

TWO ASPECTS OF THE CROSS

THE PROBLEM — SINS

My behavior (Isa. 53:6)
All have sinned—in Adam (Rom. 3:23)
Living in sin (Eph. 2:1,2)
Sinner in bondage (Rom. 6:17,20)

THE CONSEQUENCES

Death (Rom. 5:17)
Everlasting separation from God (John 3:3)
Condemnation (John 3:18)

THE PROBLEM — SELF

I am the problem (Rom. 7:24)
I have the wrong kind of life—Adamic (Rom. 5:19a)
Trying to live *for* Christ my way (Job 13:15b)
Saint in a struggle (Rom. 7:15,16)

THE CONSEQUENCES

Self destruction (Prov. 14:12, 16:25)
Self burnout (often called spiritual) (Rom. 8:13)
Justified but no victory (Rom. 7:18)

FOR THE SINNER

GOD'S SOLUTION

My sins were laid upon Him (1 Pet. 2:24)
Christ died for my sins (1 Cor. 15:3)
I am **justified by His blood** (Rom. 5:19)
His blood cleanses me from my sins (Heb. 9:22b)

MY RESPONSE

I must confess and repent of my sins (Acts 2:38)
I receive forgiveness for what I have **done** (Col. 1:14)
I must forsake my sins and follow Christ (John 5:14, John 8:11)

Accept by faith that Jesus Christ is the only answer for my **sins** (1 John 3:5)
Accept Jesus Christ as my SAVIOR and Lord (John 4:42, Phil. 2:11)
Reckon **daily** that my sins are forgiven by Christ's work on the cross (Eph. 1:7)
Repeatedly confess my ever recurring sin (1 John 1:9)

THE RESULT

Freedom from the penalty of sin (Rom. 6:23)
Freedom from bondage (Rom. 6:18a)
Freedom from guilt (1 John 2:2)
Saved from my sins (Rom. 3:25)
The old me with changed behavior (Rom. 7:19)
Measure up to the law—self effort (Rom. 7:22,23)
Slave to old identity (Rom. 6:17a)

FOR THE BELIEVER

GOD'S SOLUTION

I was IN CHRIST from before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4)
I **died** with Christ—same time, same place (Gal. 2:20, Rom. 6:6)
I am reconciled to God by the death of His Son (Rom. 5:10a)
I am seated in heavenly places IN Christ (Eph. 2:6)

MY RESPONSE

I must confess and repent of *who I am* (Rom. 7:24)
I must lay down **my life** in exchange for **Christ's Life** (John 12:25)
I must surrender my life into His hands for Him to do with me what He would choose (Matt. 10:38,39) becoming obedient unto death (Phil. 2:5-10)
Accept by faith, my death, burial, resurrection, whereby He has made me a new creature IN CHRIST (2 Cor. 5:17)
Accept Jesus Christ as MY LIFE (Col. 3:4, Phil. 1:21)
Reckon **daily** that I died **with** Christ to the power of sin and now I **am** alive to God (Rom. 6:11)
Take up my cross daily as fact and truth (Luke 9:23)

THE RESULT

Freedom from the power of indwelling sin (Rom. 6:7)
Freedom from self (Eph. 4:22)
Living IN CHRIST (Gal. 2:20b, Acts 17:28)
Being saved by **His LIFE** (Rom. 5:10)
Victory IN Christ provides **Life** (Rom. 8:37)
Spirit of Christ provides **Life** (Rom. 8:2)
Slave to the righteousness of Christ within me (Rom. 6:18)

Because of life union IN CHRIST, and His provision of victory, the need for repentance of sins becomes less and less frequent as I yield to Christ living His Life through me.