

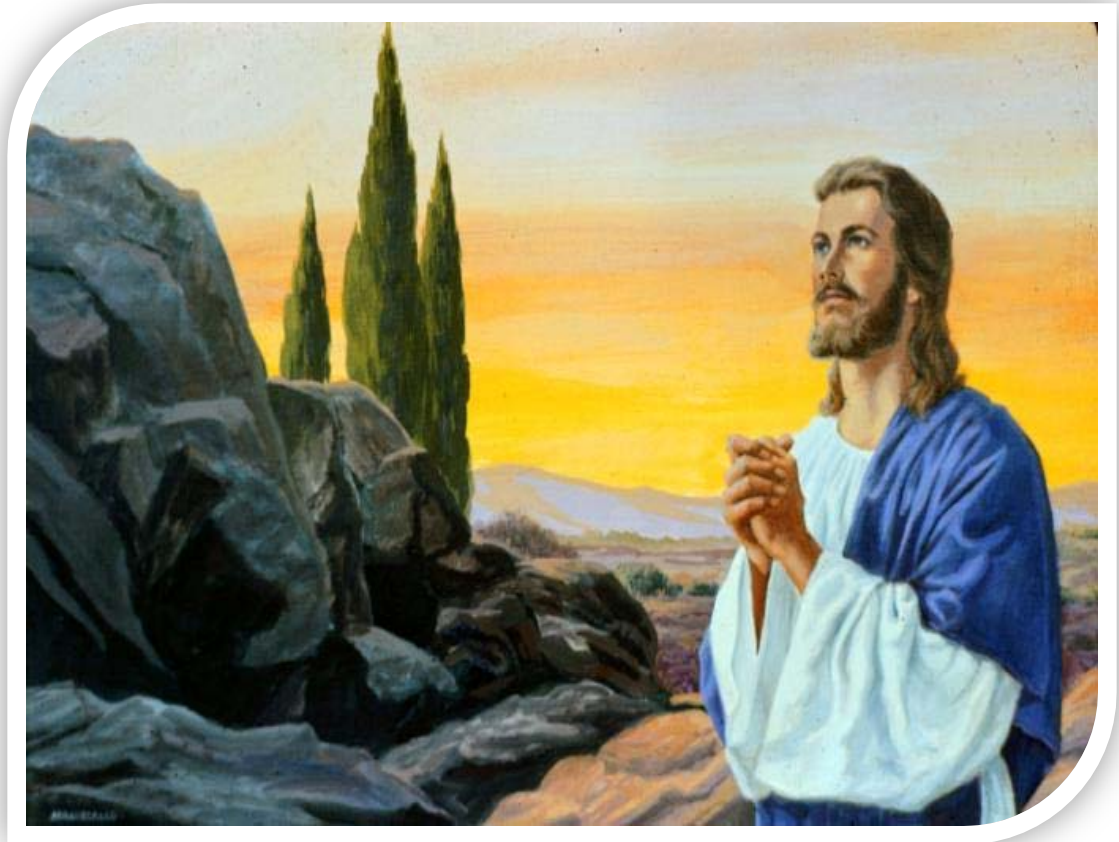
My Bible School

Lesson # 4

The Plan of Salvation

**“For God sent not his Son into
the world to condemn the
world; but that the world
through him might be saved.”**

John 3:17



WHAT IS SIN?



“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” 1 John 3:4

“Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.” Romans 14:23.

If a man violates his conscience, to him it is sin. To be sure, his conscience must be open to enlightenment and education, but he should sacredly guard it. If he does not, it will become seared as with a hot iron (1 *Timothy* 4:2).

“To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” James 4:17.

The only man who will not be held accountable for his wrongdoing is the man who does not know that he is sinning.

Said Jesus, **“If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, we see; therefore your sin remaineth.”**
John 9:41.

If we close our eyes that we may not see, our ears that we may not hear, then we shall be responsible for what we could have known (Matthew 13:15). **“All unrighteousness is sin.” 1 John 5:17**

The line of demarcation between sin and righteousness should be sharply drawn in our minds.



"THOU SHALT NOT"

(A PROMISE)

"I WILL RUN THE
WAY OF THY
COMMANDMENTS"

PS. 119:32

**GOD'S
LAW**

A SAFETY BEACON FOR ALL HUMANITY

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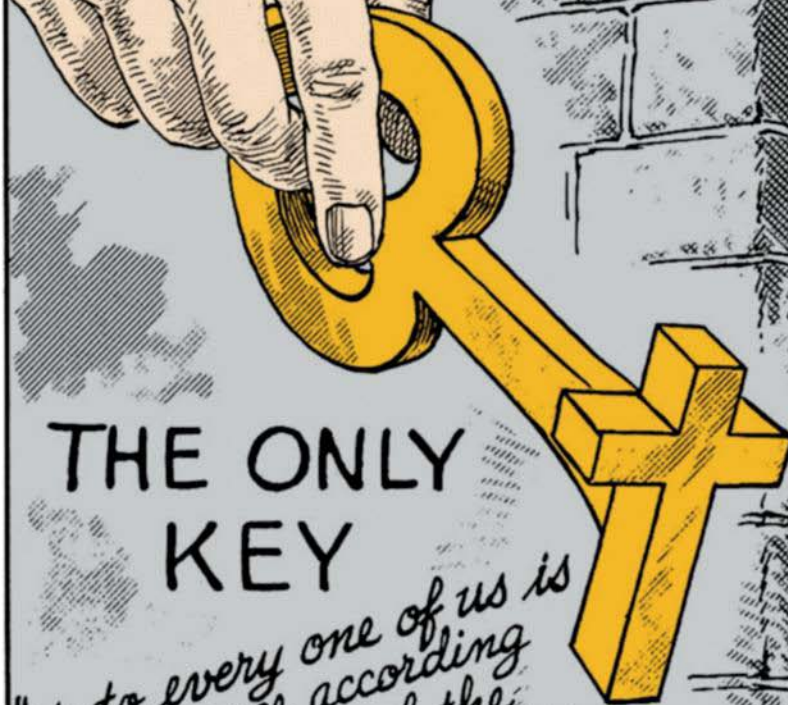
1: FROM WHAT THREE THINGS DOES MAN NEED TO BE SAVED?

1. The penalty of sin.

Since **“all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God,”** all men are sinners. And **“the wages of sin is death.”** (Romans 6:23). This death penalty is not the first death. **“In Adam all die,”** saints and sinners alike (1 *Corinthians* 15:22). The wages of sin is the second death. This is the death that is eternal, the penalty we should all seek to escape. God has given the promise: **“Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”** (*Isaiah* 55:7).

**GOD'S
GRACE**

The whole RACE
is included



**THE ONLY
KEY**

*"Unto every one of us is
given grace according
to the measure of the
gift of Christ"
Eph. 4:7*

PAUL LOVED TO BRING THIS GOOD NEWS

DEATH CELL
THE WAGES OF SIN



The death
we all deserve

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2. The power of sin.

“The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” Romans 8:7.

If God pardoned a man for the sins of the past and did not save him from the power of sin, and then allowed the man to live forever, He would have an everlasting sinner, wouldn't He? This is just what God will not permit. Sinful man was driven from the tree of life lest he should eat and live forever (Genesis 3:22-23).

It is not enough merely to have a boat to keep from sinking. We must have strength to row upstream lest we drift until we plunge over sin's great Niagara to eternal destruction.

The whole current of our thinking and the swift-moving stream of our restless souls need to be changed to flow God-ward. Do you sense a great need of more power in your life? God will supply you with this much-needed power.



3. The presence of sin.

**“The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.”
Romans 16:20.**

This test means that sin and its originator, Satan, shall be put down forever. And death shall be "destroyed**" (*1 Corinthians 15:26*). There shall be no more sin or suffering. God saves us from the presence of sin and creates a new world of righteousness for us (*2 Peter 3:13*). This is God's final act of salvation.**

2: CAN MAN SAVE HIMSELF FROM SIN?

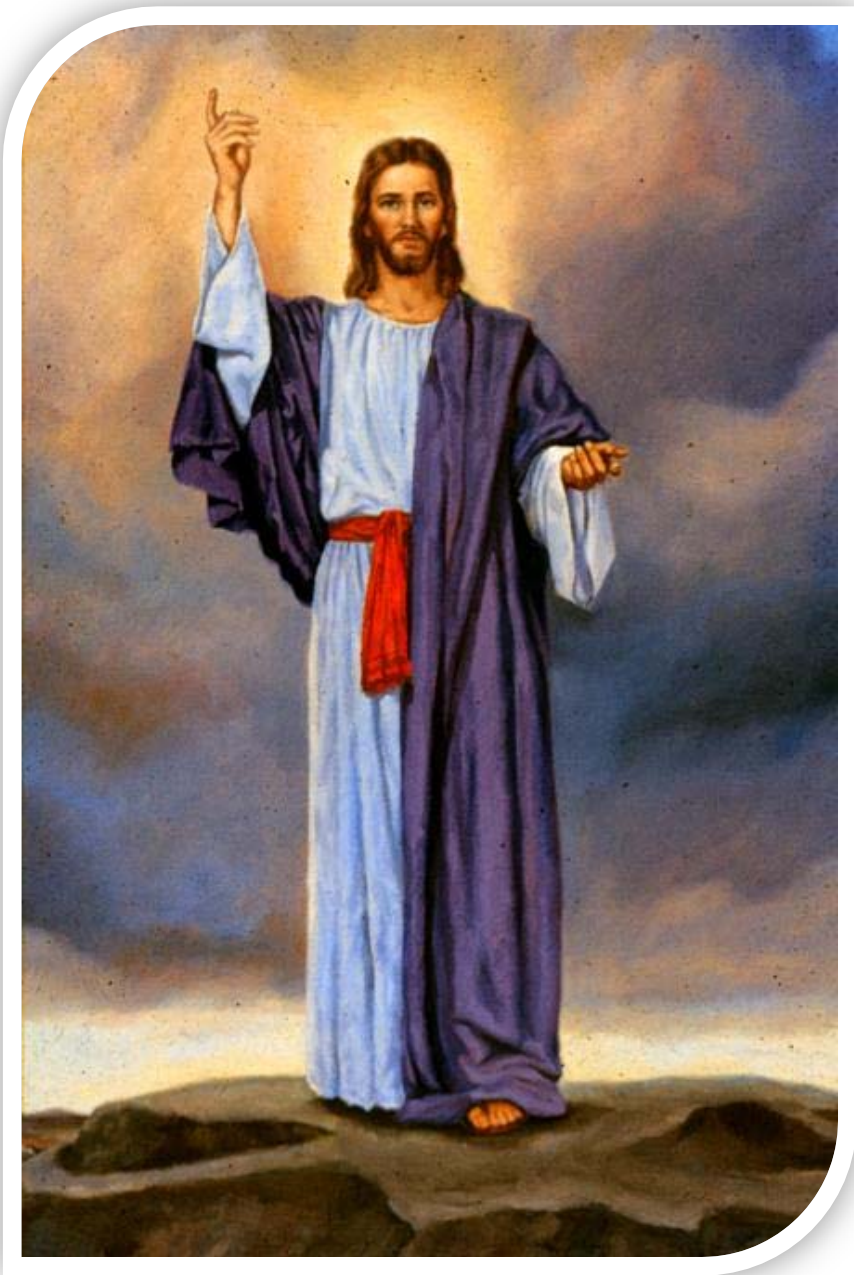
Man is unable to atone for the sins of the past.

Romans 3:20. “By the deeds of the law, there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”



“Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.” Jeremiah 13:23.

“I know that in me (that is, 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. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.” Romans 7:18-19.



3: WHAT IS GOD'S PART IN SAVING MAN FROM SIN?

**1. God provides the pardon for
sins that are past.**

**“For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth
in Him should not perish, but
have everlasting life.”**

John 3:16:

"THE SENTENCE IS
MANDATORY - DEATH"

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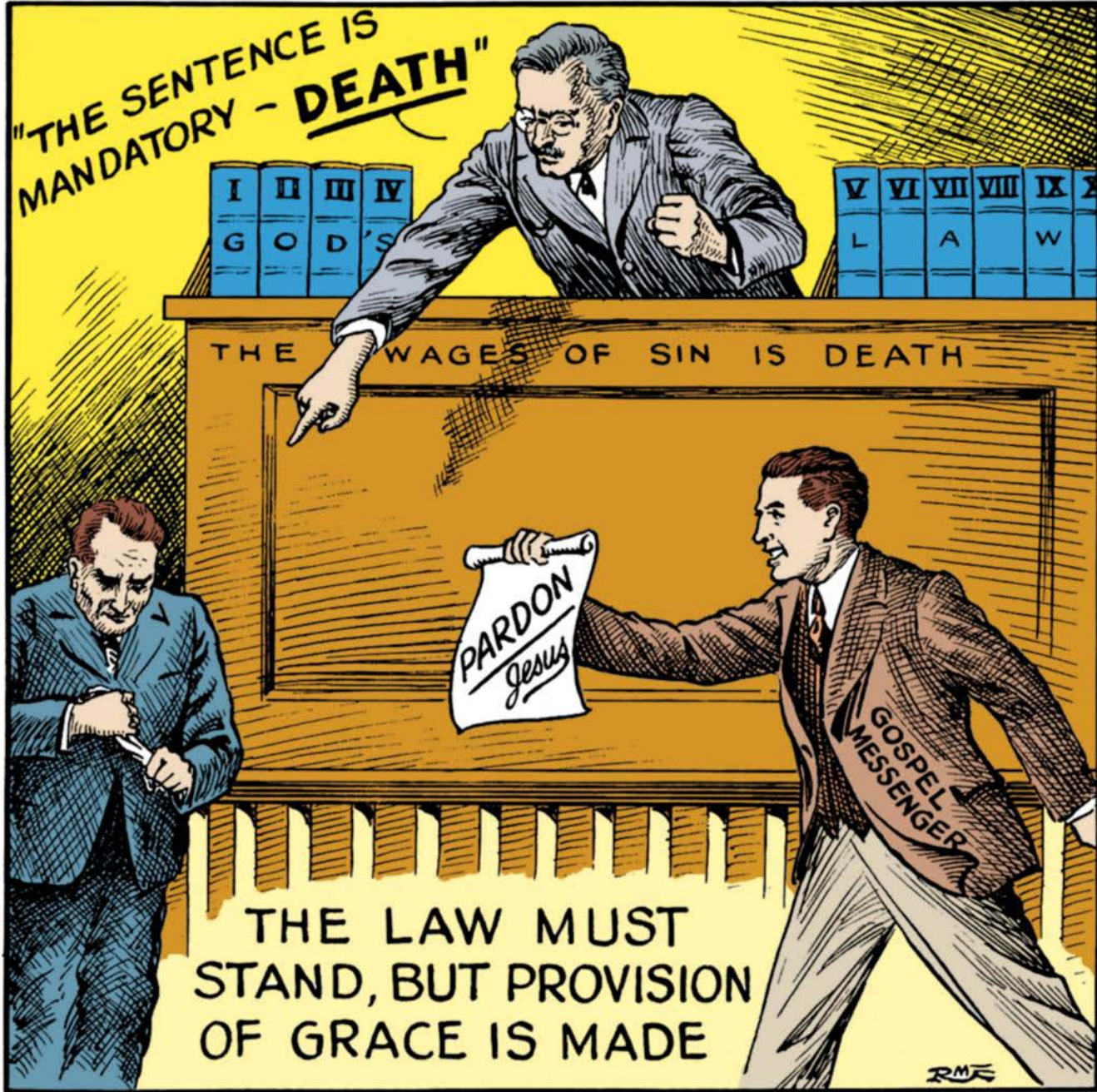
THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH

PARDON
Jesus

GOSPEL
MESSENGER

THE LAW MUST
STAND, BUT PROVISION
OF GRACE IS MADE

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Christ came to earth to pay the price of our transgressions.

“When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly” Romans 5:6.

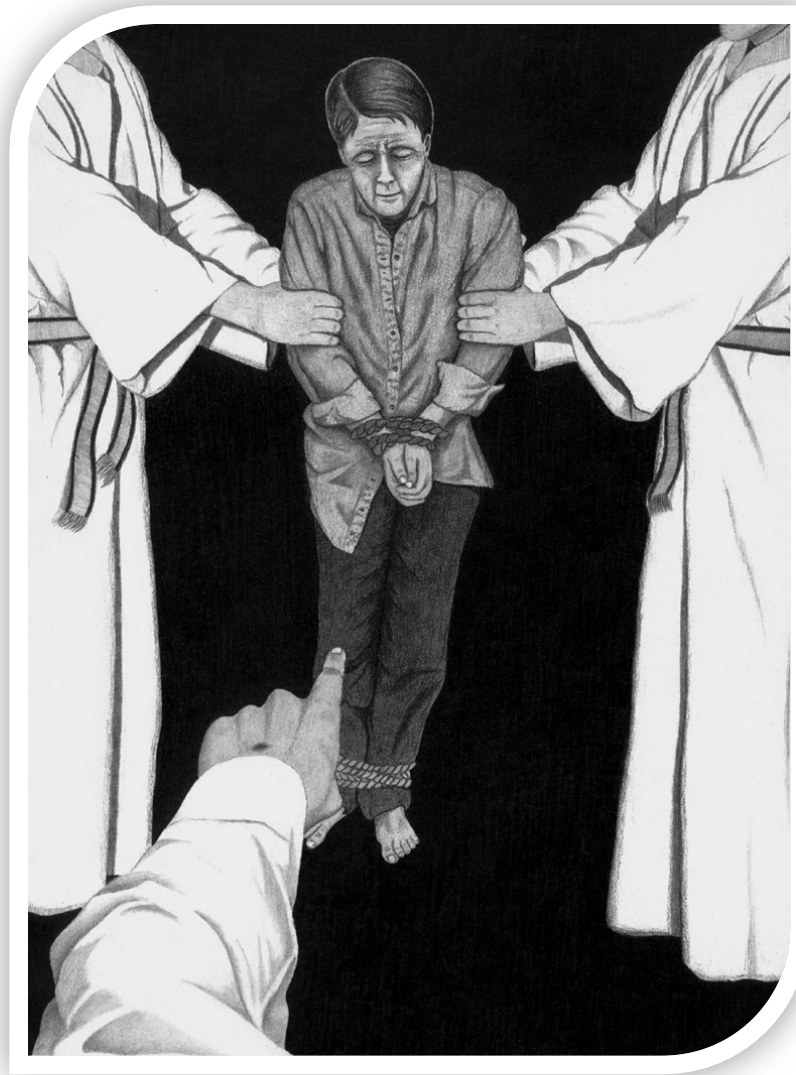
“God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” Romans 5:8.

“He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him” Isaiah 53:5.



No man who accepts Christ as his Saviour and follows Him need suffer the wages of sin, the second, eternal death, for Christ, God's sacrificial Lamb, died in his place.

“Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His.” *Desire of Ages*, p. 25

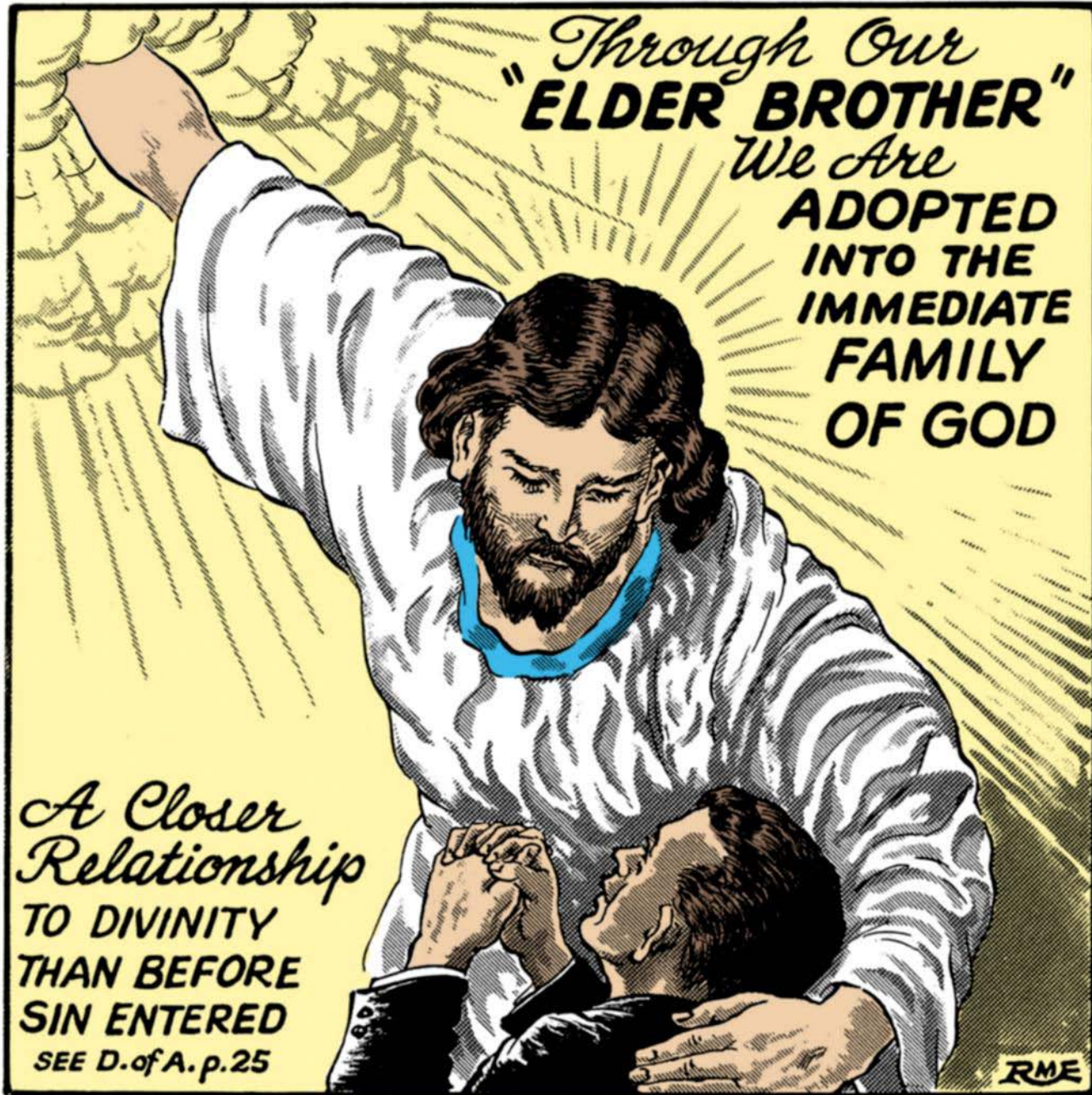


But eternal separation from God is to be the sad end of all who reject the gospel of salvation. (*Matthew 25:41*).

Through Our
"ELDER BROTHER"

We Are
**ADOPTED
INTO THE
IMMEDIATE
FAMILY
OF GOD**

*A Closer
Relationship*
**TO DIVINITY
THAN BEFORE
SIN ENTERED**
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2. God gives man the victory over sin in his life.

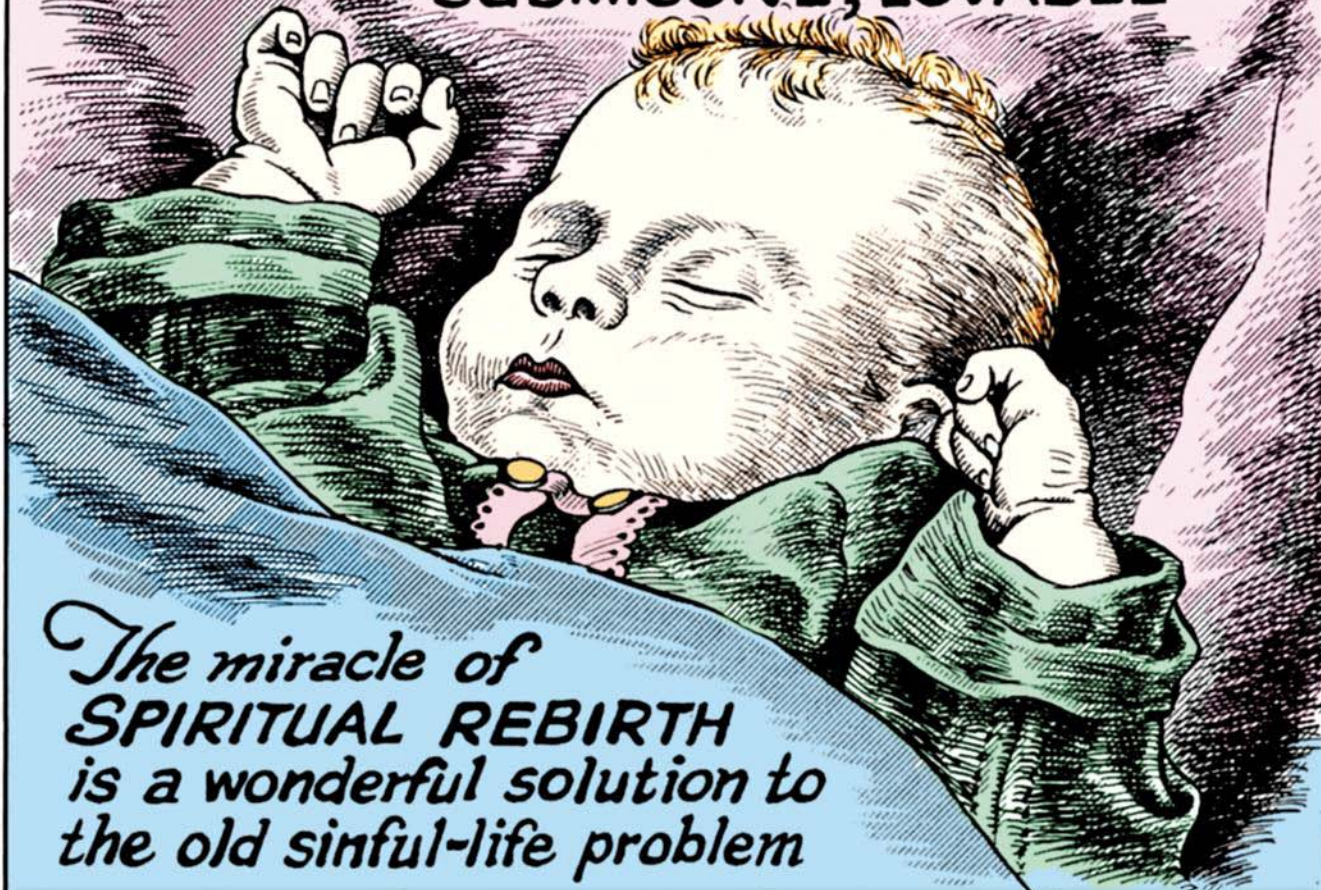
Through the new-birth experience God gives the power of a new life.

“Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” *John 3:5:*

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.” *1 Peter 1:23).*

"What the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit"

**A BABY STARTS WITH A CLEAN SLATE
NO "PAST" TO HAUNT ~
COMPLETELY DEPENDENT, HUMBLE,
SUBMISSIVE, LOVABLE**



*The miracle of
SPIRITUAL REBIRTH
is a wonderful solution to
the old sinful-life problem*

"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN"

The process of sin was reversed when God created a **“new creature”** in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17). Not only does He recreate the sinner, but He has made other wonderful provisions for all who believe.

- a. He gives repentance for our sins (Acts 5:31).
- b. He sends His Spirit to dwell in our hearts (1 John 3:24).
- c. He provides the Bible to comfort, strengthen, and keep us (Romans 15:4; Psalm 119:105; Ephesians 6:17).
- d. He opens heaven to our prayers (Hebrews 4:16).

“He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”
Romans 8:32.

4: WHAT IS MAN'S PART IN SALVATION?

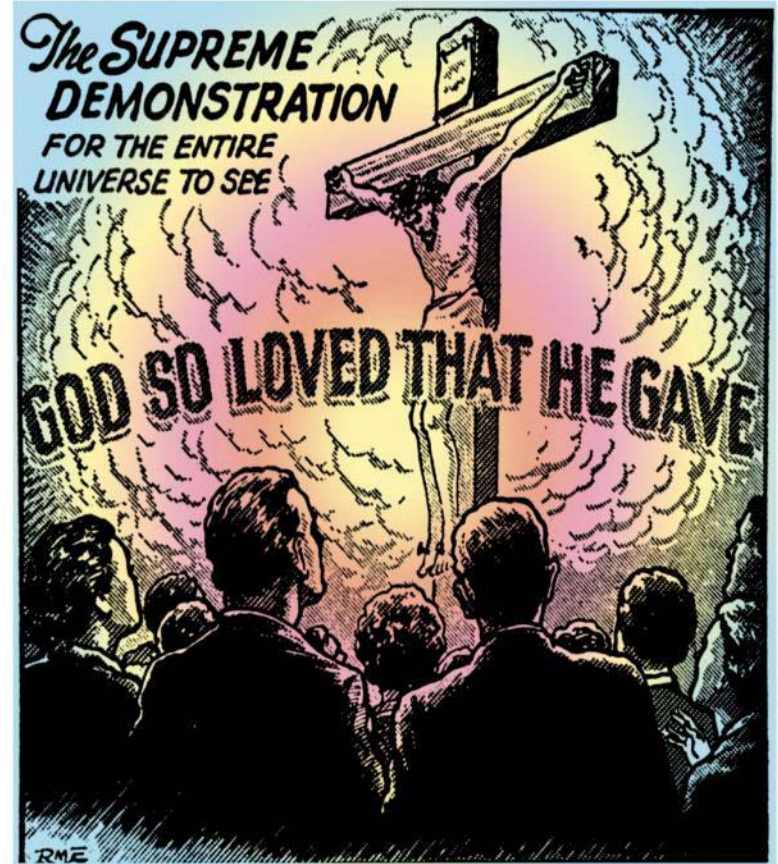
1. Look to God.

“Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.”

Isaiah 45:22.

2. Believe on Jesus Christ.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” Acts 16:31.



3. Repent of every sin.

“Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise

perish.” Luke 13:3

“Repent ye therefore and be converted, that your sins may be

blotted out, when the times of refreshing

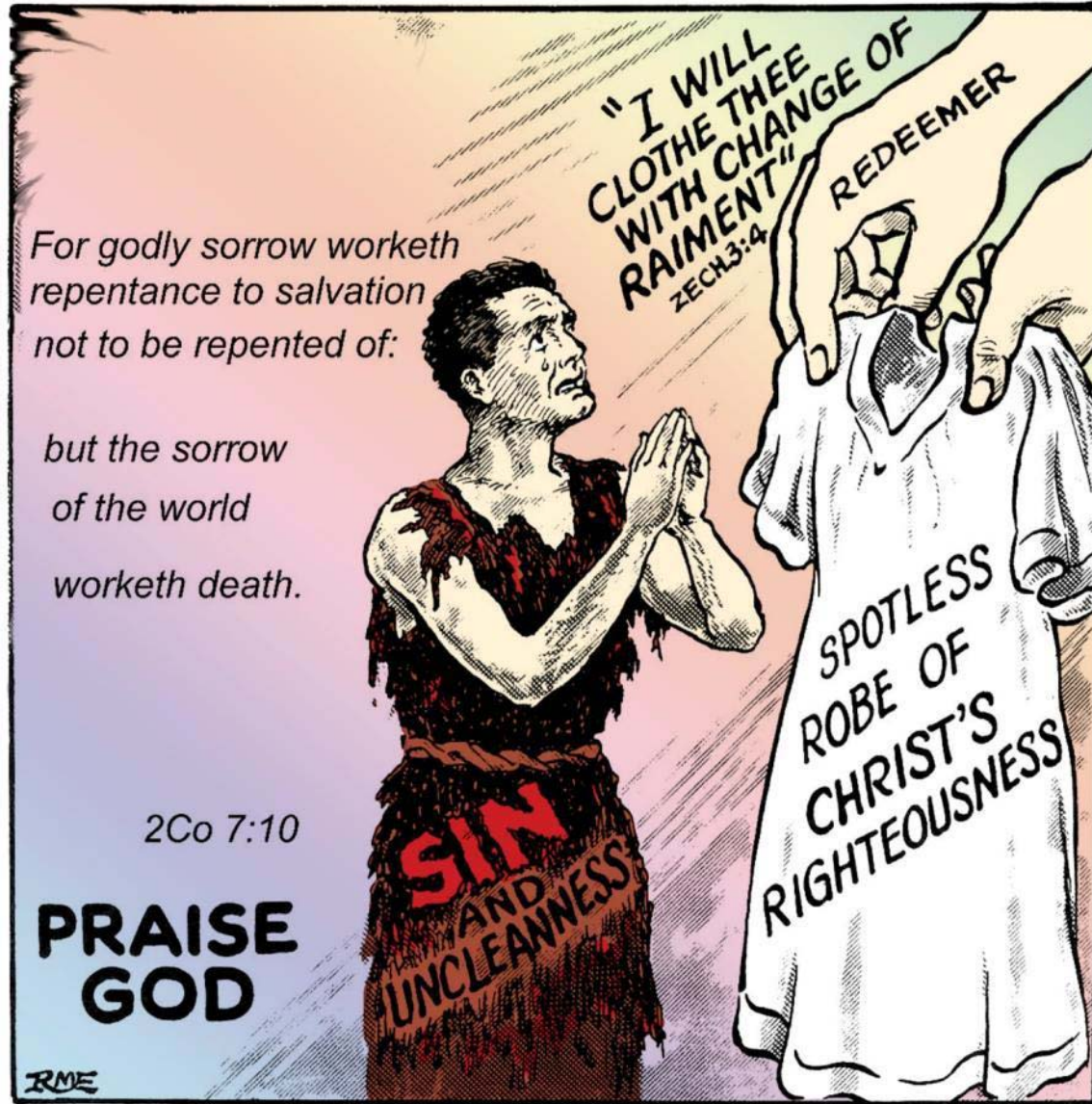
shall come from the presence of the Lord.”

Acts 3:19.



4. Confess every sin known to you.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
1 John 1:9



5. Make things right with your brother.



“If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.” Ezekiel 33:15-16

TO OBTAIN VICTORY OVER THE POWER OF SIN, MAN HAS AN IMPORTANT PART HE MUST PLAY.



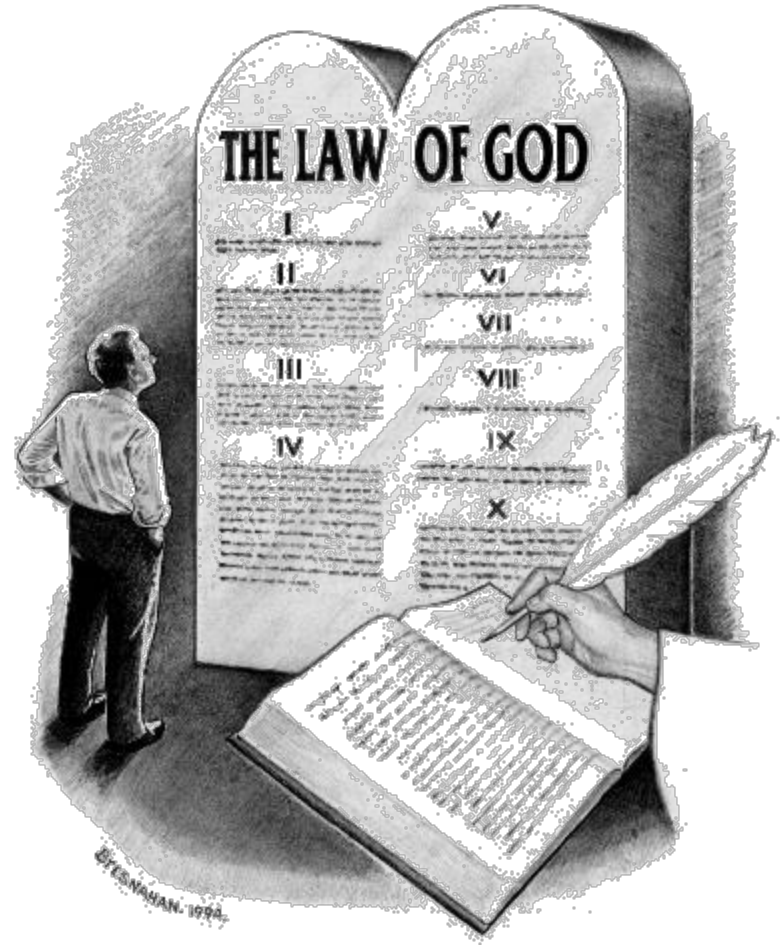
1. Be willing to forsake every sin.

“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13.

2. Let the Holy Spirit lead you.

“As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Romans 8:14.

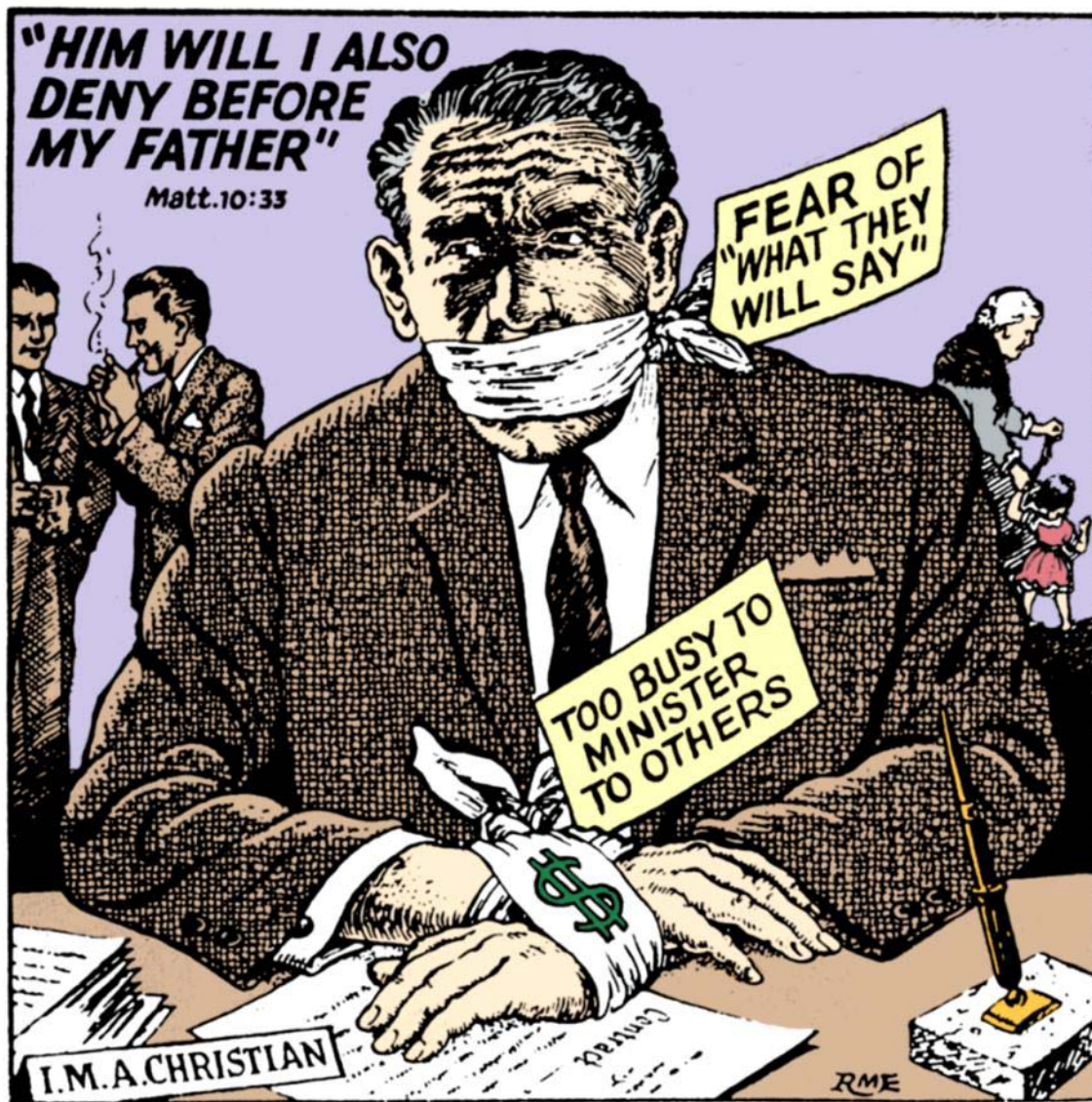


3. Be willing to obey God's law.

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.” Proverbs 28:9.

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.” Romans 6:12.

4. Be willing to witness for God. “Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8.

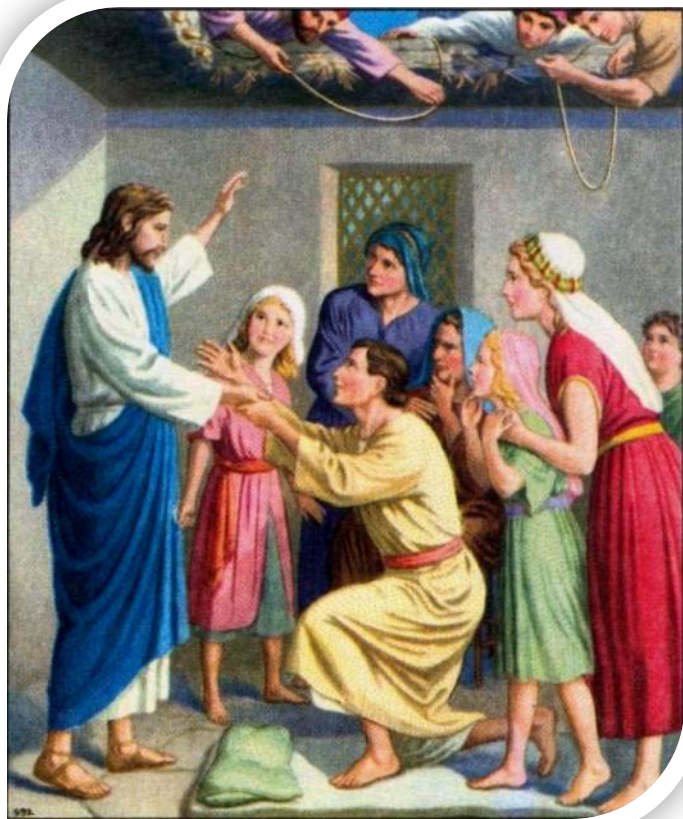


5. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.

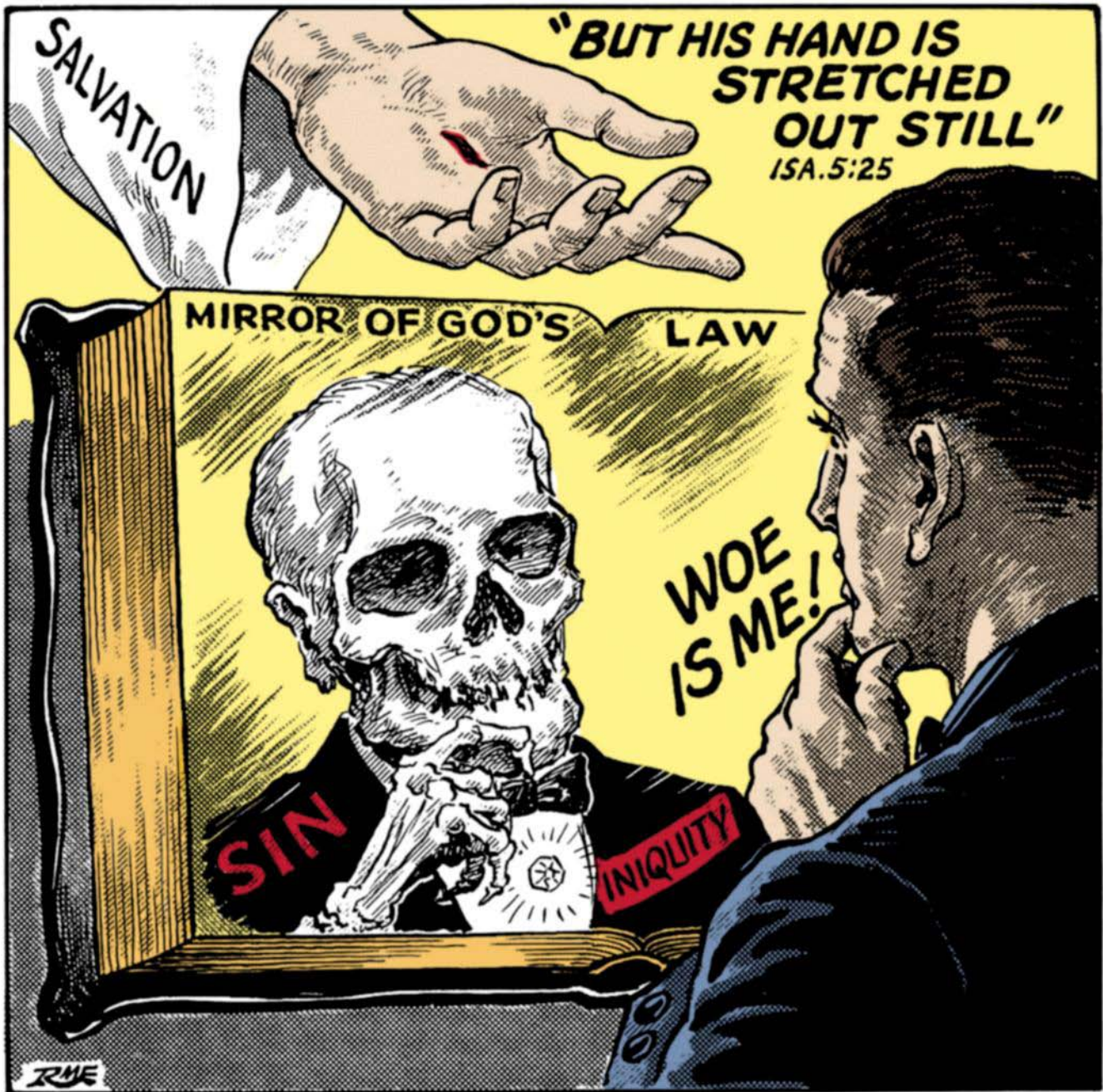
“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.”
Hebrews 12:1-2.



5: WILL CHRIST TURN AWAY FROM ANY SINCERE SEEKER?



No indeed! Christ will not turn away from any true worshiper. He came to seek the lost, to help the weak, to reach the lowest man. **“Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.”** John 6:37. Remember the man with the palsy. His friends let him down through a roof and placed him right in front of Jesus who said, **“Son, be of good cheer: thy sins be forgiven thee.”** Matthew 9:2. And He healed him of the physical and spiritual disease that afflicted him



SALVATION

"BUT HIS HAND IS STRETCHED OUT STILL"
ISA. 5:25

MIRROR OF GOD'S LAW

SIN

INIQUITY

WOE IS ME!

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6: HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION?

There is no escape. Let these solemn words burn their way into every heart:

“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?” Hebrews 2:1-3.

