



## Now is the time to act!

The LORD has left us clear instructions as to how to have a real fellowship with Him.

### We must, as adults...

- ★ Believe Acts 16:31
- ★ Repent Acts 17:30
- ★ Profess Acts 8:37
- ★ and be Baptised Acts 2:38

## What are you waiting for?

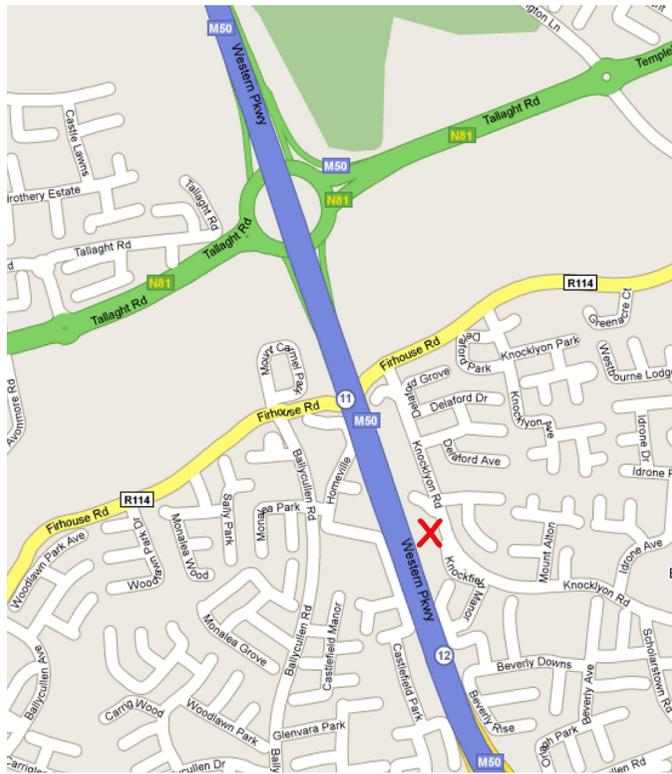
“Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, ..... nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 6:9–10

But the Holy Spirit tells the Corinthians, in the very next verse

“Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.”

1 Corinthians 6:11

**NOW is the day of Salvation!**



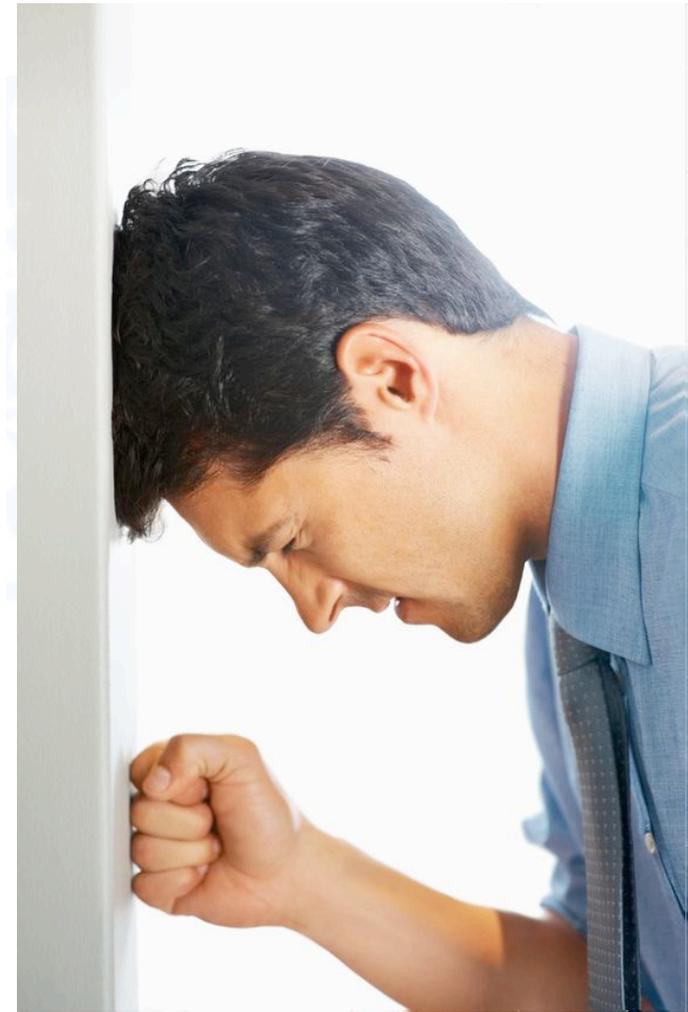
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# SIN IS THE PROBLEM

# THE ROOT OF ALL ANXIETY, DISTRESS AND GRIEF.

Sin is our greatest enemy! When God created the heavens and the earth for mankind, God was pleased with His creation, because everything was perfect. Then sin entered in, and what a mess!

God describes sin in the following ways;

- as a putrefying disease (Isa. 1:2-6)
- a heavy burden (Psalm. 38:4)
- defiling filth (Titus. 1:15, 2 Cor. 7:1)
- a binding debt (Matt. 6:12-15)
- darkness (1 Jn. 1:6) and
- a blemishing stain (Isa. 1:18).

The story of the prodigal son is your story. All of us have gone astray (Isaiah 53:6), none are just (Rom 3:10), all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23). Just like the prodigal son, we may have to hit rock bottom before we recognize what we are doing to ourselves (Luke 15:11-32).

We cannot sin and be unpunished, scripture teaches this in Proverbs 11:21. Some may think they have gotten away with it, but all face being held accountable on death (Heb 9:27). God's servants Moses and Aaron tried hard and were decent people, but God was an avenger of their evil deeds! Psalm 99:6-9

## CHANGING YOUR LIFE MEANS DEALING WITH YOUR SIN

"He who gives attention to the word shall find good, And blessed is he who trusts in the LORD" Prov 16:20

Are these sins in your life?	
Greed	1 Timothy 6:10
Lust	Matt 5:28-30; James 1:12
Envy	Matt 27:18; Mark 7:22
Ingratitude and selfishness	Phil 2:3; Rom 1:21
Pride and Arrogance	Proverbs 8:13; 11:2
Anger and Hatred	Matt 5:22
Prejudice	Matt 13:15
Lying and gossiping	John 8:44; Rom 1:29
Un-forgiveness	Matt 18:21-35
Idolatry	Colossians 3:5

"Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience" Colossians 3:5-6

**YOU ARE NOT WITHOUT HOPE BECAUSE**  
Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

"He gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father."

# Dealing with Sin demands change in our lives

To allow anything to separate us from the fellowship of God, is a very serious matter.

Paul, a Pharisee, gave up everything to know Christ, "But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ" Philippians 3:7-8

In Luke 18:9-14, we read about the tax collector who "standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Enter by the narrow gate

**Matt 7:13**

