

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 - See It Now

The challenge with free will is that humans believe it is a license to sin. Sin is the problem of our human condition, and the universal condition of man is that he is dead in sin. Many people make the mistake of totally denying the existence of sin. Still others will not deny sin but they do disregard sin.

Scripture is replete with warnings of the sin problem. It affects everyone, and it has an impact everywhere. Those who claim to live above sin are mistaken. "All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6). "Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (Jas. 4:17). "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Sin is a part of ALL of our lives!

The corruption and contamination that identifies sin can be easily seen. Unfortunately, sin blinds our eyes, hardens our heart and condemns the soul. The sad part is we have NO ONE to blame but ourselves.

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God" for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. (James 1:13-15)

When our heart is so hardened that we refuse to acknowledge our condition, the scriptures are clear about the consequences of sin. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

Our call is to See It Now (SIN) in our lives and take advantage of the atoning sacrifice offered on our behalf: the blood of Jesus Christ.