

Sometimes We Feel Good About Sin

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When the angel came to Joseph in a dream, he said, “Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Mt. 1:20-21). The Word, the second Person of the Godhood, took upon Himself the form of man (Jn. 1:1-3, 14), so He could live, suffer, and die as a man all so mankind could be saved from their sins! Because of the precious gift of His life and blood, all people should be diligent to be obedient to Him and His teachings.

One of the problems that exists in the world is that many “religious” people feel good about sin. If one were to poll many religious leaders in the world, they would tell you that they do not want the members of their particular denominations to carry with them the feelings of guilt. God condemned immorality, ungodliness, and any action that would cause one to be reprobate in His sight (Rom. 1); however, our society upholds the actions of ungodly people by assuring the world that it was all because of some childhood trauma that they experienced. What the world needs to hear is, “repent and be baptized” (Acts 2:38)!

Many in the world feel good about sin because they are simply “following a multitude to do evil” (Ex. 23:2). One of the prevailing attitudes is that “everybody is doing it” so, it is ok, as if that makes sin better. The truth of the matter is there are still seven thousand that have not bowed to the sins of the world (1 Kings 19:18). The standard of God’s morality is, without doubt, a challenging endeavor but one that can be reached by those that want to be faithful to His will. People can live above the sinfulness of this world and be morally upstanding in their endeavors to reach heaven.

Many feel good about sin because their life of sin causes them to be financially prosperous. Like the rich fool, they feel like they are self sufficient and were the source of all their successes (Lk. 12:16-21). The fact of the matter is, all good things in this life come from the Heavenly Father (1:17).

Many feel good about sin by telling themselves and others of their good intentions. “One day I am going to come back to church.” The real problem with this mindset is that we have no promise of tomorrow (4:14). One can “plan” to do all sorts of good things “one day” for God, but until we begin to do the things He asks, good intentions mean nothing.

If one is not careful about his attitude toward God, he will soon be off track in his life. We must gain a better understanding of the urgency of being faithful; the Gospel pattern of salvation: faith (Rom. 10:17), repentance (Acts 2:28), confession (Rom. 10:10), baptism (Acts 22:16), and faithful living (Mt. 10:22). If one has done that, and not been faithful, he must be willing to repent and come back to God, taking full advantage of the second law of pardon (1 Jn. 1:6-10).