

THE NEED FOR FORGIVENESS OF SIN

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Speaking of sin, there are sins against God; sin against man; and sin against our bodies, but whatever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23), and this sin is against, whether or not we have classified it as large or small, God will still hold us accountable for it, and if we do not repent of it then it could be the sin that would condemn our soul to hell.

Thus God does not classify sin as large or small. With God, sin is sin, and every sin not repented of at the time of death will follow us at the judgment. Dear one(s), should you at the time of death have sin(s) which has not been confessed to God through Jesus Christ and you the sinner have not received forgiveness your soul is in jeopardy.

I know that this is a terrible warning, but living a sinful life results in consequences. We must pray to God, through Christ our Lord, each day for forgiveness of our sins which we may have committed unknowingly and if there is anything in our life that we do not want to follow us to judgment then we must repent of it and ask God for forgiveness. ANY SIN NOT REPENTED OF at death, will condemn ones' soul. No sin can enter Heaven. So, the bottom line of this paragraph is, "SIN NOT REPENTED OF CAN AND WILL CONDEMN ONES' SOUL"!

To define sin one must know what sin is; how sin affects ones' life; how one should and must do to cleanse their soul, and return to God's abiding love and care. We must realize how important it is to be in and remain in the right relationship with God, because it is very, very, necessary. It is a responsibility, and one must accept that responsibility. Ones' advocate is Christ Jesus, who died for all mankind so that we can be blessed with forgiveness. We all sin and come short of the mark!

Sin can be defined by four words that say, "Sin is disobedience to God's Law." Scholars and Writers use the expression, when defining sin, to say, "Missing the mark." In regaining proper relationship with God after sinning one must, let me say, "Regenerate" self by acknowledging the sin(s) with a sincere, penitent and sorrowful heart, beseeching (pleading) forgiveness and turning from that sin.

For your benefit and for studying to learn and grow, listed below are several sins of mankind and they must not be a part of ones way of life. You know what? When you walk the pathway of life, you will walk alone in these sins. God will not walk in sin, and they are terribly tragic and sinful! Please, never, ever be willfully guilty of these sins, or any other sin for that matter, and neglect the blessing to pray to God through Jesus Christ, for forgiveness. Now, the list of sins and it does not include all sins: *Sexual immorality; impurity; sensuality; idolatry; sorcery; enmity; strife; jealousy; fits of anger; rivalries; dissensions; divisions; envy; drunkenness orgies and things like these. Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:19-21 ESV)*

When one commits sin there must be repentance in order to receive the blessing of forgiveness. If the sin is between you and another person, and is not known except God, you, and the second party, the confessions and prayer need not be a public confession. If however, the sin is of a public-known act or happening and is of such an impact that affects the church, the community and or other individuals then the sinner must bring it before the church, confessing, with prayer(s) and asking God's forgiveness. In any case of sin(s), confessions and prayers must be offered from a penitent and sorrowful heart, begging God's forgiveness, and turning from the sin. This is very important, and yes necessary in order to show honor, love, and respect to God for forgiveness. And yes, it is a growing process for the sinner. And yes, it can, and must be a lesson learned. With desire of heart for strength, and determination, and with God help, put it behind you and press on, Glorifying God our Creator, and walking daily by the Savior's side! That is the heavenly way! Amen.....*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!* Question: "Do you know what the opposite of love is? (See Ephesians 4:31)