

I. The key to the book Romans 1:16-17

II. The Universality of Sin 1:18 - 3

- A. The Gentiles are sinners 1:18-32
- B. The Jews are sinners 2
 - a. The Jews did have an advantage Verses 1-2
 - b. God's faithfulness and man's unfaithfulness (Verses 3- 31)
 - i. Psalm 116:11 (Verse 4)
 - ii. Psalm 51:4
 - iii. Psalm 62:9
 - c. Therefore all people are under sin (II. is proven) verse 9
 - d. Scriptures from the Bible to prove this to be so. (Verses 10-18)
 - i. Psalm 14:1
 - ii. Psalm 53:1-3
 - iii. 1 Kings 8:46
 - iv. Psalm 5:9
 - v. Psalm 10:7
 - vi. Isaiah 59:7-8
 - vii. Proverbs 1:16
- C. Justified by faith. Chapter 4
 - a. Was Abraham saved by a sinless life (works) or grace?
 - b. If a sinless life (works) then God owed him salvation.
 - c. When was Genesis 15:6 stated? Before Genesis 17
 - i. Was Abraham sinless?
 - ii. Is lying a sin? Genesis 20
 - iii. Revelation 21:8 says yes!
 - iv. But where was Lazarus? Luke 16:22
 - v. How was Abraham saved? Blood of Christ! Hebrews 9:15
 - vi. How is anyone saved today?
- D. Christ's work in this Justification. Chapter 5
- E. Man's work in this Justification. Chapter 6
 - a. Man must be baptized verses 3-4
 - i. This is where man contacts the blood of Christ! John 19:34; Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-4; 1 John 1:7
 - ii. After becoming a Christian you still need the blood of Christ to cleanse you of sin!
 - b. Man must live faithful Verses 7-23
 - i. Sin can no longer be our Master Verse 12-18

III But does that mean that Christians are sinless?

1. James 1:26 Control that tongue!
2. James 3:2 If we do, we are perfect (mature or sinless?).
3. James 3:8 The tongue can no man tame!
 - a. If the tongue can be controlled that makes one perfect, can you control your tongue?
 - b. Have you never said anything out of the way?
 - c. Have you never hurt anyone's feelings?
 - d. Have you never sinned with your tongue?
 - e. The Bible says you can't do it, I believe the Bible, what about you?

IV. Was Paul sinless?

1. If he was sinless why did he have to buffet his body? 1 Corinthians 9:27
2. 1 Timothy 1:15 Paul says that he was the chief of sinners.
 - a. ("I am" which is the present tense not past tense. Present tense is used for the present. Does the tense of the verb mean anything?)

V. Was Simon sinless? Acts 8:9-24

- a. Was he saved? Acts 8:13 He contacted the Blood of Christ!
- b. Did he sin after that? Acts 8:22
- c. If no, why was he told to repent? Acts 8:22
- d. If no, what does being in the fall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity mean? Acts 8:23

VI. Was Peter sinless?

1. What does denying the Lord mean? Matthew 26:75
2. Why did Paul withstand Peter to the face? Galatians 2:11-24
 - a. What does "walked not uprightly according to the truth of the Gospel" mean if he was sinless?

VII. Was the church at Corinth sinless?

Conclusion

1. If it is the case that a man can be considered sinless, then it is the case that man has no need of Christ.
2. Peter and Paul considered themselves not to be sinless
3. It is not the case that a man can be considered sinless
4. Therefore man has the need of the blood of Christ. Romans 6:3-4 1 John 1:7
5. You too are in need of the Blood of Christ to cleanse you from your sins
6. Respond now to the cleansing blood of Christ