The Problem of Sin

God’s word tells us that man has a problem. It is worse than cancer. It is more common than the common cold. It is deadlier than any poison. The problem is sin. Sin is defined as transgressing God’s Law, 1 John 3:4. It is not a little mistake, and it will not go away with time. Sin is a little word that leads to a long sentence in hell. We tend to think lightly of sin; after all, everybody does it. Television makes it fun. We see the clumsy drunk and laugh, or we hear the name of God used in vain and smile. Sin is not a laughing matter. “For have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). All of humanity has at one time or another sinned against God. “For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin” (Romans 3: 9). Let’s realize that all of our sins are against God. Next, understand that the payment of sin is death. “For the wages of sin is death” (Romans 3:23). The next time you hear a filthy word of see two people on the TV or in a movie committing adultery, you must realize they are lost! Would you smile at a drowning boy, or would you laugh at someone burned in a fire? Sin is worse that those things, because it causes one to be lost eternally.

The reason that Jesus had to die was because of sin. Jesus was offered as a sacrifice for our sins. “By that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” (Hebrews 10:10). An innocent, perfect man died so we might have a way to escape the consequences of our sins. “But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23b). The only thing worse than Jesus having to die for our sins is taking the sacrifice of Jesus and saying, “I don’t care. He died for me, but I will not obey Him. I want to live in sin. In such cases God will allow us to walk away from His love. For if we willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrificed for sins”. (Hebrews 10;26).

I urge you take advantage of the gift of God. Read your Bible and do what it says. D.T.