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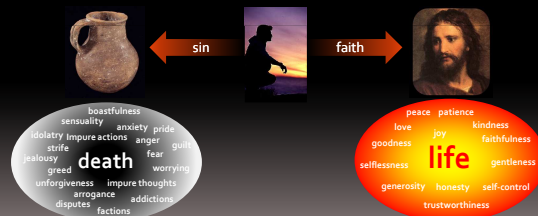
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FAITH OR SIN?

Faith or Sin? Life or Death?

Rom 14:23 – faith or sin?

Heb 12:2 – faith: looking away unto Jesus



THE CROSS

What is a cross?

- An instrument of death!



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JUSTIFICATION BY HIS BLOOD

The Answer to the problem of *sins* and *sin*.

- Our *sins* were forgiven by the *blood* of Christ.
 - Romans 5:8-9 (Rom 3:25 – He passed over)
 - We should never try to answer Satan's accusations with our good conduct but *always with the blood of our Lord Jesus*.
- Our *sin* was dealt with by the *cross* of Christ.
 - We came into the sin nature through birth, we must go out by death.
 - Romans 6:3-4

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Our inheritance from Adam (being *in Adam*):

- Rom 3:9-20:
 - God as *Judge* (verses 10 to 12):
 1. No one is righteous (of value) in God's sight
 2. No one understands anything concerning God
 3. No one seeks for God (1 Cor. 10:20)
 4. All have turned aside (turned away)
 5. And thus, have become useless (unprofitable)
 6. No one does good, not even one!

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Our inheritance from Adam (being *in Adam*):

- Rom 3:9-20:
 - God as a *Physician* (verses 13 to 15):
 7. Their throat is an open grave
 - (As Bishop Howe says: "Emitting the noisome exhalations of a putrid heart.")
 8. With their tongues they continually deceive
 9. They are poisonous just below the surface
 10. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness (wrong someone)
 11. Their feet run to violence

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Our inheritance from Adam (being *in Adam*):

- **Rom 3:9-20:**
 - God as a *Divine Historian* (verses 16 to 18):
 12. Destruction and misery are in their paths
 13. They do not know how to find peace
 14. There is no fear of God in them
- Summary: Total depravity – humanity, apart from God, is dead.
- **Eph 2:1** – “you were dead in your trespasses and sins”
 - **Rom 6:23** – “for the wages of sin is death”

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Our inheritance from Adam (being *in Adam*):

- We received our sinful nature by birth
 - We are in Adam by birth.
 - **Rom 5:17** – “by the transgression of the one”
- What then is the answer?
- If my problem then is being found *in Adam*, how do I get out of my Adamness?
 - **1 Cor 15:21-22** – “For as in Adam all die”
 - I came in through birth, I can only get out through death!
 - **1 Cor 15:45-47** – “the last Adam”

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The answer is being found *in Christ*!

- How in the world do I get in Christ?
 - **1 Cor 1:30** – by His doing!
- How was I taken out of my Adamness?
 - **1 Cor 2:2, 5** – Crucifixion!
 - **Romans 6:1-7** – “our old self was crucified with Him”

We are in Adam by birth, we came out through death!

We are in Christ by His doing.

We were crucified with Christ *by faith*. (**Gal 2:20**)

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