1. The Driver

A driver was once stopped by a police officer. He was a good driver and as far as he knew he had done nothing wrong.

The police officer said, “I pulled you over because you were going 55 MPH through a school zone. There were ten warning signs that the speed limit was 15 MPH and you ignored them all.”

Just like the driver had ten warning signs, God has given us ten clear warning signs in the Bible. They are called the Ten Commandments.

Have you ever told a lie, stolen something, or used God’s name as a cuss word? If you’re like me the answer is ‘yes’.

Listen to what the Bible says:
- **Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.** James 2:10
- **The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.** Romans 6:23b

God is saying that by breaking one Commandment we have sinned and will be held accountable for breaking all of them, including adultery and murder.

- **God’s judgment for our sin is death.** (Banishment to hell because He will not allow sin in His presence) Romans 6:23a

If the story ends here, there is no hope for us...

2. The Convict

An innocent man approached a judge and volunteered to be executed in the place of a convicted murderer. The judge consented.

The next day the judge told the convict he had a decision to make.

“An innocent man has been put to death in your place. If you will accept his payment for your crime, you are free to go.

If you will not accept his payment, you will be executed for your crime. Which do you choose?”

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was sinless but voluntarily gave his life to pay the penalty for your sins and mine. (God’s judgment for our sin is death). Three days later he rose from the dead.

- **God showed his great love for us by sending Jesus to die for us while we were still sinners.** Romans 5:8
- **God says, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you.”** Ezekiel 36:26

Just as entering a garage won’t make you a mechanic, attending a church won’t make you a Christian.

If you would like to receive God’s pardon for your sins and the gift of eternal life, consider a prayer like this:

“Jesus, I believe you paid the penalty for my sins when you died on the cross and rose from the dead. I want to turn from my sins and place my trust in you as my Lord. I am willing to follow you the rest of my life. Thank you for the gift of eternal life. Amen.”

- **Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.** Romans 10:13
- **Live a life worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work, and growing in the knowledge of God.** Colossians 1:10

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