



Faith Talk

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Let's be honest about sin

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Take a good hard look at yourself.

Let's be honest. When we sit down and evaluate ourselves, we often don't like what we see. Even on a good day I can be impatient with my kids and demanding of my spouse. Why is that? One word: sin.

What is sin? The entire Bible teaches us about this topic and God's response to it. In the Bible, God has set forth his holy standard of what's right and wrong in our lives. Matthew 22 :37- 40 has summarized this: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all y our soul and with all your mind." "Love your neighbour as yourself." There's no way I can do this perfectly and consistently. We're inclined in our hearts to hate God and man. And even if I'm trying to love the way God tells me to, I often fail miserably. That's sin: breaking or failing to keep God's laws as he's taught them to us in the Bible. And while I hurt myself and others around me with my sin, ultimately I am hurting the God who made me. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23).

But we are not without hope. God, in his grace and love, comes to us through the saving work of his Son, Jesus Christ. Through his death on the cross, Jesus paid for our sin. When we come to God in faith in Jesus and in confession of our sins, he forgives us and wipes them away. I am not perfect but God sees me as perfect in Jesus Christ.

When we're honest with ourselves, we know our sins and see our need for the Saviour. Without Jesus Christ, we are lost in our sins; that's the honest truth.

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