

Volume 3 The Prophetic Books Isaiah 59:2–8

"But your iniquities have separated you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.... your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calls for justice, nor *do* any plead for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. ... Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity..." Isaiah 59:2–8

How mankind needs to be untwisted. Sin twists what once was straight. Sin fouls what once was innocent. Sin muddies what once was clear. Sin despises what once was cherished. There is no hope for man apart from the Creator Redeemer. All your efforts to become untwisted will fall short of His righteous standard. All of humanities collective good and brilliance will not register on His scale of holiness and goodness. There is only one thing to be done.

"You must be born again!"

You must have – not only a fresh start, but a God-start. Twisted only begets twisted and mankind is twisted beyond recognition. We are fouled beyond natural help. Our only hope is that our lives be redeemed by a just and forgiving God and that our hearts be recreated in His image.

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. The old is past away, behold the new is come!" (2 Corinthian 5:17).

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