Sin Sick

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"But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. 13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Matthew 9:12-13

Sometimes, the sick do not even know that they need a physician. That was my condition for over 36 years. I was spiritually sin sick because of my iniquities.

I was religious, but lost, and did not even realize I was unsaved and not bound for Heaven. For many years, I had gone to church and knew about God. I knew that Jesus Christ had come to Earth and died on the Cross for my sins. But, I later learned that knowing is not enough.

Despite all I knew, I was not born again. I was not saved. I was not trusting the price Jesus paid for my "illness" but was relying on my good works.

"Real Christians are forgiven, but sin can still creep in and ruin one's walk with Christ and make one's life miserable."

— Brinkworth

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

It took a faithful preacher's message on the Bible's way of salvation to open my eyes to the truth. The man's message spoke to my heart when he said that salvation was in Jesus Christ alone, plus nothing and minus nothing. That day, I trusted Jesus as my Saviour and was assured that Heaven would be my home one day.

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." I John 5:12-13

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The New Birth

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Throughout time and the world, many feel that there's more to life than meets the eye. They are right!

There is a God and a Heaven where He dwells. That place can also be a home for anyone who enters His way.

That "way" is questioned and doubted by many. What "way" is right many wonder?

Without reading or following the only preserved roadmap (the Bible) God has given and preserved for mankind, many man-made avenues are created that many hope will get them to that eternal home.

Religions have cropped up all over, but their way to God's Heaven is often not His way. However, they usually have one thing in common. That way is that mankind tries to please God by doing good works or religious tasks. They believe that if their good works outweigh their bad deeds, the Lord will be obligated to let them enter His Heaven.

However, as sincere as those believers are, there is only one way to enter into God's abode. It is His way!

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What Should I Do?

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A rich man came to Jesus unintentionally admitting that he had committed the same mistake that most of the religious and unreligious would not dare confess. It is the same philosophy that sends most to Hell. That terrible iniquity is where over 90% of churches and religions are wrong. His confession was, "… what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 18:18)

That ruler (Luke 18:18) was trying to work his way to Heaven by doing all he could to earn a place there. Certainly, he and others in many unbiblical religions think it natural that if you

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There is no good deed or any amount of good works that will get anyone higher than the coffin lid. Nothing one can do (except being saved) can get them a heavenly passage, as Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross has paid for their sin-debt.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

Titus 3:5

God's only way to Heaven is by being born-again.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

John 3:7

Being "born again" is a spiritual birth. We cannot birth ourselves, especially by good works. One's spiritual birth can only be done by God.

"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."

I Peter 1:23

"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

John 1:13

"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." James 1:18

If one is truly born again, there will be a new life! One certainly will not be perfect, as one still has the natural, sin-prone body given them at birth. There will, however, be changes in one's behavior and thinking.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

II Corinthians 5:17

"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature." Galatians 6:15

Have you been born again?

"One can't do what is already done. Jesus paid for your sins; you can't!" — *Brinkworth*

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do enough good things, the good will outweigh the bad, and God will let you into Heaven.

Wrong! Unbiblical! That is what distinguishes all man-made religions from true Christianity! Other religions teach that doing something, such as abiding by traditions, rules, catechisms, rites, sacraments, pillars of the faith, or their religion's teachings, will get one to Heaven.

Real Christianity is the only "religion" that teaches one does not have to do anything to get to Heaven except trust Christ as one's Saviour and ask to be saved from Hell. One does not have to do anything for it because it has already been done for them by Jesus Christ.

There is a Person who never sinned. His undeserved death on the Cross is the only payment God will accept to cover anyone's sin. It is Jesus alone, God's only Son, who is worthy enough to pay for our sins.

Trying to do good "works" to earn Heaven is rejecting Christ's finished work on the Cross. That rejection says that Christ's payment was not enough.

Like the rich ruler, doing good things and living the way one thinks is right will earn no one an eternity with Jesus. That man had done "right" his whole life, yet he was looking for one more thing to do to guarantee eternal life. Good works never satisfy because they are never enough.

Trusting that God loves us so much that He gave His life so that we can live eternally is the only way God will accept us. Are you 100% sure that if you were to die today, tomorrow, or a hundred years from now, you would go to Heaven? You can be sure because the "ticket" has been paid for; all you have to do is accept it!

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I am so glad that Jesus Christ came to call "… sinners to repentance." He healed me from my sin sickness!

"When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Mark 2:17

"Worry not who you are, but be concerned whose you are." — *Author Unknown*