

Guilty

Luke 13:1-5 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. **2** And Jesus answering said unto them, **Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**

Here Jesus uses two cases of death: murder and a tragic accident. He asks the question, Were they worse sinners because they died and untimely death? He then answers His own question with this statement **“Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”**

You see the Bible tells us that we are all SINNERS:

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: **11** There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. **12** They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Paul says this of himself after being used by God to do many wonderful works:

Romans 7:18 For 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. ... **Romans 7:24-25** O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? **25** I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

A sure test of Christian maturity is when you get to the point when you realize just how vile you really are and always will be!

Religion is man attempting to go towards God. - **Rom 3:23**

Salvation is God coming towards Man - **Rom 5:8**

3 Examples That Jesus Gave To Prove We are All Guilty:

1. Woman in Adultery

Jesus taught this same principle in John when they brought before Him a woman taken in adultery:

John 8:3-11 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, **4** They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. **5** Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? **6** This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with *his* finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not.* **7** So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, **He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.** **8** And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. **9** And they which heard *it*, being **convicted** by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. **10** When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, **Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? 11** She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.**

Lesson Learned: **God Convicts the 'guiltless' and forgives the Guilty!**

God does not wink at sin!!!! He forgives her of her sin (11)

He did not forgive the others (9)

Romans 3:16-18 Destruction and misery *are* in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known: **18** There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Yes the church ought to love sinners, but we ought to HATE SIN!

Just because we love you does not mean we will allow sin to be flaunted in our presence! O that we would hate sin as we once did!

God hates sin! God hates your lifestyle. God hates what you did this week. God hates what you watched on tv this week!....

But God loves you!!!!

Oh that we would hate what God hates!

2. The Young Rich Man

Matthew 19:16-26 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? **17** And he said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.** **18** He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, **Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, 19 Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou**

shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **20** The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? **21** Jesus said unto him, **If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.** **22** But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. **23** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.** **24** And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. **25** When his disciples heard *it*, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? **26** But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, **With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.**

Lesson Learned: **Good Works are impossible, but what is impossible with man is possible with God!**

Romans 4:1-5 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? **2** For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God. **3** For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. **4** Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. **5** But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

3. The Blind Man

John 9:35-41 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, **Dost thou believe on the Son of God?** **36** He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? **37** And Jesus said unto him, **Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.** **38** And

he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. **39** And Jesus said, **For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.** **40** And *some* of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? **41** Jesus said unto them, **If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.**

Lesson Learned:

God only forgives those that see their sin!

Luke 18:10-14 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. **11** The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men *are*, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. **12** I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. **13** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. **14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Conclusion

Romans 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become **guilty before God**.