



“Have mercy on me, O God, because of Your unfailing love. Because of Your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my shameful deeds – they haunt me day and night. Against You, and You alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in Your sight. You will be proved right in what You say, and Your judgment against me is just. For I was born a sinner – yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.” Psalm 51:1 – 5 NLT

Modern humanistic thought regards sin (if indeed there is such a thing as sin by the humanist’s way of thinking) as something we do to hurt someone else. This world view is a partial truth and often the first bit of the truth that is awakened in our hearts. We may see that in some measure our sinfulness has touched someone else’s life and hurt them or caused them loss on some level. It is good to note that six of the Ten Commandments are specifically aimed at our relationships and social lives among other people.

However there is a deep abiding truth that calls to us beyond a mere social or personal reform. Sin by its nature is against God. Its rebellion and intent is aimed at God. Until we receive a revelation that our sin is primarily against God – no matter how hurtful to others – we are in danger of only an outward or societal change not the inner change that brings lasting peace and reconciliation with the Creator. “You must be born again!” (John 3:3-7). It is not enough to know that you have hurt other people – your sin has separated you from God.

“Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:1).

“Father, in Your great mercy and by Your unfailing love You have forgiven my sin. Thank You Lord that in Your forgiveness I have also received a washing, a cleansing from even the guilt and condemnation of sin. I now stand righteous and whole before You! I am now justified! I now stand “just as if I had never sinned!” Awesome God!”

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