

**“FOOLS MAKE A MOCK AT SIN”**  
(Proverbs 14:9)

Increasing thousands all about us are throwing moral restraint to the winds “to enjoy the pleasures of sin.” Loose living is one of the characteristics of the age. Those who dare to go farthest are considered the best sports. They “make a mock at sin.”

As we look about us today we must bow our heads in shame and acknowledge that God’s indictment against humanity is true.

**“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not becoming;**

**“Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, debate, malignity; whisperers,**

**“Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,**

**“Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:**

**“Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”**

—Rom. 1:28-32

What reckless folly! They know the judgment of God awaits them, yet they will not face it. They try to “laugh it off.”

In striking contrast to all this God’s Word tells us that:

**“CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS”**  
(I Corinthians 15:3)

Sin was no joke to Him. He knew its horrible results. He knew too the dreadful penalty which justice must visit upon it. Yes, and He also knew that *“all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”* (Rom. 3:23). Yet He left the glories of heaven and stooped to bear the guilt of a sin-cursed world Himself! Yes, *“Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God”* (I Pet. 3:18).

As the cruel, wicked wretches drove nails through His blessed hands and feet they emphasized two of the greatest facts men can ever learn—the unspeakable wickedness of which the human heart is capable and the infinite love of God, for *“He bare our sins in His own body on the tree.”*

This infinite grace has touched the hearts of millions. It accomplished what the law could never do, for these millions now seek to please Him, not from fear, but from sheer gratitude and love. As the Apostle John put it, *“We love Him because He first loved us”* (I John 4:19).

And what about you, unsaved friend? How do you stand before God? You say you are not

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nearly so bad as those whose sins are listed above? We too once argued that we were as good as many and far better than some, but while it is true that there are differences in the character and the degree of men's sins, there is surely no difference in this, that "ALL HAVE SINNED and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

This means that all of us—you too—must either trust in Christ as Savior, or stand some day to bear the judgment for sin ourselves. There you have the simple truth as God's Word gives it to us, and our consciences bear witness that the proposition is more than just—it is infinitely gracious and kind.

Listen to the blessed truth, friend: God loves you. Christ died for you. *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."*

—Cornelius R. Stam

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