

FINDING FREEDOM

Freedom From Sin's Guilt

I Peter 1:18-19

INTRODUCTION

1. HOW WE NORMALLY DEAL WITH OUR GUILT

We Manage it

We bury it

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
Proverbs 28:13

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ~ Psalm 32:3

We beat ourselves up

*I am drowning in the flood of my sins, they are a burden too heavy to bear. Because I have been foolish,
I'm utterly worn out and crushed, my heart is troubled. ~ Psalm 38:4-8*

We blame others

*The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."
Genesis 3:12*

We turn to religion

*And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts.
For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. ~ Luke 16:15*

2. WHY IT IS IMPORTANT

It destroys our innocence

It destroys our identity

It destroys our ideals

It destroys the will

3. GOD'S ANSWER IS CHRIST'S BLOOD

*Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him
from the wrath of God. ~ Romans 5:9*

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. ~ Ephesians 12:13

The blood satisfies God's holy response to sin

"And when I see the blood, I will pass over you" ~ Exodus 12:13

The blood cleanses our conscience

Hearts sprinkled clean (with blood) from an evil conscience. ~ Hebrews 10:22

The blood answers our accuser

The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. ~ I John 1:7

The result is forgiveness

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ~ Romans 8:1

4. HOW DO WE APPLY THIS?

Stop the hustle

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ~ I John 1:8

Let the Holy Spirit identify sin in your life that needs confessing

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! ~ Psalm 139:23-24

Confess it

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. ~ Psalm 32:5

- Agreement with God on Sin
- Agreement with God on Forgiveness
- Agreement with God on the Future

Make amends with others, and trust the sovereignty of God, and allow Him to use it for good in your life

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. ~ Romans 8:28

A Prayer for Cleansing

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence I confess my sinfulness, my shortcomings, and all my offenses against You. You alone know how often I have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for all I have done. By the blood of Jesus Christ, forgive me all my sins, and help me to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, through Jesus Christ. Amen.