

"The next day John (the Baptist) seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, 'Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29 KJV

Sin is "*the transgression (disobedience) of the Law.*" God's Law (Word) is the standard of righteousness. It defines divine righteousness and was given that men might be aware of the sin in their character and flesh; that they might know their wretched unworthiness before a totally righteous God, not that men were worthy before the Law. "*I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. In my flesh dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*" Even unreligious men live by a code of conduct. The Law is simply an x-ray of man's nature. It reveals the brokenness but does not heal it. Man cannot save the sinful flesh. Only God can. "*Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee.*" The avenue to righteousness is God's Word. "*Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*" Faith in Jesus Christ, God's Word made flesh, is the only way men can escape the death God's Law places upon every son of Adam. "*The wages of sin is death. All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God.*" You can't grow one inch or gain one ounce of God's grace by your own will. Those who seek to pay for their sin through religious mantra and ritual seal their own doom! Refusing the gift of eternal life proffered by the Sacrificial "*Lamb of God,*" is an egotistical assumption they can forgive their own sin! Jesus came to justly remove death from every man by fulfilling the Law for all who would believe in Him through faith. He came "*to take away the sin of the world. And He is the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*" Sadly, although freely available to all, "*FEW there be that find it.*" God's gift must be personally and individually sought. Although it is free to every penitent, I cannot acquire it for you nor you for me! "*For WHOSOEVER shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved. As many as received Him, (believed God's Word) to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*" So...do you trust God's Word or human reason?

The Sacrifice for sinful man,
Was planned before the world began,
By Grace through faith in Righteousness,
Brought life eternal, Blessedness! ~CGP

The child of God knows, hears, and follows his Father's Voice. "*Hereby we do KNOW that we KNOW Him, if we keep (obey) His commandments.*" A man's deeds are proof of his heritage.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by Him do believe in God, that raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God." 1 Peter 1:18-21 KJV

