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“What is Sin?”

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If you were to ask a random person that you met on the street the simple yet profound question, “What is sin to you?” you would be quite shocked at the various answers you would hear. Sadly, the most common answer that I hear today is, “There is no such thing as sin!” To me, one of the easiest ways to reason with someone about God’s presence in their life, is to appeal to the very thing that is imploding within each of us...our consciousness of right and wrong. *Isaiah 1:18 says, “Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.”* This word “reason” actually means to argue, plead, contend or reason; all for the purpose of showing how someone is wrong in their thinking and should

came. “Well let me read that definition to you in the Bible, and you can tell me what you think.” I opened and read James 4:17, “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.” The man in the crowd that had asked replied back, “I quite agree with that definition!” “Then you also know that you have been gifted with a conscience from God.” I replied. He looked at me, then his eyes looked up in the air as if he was seeking to recall something and said, “Yes I do...because the word conscience means, “With knowledge.” (I was so thankful for this man’s honesty!) But this irritated Steve all the more and he yelled, “No, that’s wrong!” I replied, “No your wrong!... We have all been given this beautiful gift from our Creator!... the knowledge of right and wrong from birth. As we grow up, various notions and beliefs in life test that knowledge of God’s good ways in our thinking. We either build upon our consciousness of God or reject His gift and make our own self conceited consciousness.” I was so blessed that the



change their mind. (“What!...argue, plead, and contend with someone? Loving them enough to show them they are wrong in their thinking about God’s Way, Truth and Life?) Jesus said in John 18:20, “I have spoken openly to the world, ... I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret.” Every parable Jesus spoke was an opportunity for anyone to hear a deeply probing allegory transformed in his or her lives; into a spiritual lesson. What an amazingly merciful, longsuffering Saviour we have! “We all have to deal with our consciences,” I spoke out at Speaker’s Corner Hyde Park. “Each of us have been given by God the gift of understanding right and wrong from birth” An evolutionist named Steve, who never misses my weekly preaching yelled back, “What a load of rubbish!” It is all learned from the society we live in, not from birth!”

“Not even you believe that is true!” I replied to Steve. “You are believing in the biggest religious con system on this earth called evolution... which I call EVIL..lution.” Your holy book is written by a bunch of scientists that claim they are factually correct about the theory of the development of mankind. These scientists keep changing their minds every few years about what that factual truth is....and you continue to put your faith in their words.” Now I hold in my hand God’s Word, and if a man believes in it, he will know the truth and God’s truth will set him free!” “Free from what?” someone yelled. “Free from the sin that we are born with, and then at peace with our Creator,” I replied. “What is sin?” another shout

flow of the preaching and conversing came to such a crescendo, I couldn’t help lifting my hand in the air and shouting out, “And all this is why Jesus was born upon this earth, to be the Saviour of our sinful hearts and bring us peace with God!” It was as if an implosion of the hearts of ten people at the same time occurred in the crowd. After I shouted one last time, “Yes, Jesus is the Saviour!” a woman spoke up, “Yes, that’s true!” then a Muslim man yelled, “Jesus was just a man!” This excitement continued for the next half hour as we exchanged conversations, discussing the Word of God. **What a wonderful God we serve!**

This reminded me of the Word of truth that God purposed in the apostle Paul’s heart as he said in Romans 2:15, “They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.”

*In His everlasting love,
Love Steve and Tina*

** Thank you for all the prayers and encouragements toward us, Tina’s father’s memorial service went very well. God was glorified! We are now back in London.*

** My father fell and broke his second hip. He is a month away from his 96th birthday. Please pray for rest, healing, and strength.*

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