

# The Good News of the Gospel - Part 2

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## -Defining Sin and Guilt-

*\* Stop – Important to do Lesson Part 1 First*

*\* Remember to pray for wisdom before you begin*

1.) What is one of the most important subjects we can study from the Bible? Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ: for it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God unto \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone that \_\_\_\_\_; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

**NOTE: We can study and learn about many different topics from the Bible but nothing is more important than the subject that pertains to our salvation. This verse says, “it is the power of God unto salvation,” which means God has every power and ability because of what Jesus has done to work out our salvation. The Greek word for “power” in this verse is “dunamis” which is where our word “dynamite” comes from which means “force” or “miraculous power.” The only thing that hinders this awesome power working in our lives is our own CHOICE. Keep this concept of free CHOICE in mind as you study this subject.**

2.) When we talk about salvation, what is salvation as defined by scripture? Luke 1:77 To

give \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation unto his people \_\_\_\_\_ the remission of their \_\_\_\_\_,

2Corinthians 7:10 For godly \_\_\_\_\_ worketh repentance to \_\_\_\_\_ not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was

once offered to bear the \_\_\_\_\_ of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall \_\_\_\_\_ his people \_\_\_\_\_ their sins.

**NOTE: If humans who are made in the image of God are “saved,” what are they saved from? The whole source of all of our problems in this world is sin. Sin separates us from God who is the source of all life. When we accept Jesus as our personal Savior, we agree to let Him start saving us from our sins. When sin is purged from the soul, true freedom and peace begin. The pivotal subject of the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation is the tragedy of the entrance of sin with our first parents and the final disposal of sin at the end as found in the book of Revelation with the earth made new and the Tree of Life restored. The remedy for this whole situation is none other than JESUS –the Son of God! Therefore, the whole Bible centers in Jesus Christ!**

3.) How many have sinned and how widespread is it in our world? Romans 3:23 For \_\_\_\_\_

have sinned, and come \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of God; Galatians 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded \_\_\_\_\_ under \_\_\_\_\_, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE: Adam of his own freewill CHOSE to sin. Adam became guilty because of this CHOICE. But how about us? Are we born guilty because of Adam’s sin and because we have inherited a fallen nature? Or are we only guilty if we CHOOSE to**

*sin as Adam sinned? The answer to these questions will determine what salvational theology you end up believing which could determine your eternal destiny. If one believes that you are born a guilty condemned sinner then logically, he would have to believe in infant baptism as soon as it can be administered. Also, this would logically create a problem with the human nature of Christ. The Bible very clearly says that Jesus came in our nature in the likeness of sinful flesh (see Romans 8:3). If all the descendants of Adam came into the world condemned (from Adam's sin), then Jesus taking upon human flesh would automatically be condemned and guilty. But as scripture clearly says Jesus had no guilt of any sin. The big issue with sin is –are we sinners by CHOICE or are we sinners by [unconquerable] nature? It is true that we inherit a sinful nature with sometimes a very strong bent or tendency to sin but we need to look carefully at what scripture teaches because there is a very fine line here. There is a true gospel and there is a false gospel. One declares we are born guilty sinners with a nature hopelessly defiled by sin and that we ultimately can't achieve victory in this life. The other states that yes, we have inherited a sinful depraved nature, but we can sin only by CHOICE and because we are given CHOICE we can CHOOSE to overcome sin and develop a Christ-like character because Jesus is our perfect example.*

4.) What is the Bible definition of sin? 1John 3:4 Whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: This verse implies that there must be knowledge of the law where CHOICE is involved in either obeying it or transgressing it. If there is no knowledge of a law, how can it be broken or transgressed? See Romans 4:15 Because the law worketh \_\_\_\_\_ : for where no law is, there is \_\_\_\_\_ transgression. Let's look at what scripture plainly teaches.**

5.) What did God say was the penalty for Adam and Eve if they should transgress His command and the boundary He set for them to live? Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ eat of it: for in the \_\_\_\_\_ that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: The Hebrew word for day in this text is "yowm" which means a literal day either the light part of the day or from one sunset to the next. This would be strange for a pronouncement like this to be made since Adam and Eve as we know didn't die that day or for quite some time later for that matter and that by the way was only the 1<sup>st</sup> death. So what could this mean then? It is because Jesus the Lamb of God was placed between the penalty of sin and the guilty pair. Now notice Romans 6:23 For the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is \_\_\_\_\_; but the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus Christ our Lord. NOTE: The Bible says that the plan of salvation was already in place because it was formulated before the "foundation of the world." Revelation 13:8 "... the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world." 1Peter 1:19 But with the precious \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, as of a \_\_\_\_\_ without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was \_\_\_\_\_ before the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, [end of verse]**

6.) What special promise and provision did God pronounce to Adam and Eve as well as their posterity right after they had sinned? Genesis 3:15 *And I will put \_\_\_\_\_ between thee [Satan] and the woman, and between \_\_\_\_\_ seed and her \_\_\_\_\_ ; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. NOTE: God promised to place a type of “enmity” between each person and the forces of evil and their influences. Without this as part of the plan of salvation, mankind would have been doomed to evil depravity and wickedness. With this gift added after the fall into sin, humans would experience two powerful influences; one to pull them into the path of evil, the other to draw them toward God, righteousness and the gift of eternal life. Hence, man and woman would still have the power of CHOICE to exercise as a merciful gift from God. What other scriptures reveal the evidence of this supernatural grace that enables humanity to be drawn toward our loving God and repulsed by evil and sin [the enmity]? John 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth \_\_\_\_\_ man that \_\_\_\_\_ into the world. John 6:44 \_\_\_\_\_ man can \_\_\_\_\_ to me, except the \_\_\_\_\_ which hath sent me \_\_\_\_\_ him: and I will raise him up at the last day. Titus 2:11 For the \_\_\_\_\_ of God that \_\_\_\_\_ salvation hath appeared to \_\_\_\_\_ men, Hosea 11:4 I \_\_\_\_\_ them with cords of a man, with bands of \_\_\_\_\_ : and I was to them as they that take off the \_\_\_\_\_ on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them. Acts 3:26, Unto you first God, having raised up his Son \_\_\_\_\_ , sent him to \_\_\_\_\_ you, in \_\_\_\_\_ away every one of you \_\_\_\_\_ his iniquities. FURTHER NOTE: It is Biblically safe to say that every human that has come into the world to even the most evil of dictators and rulers at some point in their lifetime, maybe even in childhood had a drawing toward good things and to follow God. Unfortunately, it seems that the majority of the human race resists this holy drawing from their Creator and Redeemer. But at least they will have been given a chance and will have no excuse in the judgment day. The fact that there will be many millions of people saved for eternity in the Kingdom of God shows how affective this wonderful grace has been!*

7.) We can see from above (#5 & 6) how the plan of salvation was implemented immediately when Adam sinned. What does Romans 5:18 say? *Therefore as by the \_\_\_\_\_ of one judgment came upon \_\_\_\_\_ men to \_\_\_\_\_ ; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all \_\_\_\_\_ unto justification of life. NOTE: From this text we see that the sentence of death hung over the whole human race because of what Adam did. Every human being that was ever to come into this world was doomed. But when the 2nd Adam [Christ] came, He UNDOED what the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam had done. Adam didn't have to die immediately! Jesus did something for the whole human race! Let's look at the next verses coming up.*

8.) Did Jesus die for the whole human race? 1John 4:14 *And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ . 1Timothy 4:10 For*

therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ men, \_\_\_\_\_ of those that believe. **1John 2:2** And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ for the sins of the \_\_\_\_\_ world. **2Corinthians 5:19** To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the \_\_\_\_\_ unto himself, not \_\_\_\_\_ their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE: The sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary was immense! Obviously, everybody is not going to be saved! But Jesus paid the price for every person in this world. Provision was put in place for any sinner of every race, gender, culture, high, low, rich and poor to accept the free gift of salvation with forgiveness, pardon, sanctification as well as any grace needed to live a victorious life! But more than this, what Jesus did on the cross even though it hadn't happened yet, was put in place [installed] as soon as Adam sinned – This was a life of PROBATIONARY TIME for every person so they could CHOOSE whether or not they wanted to accept this wonderful provision and when they are born into this world, they are not held guilty for Adam's sin. Those of us who have accepted Christ's salvation have been given the task of giving the Gospel to all who will accept and be reconciled to God. Think about what this life of probation includes: food, clothing, health, pro-creation, including every heart-beat, breath of air, use of our senses and mental faculties and much more was included in this package. Even Jesus made this interesting statement in -Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his \_\_\_\_\_ to rise on the \_\_\_\_\_ and on the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ rain on the \_\_\_\_\_ and on the \_\_\_\_\_. Interesting that 2 Cor. 5:19 (see above) says that God was "not imputing their trespasses unto them;" Do you see anybody including even bad people really getting what they deserve in this life? True, God allows many of us to reap the results of our wrong-doings, but ultimately if we don't CHOOSE the LORD Jesus and His gift of salvation, we will eventually pay the final penalty in the last judgment. We can see in all of this that God is being extremely gracious and merciful to the human race and has provided an "abundant probation" for us so we can CHOOSE eternal life and have time to develop a character like Christ thus preparing us for the sinless atmosphere of heaven and the earth made new. This Bible truth destroys the false doctrine and teaching of "predestination" that God foreordains some people to be lost and others to be saved!**

- 9.) Was it God's purpose when He sent His Son down to die for the sins of the world to immediately condemn the world? **John 3:17** For God sent not his Son into the world to \_\_\_\_\_ the world; but that the \_\_\_\_\_ through him \_\_\_\_\_ be saved.
- NOTE: Going back to the subject mentioned earlier about a newborn child coming into this world, if God didn't condemn the world during this probationary time, then it stands to reason why an innocent baby when it is born into this world would not be born guilty until it has had time to develop, learn and understand right from wrong and then CHOOSE accordingly. Also, in the above verse –the last part indicates a "probationary time" so "that the world through Him 'might' be saved."**

**10.) What does the Bible say about ignorance \*vs. knowingly committing sin? Romans 7:7-9**

*What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not \_\_\_\_\_ sin, but by the \_\_\_\_\_: for I had not known \_\_\_\_\_, except the \_\_\_\_\_ had said, Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_. 8 But sin, taking occasion by the \_\_\_\_\_, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For \_\_\_\_\_ the law sin was \_\_\_\_\_. 9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment \_\_\_\_\_ sin revived, and I died.*

**James 4:17** *Therefore to him that \_\_\_\_\_ to do good, and doeth it \_\_\_\_\_, to him it is \_\_\_\_\_. NOTE: Guilt from sin comes from deliberate CHOICE not because of something our father, grandfather or what Adam and Eve did at the beginning of this world.*

**10.) What does the Bible say about inheriting sinful guilt from the generation(s) before us?**

**Ezekiel 18:18-20** *As for his father, \_\_\_\_\_ he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did that which is not good among his people, lo, even he shall \_\_\_\_\_ in his iniquity. 19 Yet say ye, why? doth not the son \_\_\_\_\_ the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is \_\_\_\_\_ and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. 20 The soul that \_\_\_\_\_, it shall die. The son shall \_\_\_\_\_ bear the \_\_\_\_\_ of the father, neither shall the father \_\_\_\_\_ the iniquity of the son: the \_\_\_\_\_ of the righteous shall be upon him, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wicked shall be upon him. 2Chronicles 25:4* *But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, the \_\_\_\_\_ shall not die for the \_\_\_\_\_, neither shall the \_\_\_\_\_ die for the \_\_\_\_\_, but every man shall \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_ sin.*

**NOTE: The false doctrine of "original sin" which originated from the early Christian church after it went into apostasy and paganism and is also believed in many protestant churches today states that all the descendants of Adam have inherited not only the fallen nature from Adam (which is true) but it also inherited his guilt from his first fall into sin. The first (the fallen nature) are the results of sin. The second (guilt) unless atoned for, leads to the penalty of sin which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> death. There is a big difference between these two. The first death that almost everyone experiences, even Christians, are examples of the natural "results" (is a type of penalty but not the ultimate penalty) of sin. The second death which is eternal and only those who haven't experienced salvation through Jesus will face the ultimate "penalty" of sin.**

**Another example of this (results of sin) can be seen all throughout the animal kingdom and the natural world such as animals eating other animals with death all through nature. Animals may do many bad things but they follow only instincts which are often perverted by the "results" of sin. Animals don't commit sin because they don't know about law (see Rom.5:13). Because of this they aren't held accountable. Salvation according to the Bible is only the privilege of fallen humanity which was made in the image of God before sin marred it.**

**12.) The suffering, and all the other negative aspects of sin that we experience in this sin**

cursed world are the results of sin, not the penalty. The penalty was paid by Jesus Christ. So, does death in this life imply guilt? Luke 13:1-5 *There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose \_\_\_\_\_ Pilate had \_\_\_\_\_ with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus answering said unto them, suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners \_\_\_\_\_ all the Galilaeans, \_\_\_\_\_ they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye \_\_\_\_\_, ye shall all \_\_\_\_\_ perish. 4 Or those \_\_\_\_\_, upon whom the tower in Siloam \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ them, think ye that they were sinners above \_\_\_\_\_ men that dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, \_\_\_\_\_: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise \_\_\_\_\_.* **NOTE: Here we see a good Biblical example that shows that death was not a direct result of these people's own sin. The results of sin can be seen everywhere. That's why we see even bad things happen to good people, even Christians! It is true that often we can reap the physical results of our own sins or bad habits. But that is a whole different subject from what we're studying here.**

13.) Does all suffering necessarily imply guilt? John 9:1-3 *And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was \_\_\_\_\_ from his \_\_\_\_\_. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this \_\_\_\_\_, or his \_\_\_\_\_, that he was \_\_\_\_\_ blind? 3 Jesus answered, \_\_\_\_\_ hath this man \_\_\_\_\_, nor his \_\_\_\_\_: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.* **NOTE: It is evident that we are all in a sin-cursed world affected by the results of sin all around us and it becomes plain to see that there is a distinct difference between the "results" of sin vs. the "penalty" of sin. In light of the above question regarding the scenario of Job, he suffered at the hands of Satan because God allowed him to be tested. The final outcome of this whole scenario brought great glory to the God of heaven.**

14.) When can eternal life begin for the repentant sinner? John 5:24,25 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that \_\_\_\_\_ my word, and \_\_\_\_\_ on him that sent me, hath \_\_\_\_\_, and shall not come into \_\_\_\_\_; but is passed from \_\_\_\_\_ unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is \_\_\_\_\_, and now is, when the \_\_\_\_\_ shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall \_\_\_\_\_.* **NOTE: In these verses we can see that for the repentant sinner who gives his life to Christ and becomes a Christian, doesn't have to fear the 1<sup>st</sup> death. It is only temporary. In fact, to the person who dies, it will only seem like a brief second until he wakes up in the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> death that every person should greatly fear because it is eternal! But Jesus has paid the penalty for that. The 1<sup>st</sup> death is one of the results of sin. The 2<sup>nd</sup> death is the ultimate penalty of sin. Accept Jesus' wonderful provision even NOW! To go into a Christless grave is utterly unthinkable! Eternal life can begin today as soon as you accept Jesus as your personal LORD and Savior!**

15.) What does Jesus say about being ignorant or without a knowledge of what is right \*vs. having an awareness of the law and then disobeying that law? John 15:22 *If I had not*

come and \_\_\_\_\_ unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no \_\_\_\_\_ [excuse] for their sin. **24** If I had not \_\_\_\_\_ among them the works which none other man did, they had not had \_\_\_\_\_: but now have they both seen and hated both Me and My Father. **John 9:41** Jesus said unto them, If ye were \_\_\_\_\_, ye should have no \_\_\_\_\_: but now ye say, We \_\_\_\_\_; therefore, your sin \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: Jesus is basically saying that sin and guilt are dependent on a knowledge of what is right and wrong which we get from the law of God and in a very broad sense the moral principles found throughout the whole Bible which expounds in great detail the law of God. When we know God's will and CHOOSE to disobey, then we incur guilt before God. The sin of Adam and Eve illustrates this well.**

**If sin [transgression of the law] is our very [unconquerable] nature then it is looked upon as inevitable, something so entwined in the very fiber of our fleshly being that there is no hope of victory over sin. If it is by CHOICE, then we become responsible and accountable -which is what Holy Scriptures plainly teach from beginning to end! God is concerned about the loyalty of our hearts and our attitude toward Him, not the sin cursed bodies that we possess. He will change the latter at the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus. Our characters are what need to be perfected now by our free-will CHOICES through His grace before He comes. We cannot have holy flesh now.**

**16.) How do we know that it is possible to have victory over sin in this present life before Jesus comes? Jude 1:24** Now unto him that is \_\_\_\_\_ to keep you from \_\_\_\_\_, and to present you \_\_\_\_\_ before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, **Ephesians 3:20** Now unto him that is \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_ above all that we ask or think, \_\_\_\_\_ to the power that worketh in us, **1Corinthians 10:13** There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is \_\_\_\_\_, who will not suffer you to be \_\_\_\_\_ above that ye are \_\_\_\_\_; but will with the temptation also \_\_\_\_\_ a way to \_\_\_\_\_, that ye may be able to \_\_\_\_\_ it. **1John 5:4** For whatsoever is born of God \_\_\_\_\_ the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the \_\_\_\_\_, even our \_\_\_\_\_. **2Peter 1:3,4** According as his divine power hath given unto us \_\_\_\_\_ things that pertain unto life and \_\_\_\_\_, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: **4** Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious \_\_\_\_\_: that by these ye might be \_\_\_\_\_ of the divine \_\_\_\_\_, having \_\_\_\_\_ the corruption that is in the world through \_\_\_\_\_.

**17.) What Bible evidence do we see that God would like to save all mankind if that were possible? John 3:16** For \_\_\_\_\_ so loved the \_\_\_\_\_, that he gave his only begotten \_\_\_\_\_, that \_\_\_\_\_ believeth in him should not perish, but have \_\_\_\_\_ life. **2Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his \_\_\_\_\_, as some men count slackness; but is \_\_\_\_\_ to us-ward, not \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ should \_\_\_\_\_, but that \_\_\_\_\_ should come to \_\_\_\_\_. **Ezekiel 33:11** As I live, saith the Lord God, I have \_\_\_\_\_ pleasure in the death of the \_\_\_\_\_; but

that the wicked \_\_\_\_\_ from his way and live. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for \_\_\_\_\_ will ye die?" **NOTE: The Bible is very clear that God is no respecter of persons and that He loves every human being that has ever come into existence in this world. He would desire to save every person if He could, but He can't and have free moral CHOICE at the same time. Sin is so deadly that ultimately it will be forever blotted out. When sin and unrepentant sinners are finally burned up in the lake of fire, then He will make a new earth that will be restored to its former Eden-like beauty. The penalty of sin will be justly paid –Jesus' sacrifice for all the saved, the unrepentant lost and wicked will suffer the 2<sup>nd</sup> death and the results of sin will be forever erased! Why not accept Jesus' marvelous gift right now and let Him reign in your heart today? He is waiting even now!**

## Brief Quiz

Circle One

- 1.) **True/False** – Every human that comes into this world is born condemned and guilty.
- 2.) **True/False** – The Bible's true basic definition of sin is "transgression of the law."
- 3.) **True/False** – Because of Jesus' death on the cross, the human race has been given probationary time to either accept or reject the gift of salvation.
- 4.) **True/False** – Jesus paid for the sins of only the ones who accept His gift of salvation.
- 5.) **True/False** – God has ordained that only certain ones throughout the world be saved.
- 6.) **True/False** – Every blessing of life, even which unsaved people enjoy, comes from the cross of Christ.
- 7.) **True/False** – If death or suffering occurs in a Christian's life it is because they're being punished by God.
- 8.) **True/False** – Victory over sin is possible in this life through the powerful promises of God's Word.
- 9.) **True/False** – God attempts to draw every person that comes into this world to Himself if they don't resist.

## *My Response*

*It is my desire to respond to a very just and loving God who has graciously given me time in this world to respond to His gift of salvation and to allow Him time to transform and change me into the likeness of His glorious character. I accept His free gift of Salvation and all of its wonderful provisions just now.*

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_