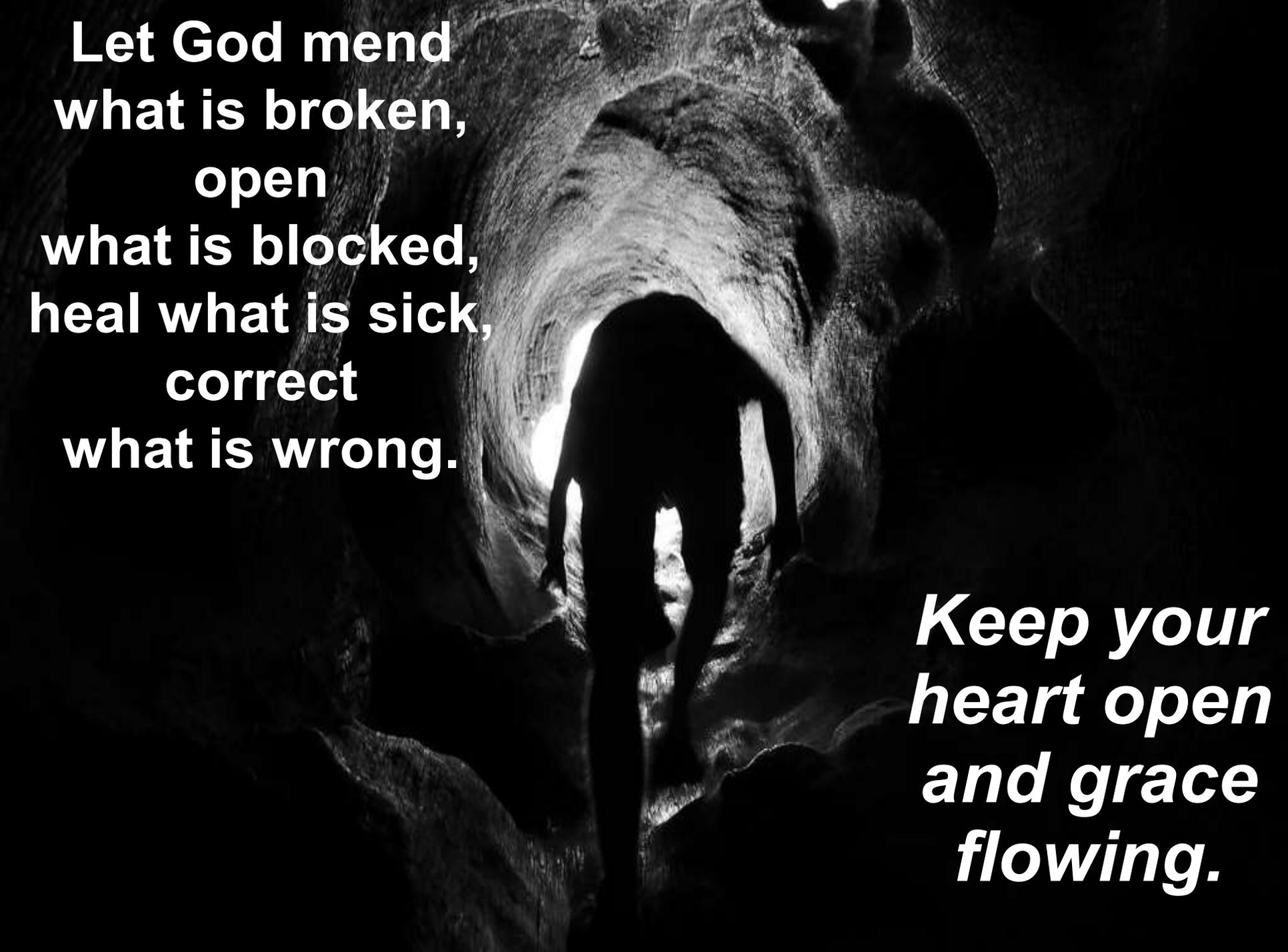


This Is Something That They , When They Come Of Age, Will Have To Decide For Themselves.

This Is Our Eternal Hope!

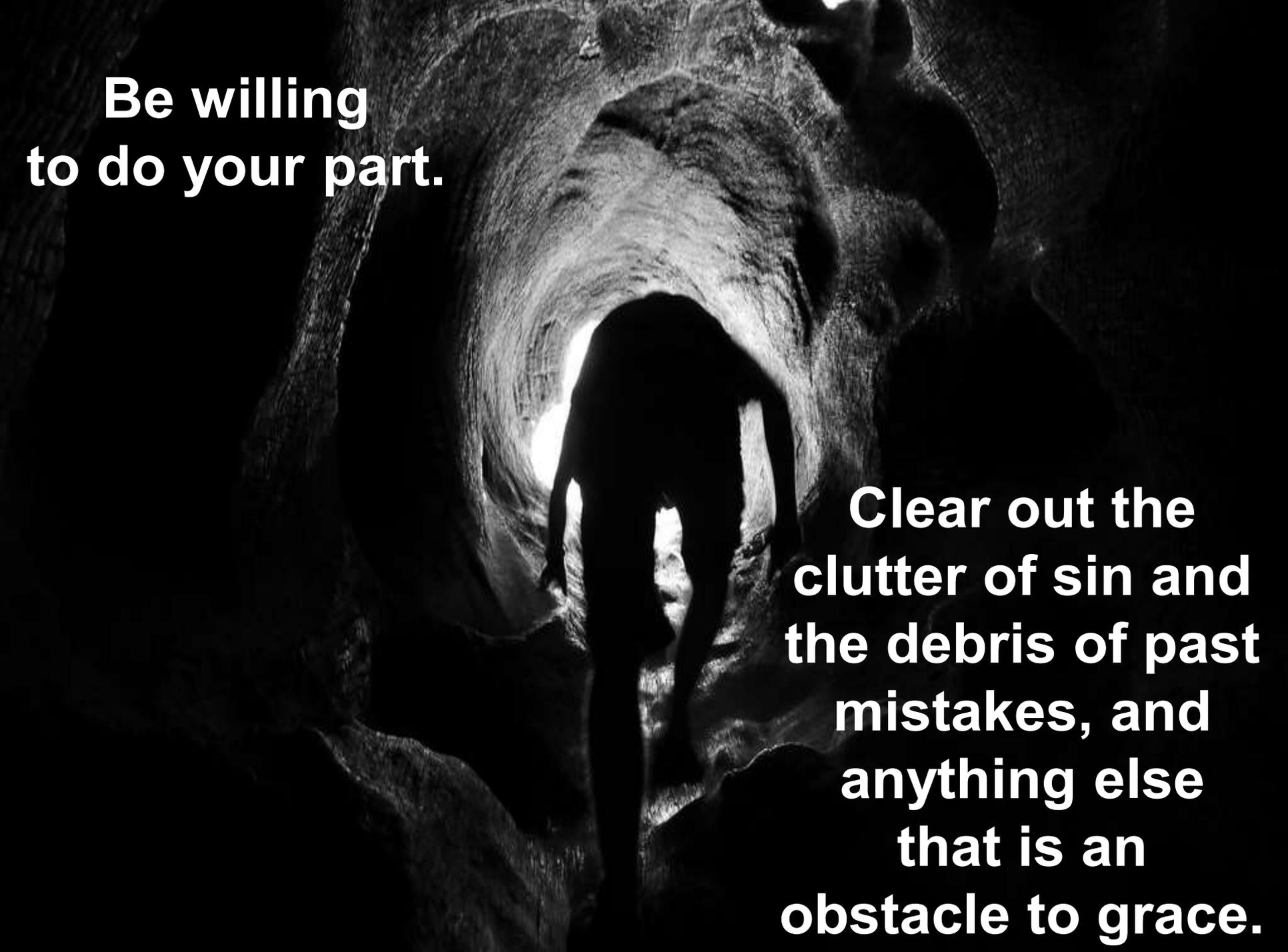
**There Is No Question About It.
We Are Trusting In God's Promises
That He Will Give Us His Grace
Through The Blood Of Jesus Christ.**

**It Is Not Hope With A Question Mark,
But Assurance Of His Promise.**

A black and white photograph of a person walking away from the camera through a dark, narrow tunnel. The person is silhouetted against a bright light at the end of the tunnel, which creates a strong lens flare effect. The tunnel walls are rough and textured, and the overall atmosphere is one of hope and journey.

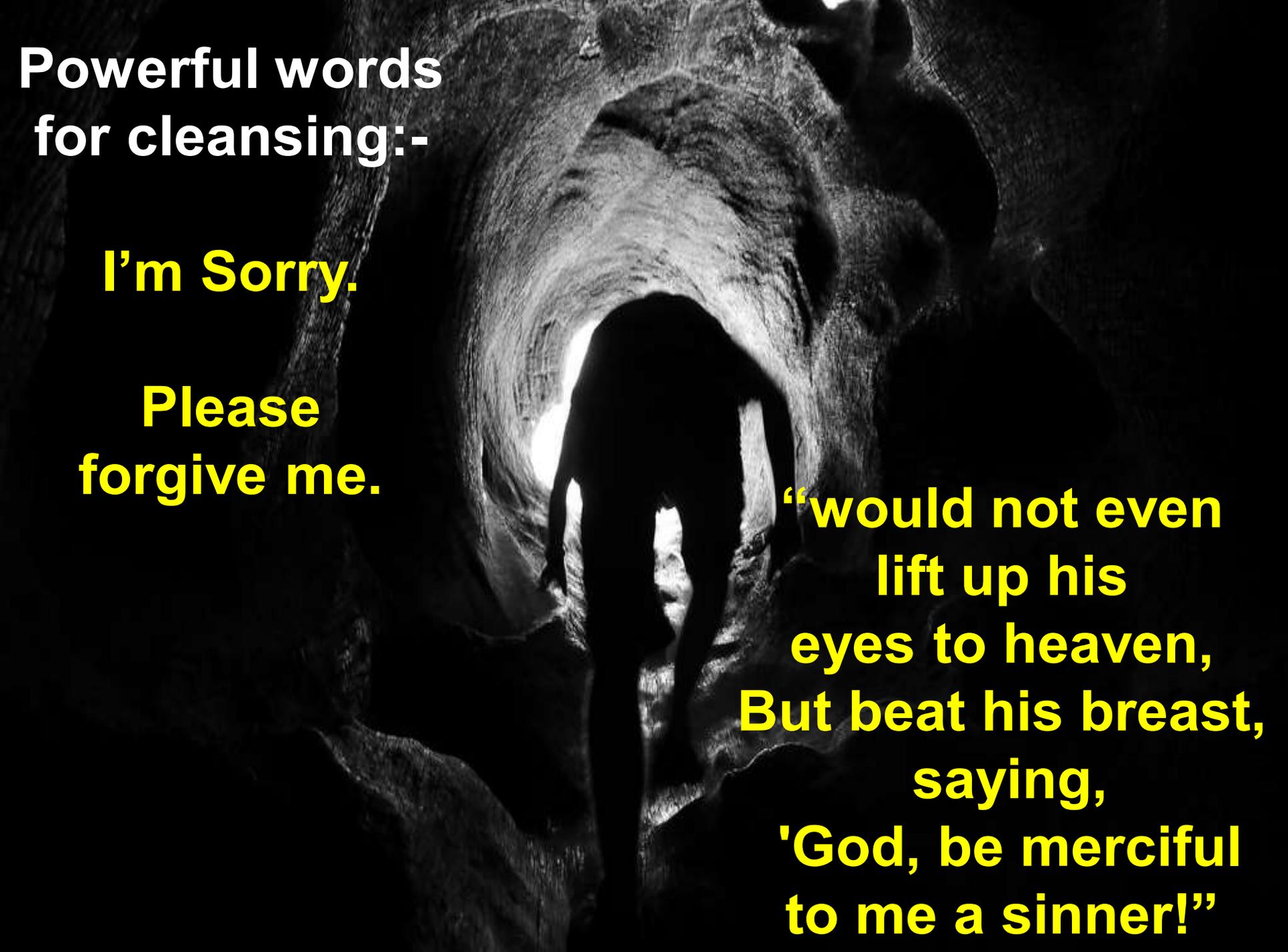
**Let God mend
what is broken,
open
what is blocked,
heal what is sick,
correct
what is wrong.**

***Keep your
heart open
and grace
flowing.***



**Be willing
to do your part.**

**Clear out the
clutter of sin and
the debris of past
mistakes, and
anything else
that is an
obstacle to grace.**

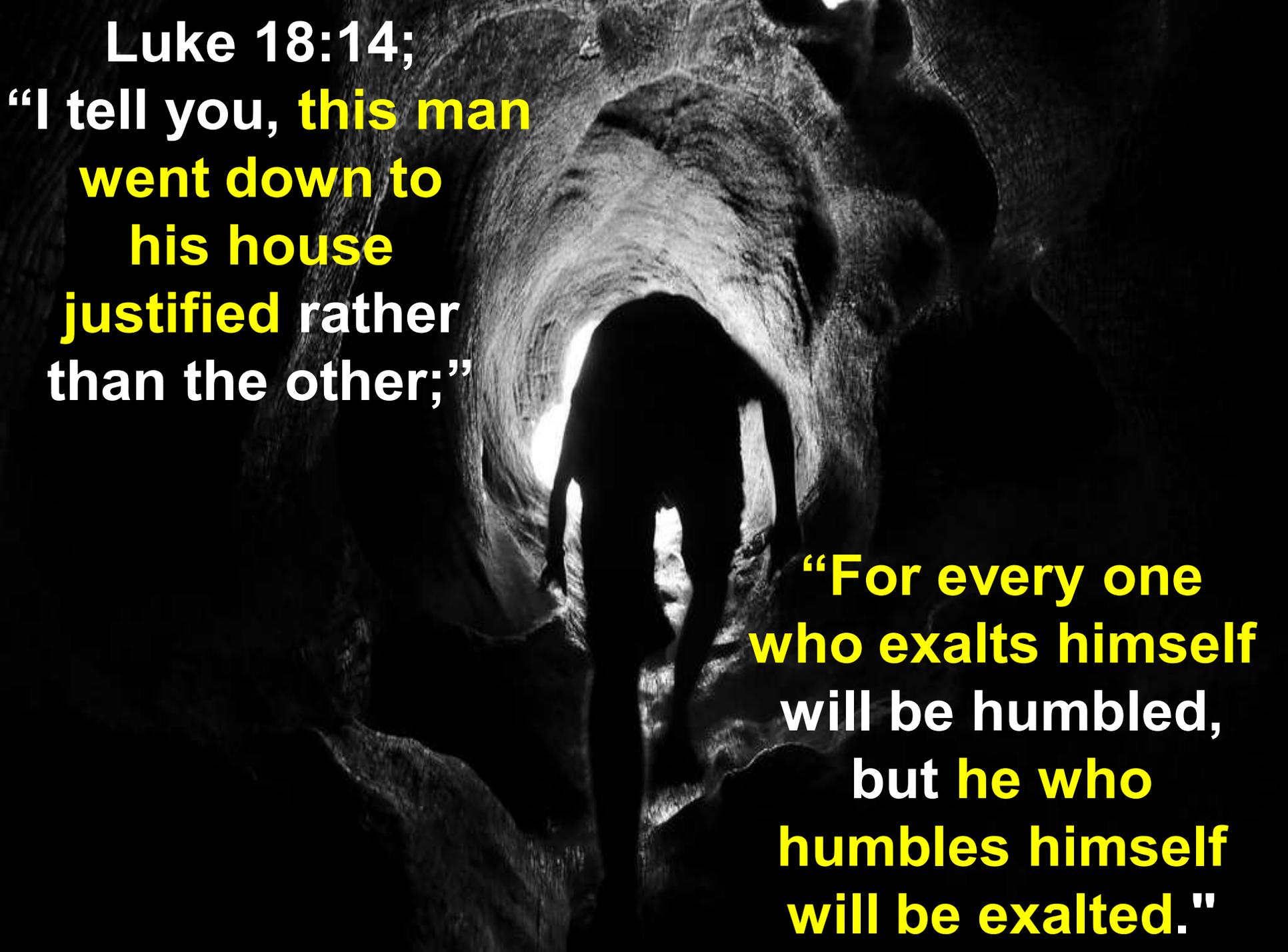
A person is walking away from the viewer down a dark, narrow tunnel. The tunnel walls are rough and textured. At the far end of the tunnel, there is a bright, glowing light source, creating a silhouette of the person walking towards it. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and journey.

**Powerful words
for cleansing:-**

I'm Sorry.

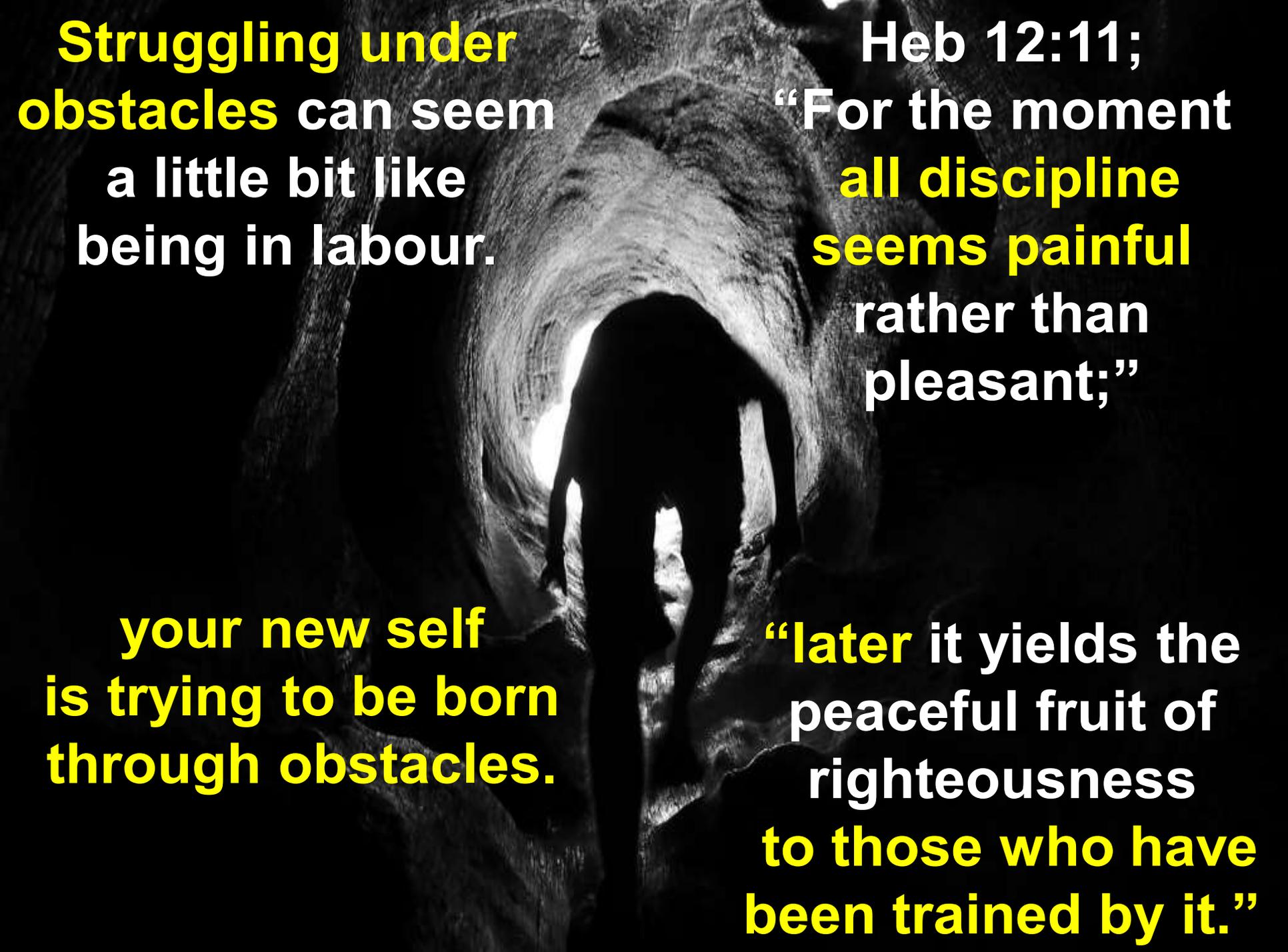
**Please
forgive me.**

**“would not even
lift up his
eyes to heaven,
But beat his breast,
saying,
'God, be merciful
to me a sinner!’”**



Luke 18:14;
“I tell you, **this man**
went down to
his house
justified rather
than the other;”

“For every one
who exalts himself
will be humbled,
but **he who**
humbles himself
will be exalted.”



Struggling under obstacles can seem a little bit like being in labour.

your new self is trying to be born through obstacles.

Heb 12:11;
“For the moment **all discipline seems painful** rather than pleasant;”

“**later** it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness **to those who have been trained by it.**”



Chapter One
I walk down the
street.
There is a deep
hole in the
sidewalk.
I fall in.
I am lost...I am
helpless.
It isn't my fault.
It takes forever
to find a way out.

Autobiography in Five Short Chapters
By Portia Nelson



Chapter Two

I walk down the street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I pretend that

I don't see it.

I fall in again.

I can't believe I am in this same place.

But, **it isn't my fault.**

It still takes a long time to get out.



Chapter Three
I walk down the
same street.
There is a deep
hole in the
sidewalk.
I see it is there.
I still fall in...it's a
habit...but,
My eyes are open
I know where I am
It is my fault.
I get out
immediately,



Chapter Four
I walk down the
same street.
There is a deep
hole in the
sidewalk.
I walk around it.



Chapter Five
I walk down
another street.

If we confess
our sins,
He is faithful and
just, and will
forgive our sins
And cleanse us
from all
unrighteousness.



**“Father, forgive
them; they know
not what they do...”**

**Have compassion.
People need
forgiveness.
(You, too.)**

**Be aware of hidden obstacles.
A “disturbance in the force.”**



**Respect and learn
your limitations.
Don't wait until you are
forced to accept help.**



**Be a part of
repairing the problems.**



**Follow Jesus.
Watch your step.
There are obstacles
to grace.**



Take care!

Conclusion.

**Throughout The Ages Sin Has Been
A Terrible Problem Between Man And God.
God Has Provided The Solution
To That Problem By Sending Jesus
As A Sacrifice For Our Sins.**

**When He Shed His Blood On The Cross,
The Grace, Forgiveness And Mercy Of God
Became Available To You.**

**How You Respond To That Kind Of Love
Is Extremely Important To God.**

Conclusion.

**He Wants You To Believe That Jesus
Is His Son And That He Died For You.**

**When You Realize That Your Sins Cost
Jesus His Life And are willing
to Repent of your sin and
turn back towards God,**

**He Wants You To Respond To His Love
By Surrendering
Your Life To Him In Baptism.
To be Born Again of water and the Spirit.**

Yes, "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23).

Since Jesus is part of the Godhead, we can understand what Paul meant in Romans 3:26; When he said that God is both JUST and the JUSTIFIER of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; once more.

**Do you know God? Have you obeyed the gospel?
If not, you are still carrying your burden of sin.**



HOMEWORK:-

Chain reference on sin; 1 Jn 3:4; Jam 4:17; Rom 3:23; Jam 1:13-15; Rom 6:23; 1 Jn 1:7; 1 Jn 2:1; Rom 1:18;. READ Matt 25:31-46;.

SUMMARY

HYPOCRISY

LAWLESSNESS

Failure to do the RIGHT thing

DRUNKENNESS

WHAT

IMMORALITY

IS

UNFAITHFULL

LUST

SIN

and MANY MORE

Being UNFORGIVING

PRIDE

ENVY

JEALOUSY

The Problem of SIN. Lesson 7 Slide 101

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