## YOU CAN BE FREE FROM SIN

Sin originated among the Angels of God, when Lucifer the head Angel lifted himself up with pride and stirred up rebellion, when he desired to be equal with God, instead of submitting himself under the authority of God, as a result, became the first sinner. "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer; son of the morning, how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations. For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." Isa. 14:12-14.

This same account is reiterated in the book of Ezekiel. "Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee, in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffics; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more." Ezek 28: 13-19.

The Bible reveals the origin of SIN and its effects. The Bible gives the ONLY REMEDY and way out of the penalties of sins and how we can be restored back to God's blessings, both in this world and in the world to come.

The Bible is faithful to relate many punishments and judgements God brought upon man because of his sins. God threatened the people of Nineveh with great evil, even the complete destruction of their city, but when they turned from their Wickedness, "God repented of the evil which He had said He would do unto them. And He did it not" Jonah 3:10.

The Bible defines SIN as the TRANSGRESSION of the LAW "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law" 1 John 3:4. So sin is WILLINGLY and KNOWINGLY TRANSGRESSING the law of God. It is disobeying any of God's written law or commandments or judgements set forth in God's written Word.

Sin came on the human race through Adam and Eve when they willingly trespassed God's clear commands "NOT TO EAT of the forbidden tree that was in the midst of the Garden." Because Adam sinned, death passed on all his descendants. "ALL HAVE SINNED" Rom. 5:12 they inherited a sinful nature from Adam.

NOTE: Man is a sinner by BIRTH and acts in all areas of his life styles. BY PRACTICE he is responsible to GOD and man for the sins he commits.

When man is born, he is born a sinner by NATURE and has NO RIGHTEOUSNESS IN HIM until he is REGENERATED, CONVERTED, and BORN AGAIN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT of God, and this does not happen until man truly repents of his sins. THEN he receives a NEW NATURE - a DIVINE NATURE from GOD which will enable him to live and be righteous and do righteousness and be a TEMPLE for the HOLY SPIRIT to dwell in. Jesus Christ PAID THE FULL PRICE to REDEEM MAN from, not only the sins he commits, but also to REDEEM MAN from all the sinful NATURE brought on him through the FALL of Adam.

IN CHRIST we become RIGHTEOUS again: "He that doeth righteousness is righteous." I John 3:7-10.

SIN defiles the soul....Isaiah said: "Woe is me, For I am undone; because I am a man of UNCLEAN LIPS, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." Isa. 6:5. This shows it is not physical uncleanness only, but SPIRITUAL - in the soul and spirit! Sin makes the soul GUILTY before God: and the soul that sinneth, it shall die. Ezek. 18:4

THE ONLY CLEANSING for the SOUL is the BLOOD OF JESUS. 1 John 1:9, 1 Thes 5:23. The Blood of Jesus continually keeps us cleansed and clean. IT MAKES NO ROOM FOR SIN when we WALK IN THE LIGHT AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT. People that say they have to sin everyday and always come to

confess have never been BORN AGAIN and they minimize and despise the POWER OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST to cleanse our NATURE and keep it clean. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. 1Jn 5:18

Because of sin, physical death, sickness and sufferings came on mortal body. BUT WHEN CHRIST comes in He makes it a NEW CREATURE. He refashions you unto a VESSEL UNTO HONOUR. Read Jeremiah 18: 1-4 2 Timothy 2:21

As you read your Bible, always be ALERT to observe HOW GOD WAS DISPLEASED with those who sinned and HOW GOD PUNISHED those that sinned. "Now all these things were written for OUR ADMONITION upon whom the ENDS of the world are come, that we should not lust after evil things. PLEASE read 1 Cor. 10: 1-12 and take time before The Lord searching your life and heart. Are you truly free from sin?

What will your answer be? This is the answer of David the king of Israel in Ps. 139:23 "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting."

You can do the same by praying to God right now. Ask Him to search you and cleanse you from every sin.

Heavenly Father I come to you now with my heart open to you, remove all evil from my life and give me a new heart that hates sin and loves righteousness. I accept your Son; Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. Write my name in the book of life. Give me the power to go and sin no more. This I ask and believed that you have answered me, in Jesus' name I pray Amen

## Three things will help you.

- 1. Pray everyday.
- 2. Read your Bible everyday.
- 3. Join the fellowship of the saints of God.