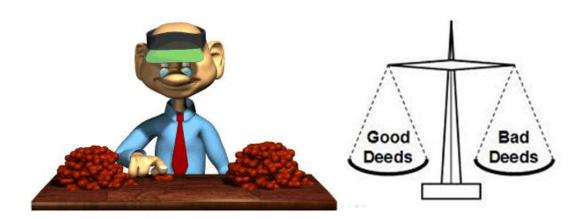
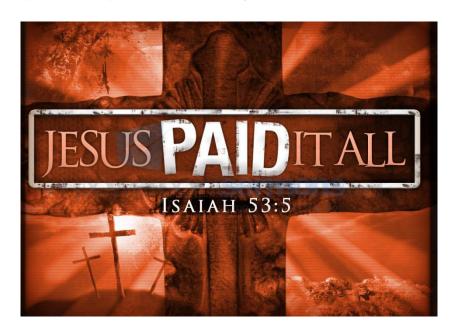
SIN HURTS



NO NEED TO COUNT

The images above are how many believers view what goes on in heaven. For centuries this mental portrait has been painted that a heavenly 'bean counter' is keeping track of all our good deeds and bad deeds, and our current and future acceptance into God's Kingdom is predicated on our overall score. FORGET ABOUT IT!!! There is NO NEED TO COUNT your (or anyone else) deeds, good or bad.

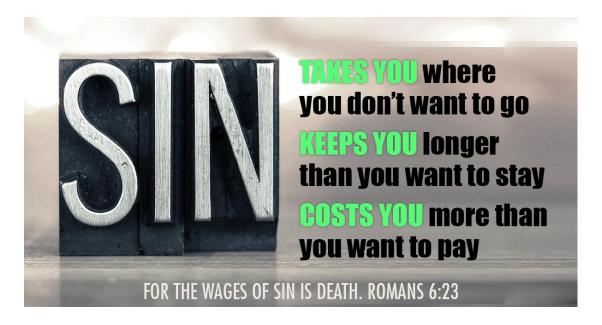


The truth is that without the One Time Only Atonement Sacrifice of Jesus, NO ONE since time began Enters the Kingdom of God. And it is equally true that without the Holy Spirit, you cannot live without committing sins. Even with the Holy Spirit, believers will struggle; hence, our need for daily submission, prayer, and study. With these spiritual truths revealed, then why is the topic of our Sins such a Big Deal to our Creator God?



OUR SINS DON'T HURT GOD

Let's be very clear, OUR GOD IS THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE. He is a Spirit and not a human or some superhero. He cannot be mortally wounded by anything that we created humans say, think, or do. He was here long before the Universe existed and He will live eternally in His Heavenly Home whether we sin or not. But He cares about our sins because HE LOVES US and SIN HURTS US & OTHERS.

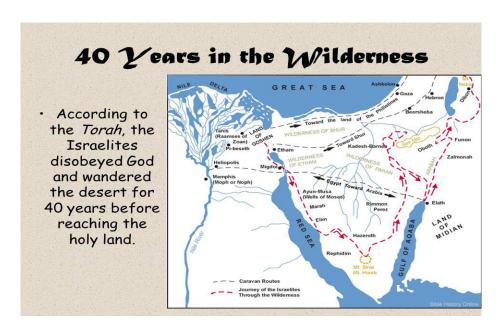


SIN HURTS US & OTHERS

The most precious resource that humans have is **Time**. Our Creator has given each person 'X' amount of Time to live on this Planet Earth and complete our purpose. Some people live only a few years and others live longer. But None of us live here forever. There is much to enjoy here on our beautiful planet with the limited Time that we are given. But **Sin** can lead us into a circular maze that **leads to 'nowhere'** and cause us to miss all of what God has for us to see and do. God doesn't want us to sin (going against his divine wise instructions) because He knows where it will take us and for how long. Some sins lead us away from our true life

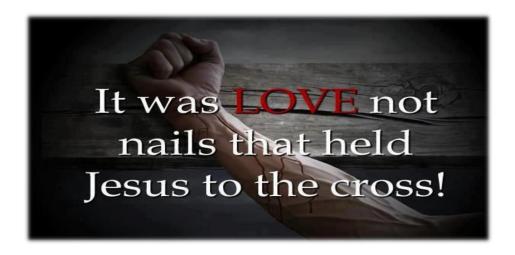
path temporarily, but others may be fatal; and we may never get out of the maze alive. Thus we never get to experience what our Creator spent billions of years designing for us to enjoy.

THE SIN TIME LOOP



The trip from Mount Horeb through the mountains of Seir to Kadesh Barnea takes only **eleven days**. But it was **40 years** from the time the Israelites left Egypt until the time they came to this place. Deuteronomy 1:2,3

This ancient example of the Hebrew Exodus from Egypt is the same for most of the people on the Planet today. It was only an 11 day journey to get to the blessings that God had in store for His People, but it took them 40 years before they entered the Promise Land. Only 2 people over the age of 20 out of the millions who left Egypt entered the Promise Land. The rest died while wandering in the Wilderness. Billions of people on the planet today are still wandering in their sins. Approximately 151,600 people die each day worldwide. Most never receive the full blessings that God has for them because sin has them wandering in the wilderness of idolatry, loneliness, depression, pride, pursuits of gain and power. He Sees and He Knows how all of our sinful choices impact our life's journey. This meaningless waste of our most precious resource truly saddens our Heavenly Father. Although saddened by our sins and waste, He Never Stops Loving us and is always pursuing us even in our wandering state. What manner of Love is this?



GOD'S LOVE

This is what I command you: Love each other as I have loved you. The greatest love people can show is to die for their friends. John 15:12,13

How many of us would pay our friend's phone bill, cable bill, mortgage, utility bill, car note, kid's college bill? Maybe we might pay one of these bills once or twice for someone we really cared about, but we surely would not pay it for eternity. Jesus loves us so much that He paid our debt to God with his life. If we worked for a million years, we could never have paid our own debt to God. He didn't just pay the bill for some of us, He paid it for All Mankind. He paid the bill for murderers, rapists, liars, adulterers, idolaters...and any other messed up sin that you can think of. And He paid the bill even before we committed the unthinkable acts of disobedience. He voluntarily left His Heavenly Home to come to Earth to be humiliated, despised, tortured, and murdered so that we could have Redemption from our Punishment.



And because of His Great Love for Us, He wants nothing but the Best for us. And it is **our sins that lead us into a wandering wilderness away from the loving Relationship** that He longs to have with each of us.

In this vast unkind wilderness, we get bruised, abused, and hurt unnecessarily. And Hurt People Hurt Other People. Because He loves us so much, He feels our Pain. Our Pain is why God Hates our sins. And because He loves us so much, Jesus died to cover our sins and reunite us in the Loving Relationship with God the Creator.



MAKE THE SIMPLE CHOICE

So do you think we should continue sinning so that God will give us more and more grace? Of course not! Our old sinful life ended. It's dead. So how can we continue living in sin? Romans 6:1,2



Since Jesus loves us, died, covered our sins, and made The Way for believers to be reunited with God, should we just continue sinning as we did before we accepted His Perfect Atonement Sacrifice for us? I say No. God knows that we cannot stop sinning in our current state (part flesh...part spirit) without help. So He provided **Believers** with the Ultimate **Gift, The Holy Spirit**.



I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper to be with you forever. The Helper is the Spirit of truth. The people of the world cannot accept him, because they don't see him or know him. But you know him. He lives with you, and he will be in you. John 14:16,17

The Holy Spirit is a direct line from the Creator of the Universe's mind, heart, and will to your mind, heart, and will. It perfectly syncs God and you together. The Holy Spirit of God is equipped like a Swiss army knife to enable you to perform your non-evil will and God's will. And even though we have this Great Gift inside us, we must **Slow Down**, **Stop**, **Listen**, **and Obey The Spirit** to allow it to manifest its true power and help us achieve God's will for us. People of Earth, I ask you which is easier: to slow down, stop, listen and obey or to wander aimlessly in a sin time loop that is your life.

Make the Simple Choice.

