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SIN NO MORE? (WHICH JESUS?)

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TEXT: Ecclesiastes 9:2 All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: **as is the good, so is the sinner...**

18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but **one sinner** destroyeth much good.

Ecclesiastes 2:26 For God giveth to **a man that is good** in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but **to the sinner** he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God...

Ecclesiastes 8:12 Though **a sinner** do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with **them that fear God...**

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

1 Kings 8:46 If they sin against thee, (for **there is no man that sinneth not,**)...

Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but **now are ye light** in the Lord: **walk as** children of light: 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Ephesians 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth

walk not as other Gentiles walk...

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Luke 7:37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which **was a sinner**, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

James 5:19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;
20 Let him know, that he which converteth **the sinner** from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Proverbs 11:31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and **the sinner**.

Ezekiel 3:20 Again, When a **righteous man** doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die **in his sin...**

21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, **that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin**, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

Genesis 13:13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and **sinner**s before the LORD exceedingly.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Roman 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that **in the last days** perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 **Traitors**, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 **Having a form of godliness**, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

Matthew 24:7- For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and **pestilences**, and earthquakes, in divers places...And then shall many be offended, and shall **betray** one another, and shall **hate** one another...And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many...And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold...But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved...And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come...For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left...But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

John 8:10 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.**

John 5:5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

14 Afterward Jesus findeth him **in the temple**, and said unto him, **Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.**

Ezra 9:13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this;

14 Should **we again** break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping?

Leviticus 26:18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you **seven times more for your sins**.

21 And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring **seven times more plagues** upon you according to your sins.

Matthew 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it **empty, swept, and garnished**.

45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and **the last state of that man is worse than the first**. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Garnished: furnished; decorated.

2 Peter 2:20 For if after they have escaped **the pollutions of the world** through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are **again entangled therein**, and overcome, **the latter end is worse with them than the beginning**.

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

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"Why does Jesus say 'Go and sin no more' when it is impossible to 'go and sin no more'?...what sort of terrible sin had this child from 38 years ago (or possibly a teenager) committed, which would cause God to punish him in such a terrible way? And then, Jesus comes along and say[s], 'Now don't do that again, or I'll have to punish you even worse!' Does that sound anything like Jesus? **Not the Jesus I**

know. I don't think that sin led to this man being an invalid for 38 years, and I definitely don't think that Jesus was threatening this poor man with some greater punishment if he committed that sin again...when Jesus tells the man 'Go and sin no more or else something worse might happen to you,' I think he says it with a sparkle in His eye, some satire in His voice, and a head nod toward the disapproving and judgmental religious leaders...Essentially Jesus tells the man (read the following with soft sarcasm): 'Oh no! You carried your bedroll on the Sabbath! How could you do such a terrible thing! You sinner! Stop it! If you don't, they're going to have your head'...it is more like this: 'Go and 'sin' no more, or the sin police over there are going to kill you'..."

"Jesus tells the woman that He does not condemn her (and He is the only one present who could have!), and that she should 'Go and sin no more.' Why? For the same reason Jesus told the man in John 5 to go and sin no more: because the religious leaders were out to get her..."

"Don't call for people's jobs...or tell them that because of their lifestyle they are headed for hell...Our sin doesn't cause God to turn away from us, reject us, hate us, or cast us out...God doesn't care about our sin; He cares about us - which is why He wants to help us not sin...Finally, as I've said before, we stop sinning not by trying to stop sinning, but by walking with Jesus..."

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.
4 For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, **ye might well bear with him.**
13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.
14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
19 For ye suffer fools gladly...

Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

1 John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

"Many speak of drawing others to Christ through love. But how is this love manifest? Throughout the Old Testament, God found it necessary to raise up prophets to sound a warning of judgment...And strangely, those who sounded out the warning of judgment were those who were accused of not manifesting love. Revelation fully discloses how man has long rejected the loving discipline of God..." (Robert Govett)

1 Corinthians 14:40 Let all things be done **decently** and in order.

"Former Vice President Joe Biden...clarified that 'there is nothing **decent** about being **anti-LGBTQ**' after he took fire from usually friendly sources over calling Vice President Pence a 'decent guy'...Actress and former...candidate Cynthia Nixon (D) tweeted, '@JoeBiden you've just called America's most anti-LGBT elected leader 'a decent guy.' Please consider how this falls on the ears of our community'..." (*The Hill*, Feb. 28, 2019)

"*It's the **decency**, stupid: The secret to Joe Biden's resiliency...*" (*NYDailyNews*, March 7, 2020)

"*Joe Biden: Morality and decency.*" (*Seattle Times*, March 6, 2020)

"*Editorial: Make America **decent** again...*" (*Addison County Independent*, March 5, 2020)

"Klobuchar said it was hard to end her campaign for president, but said she believed Biden would bring **decency and empathy** back to the White House. She told her Southfield audience that the country '**cannot tolerate**' another four more years of President Donald Trump." (mlive.com)

"...as long as we've got to fight to protect a woman's right to make her own choices...you've also got a president who's going to be right there with you, fighting every step of the way. Thank you, Planned Parenthood. **God bless you.**" (President Obama, 2013)

"Abortion can actually be an act of love, compassion, healing and selflessness...Offering this positive, compassionate vision of abortion is more important than ever...It's long overdue to put loving and compassionate language at the forefront of any discussion about reproductive health care." (*Ms Magazine*,

March 3, 2020)

"Send a Message of Love Today to Show Your Support for Abortion Access!...Send someone you love a special valentine...that celebrates abortion access!" (act.nwlc.org/)

"University of Oklahoma Sponsors 'Abortion Is Love' Event."

Proverbs 17:15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.

Malachi 3:15 And now we call the proud happy...

Micah 3:2 Who hate the good, and love the evil...

1 Peter 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in **all manner** of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: