



High Value Living



Lesson

Dealing with Problem You

Spoiled by sin

God's wonderful plan for you got spoiled by sin. The moment Adam and Eve made the wrong choice, the DNA of God left them and in its place was the DNA of sin. Their self-centredness and alienation from God has been passed down through the generations. Every person became a "factory" of sin.

People like to compare themselves with one another. We like to compare our looks, our possessions, and especially our behaviour. But this can be deceiving. Many people say, "But I'm just as good as the next guy." But that's not how God sees it. God doesn't compare between us, picking out which one is better, or which one will qualify for His love. No, God compares us with only one thing — the original image He created us to be. In God's eyes everyone is in the same boat — *everyone* has sinned, not just the ones we call "bad". We have all fallen short of God's glory — the image of God's perfection. As the Bible says...

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23.

Sin is not just outward acts. Sin is an inside condition. It doesn't matter how good a person looks on the outside, it's the inside that counts, and God sees the inside.

God sends a Rescuer

Filled with great love for everyone, God sends His Son to the rescue and Jesus arrives on the scene!

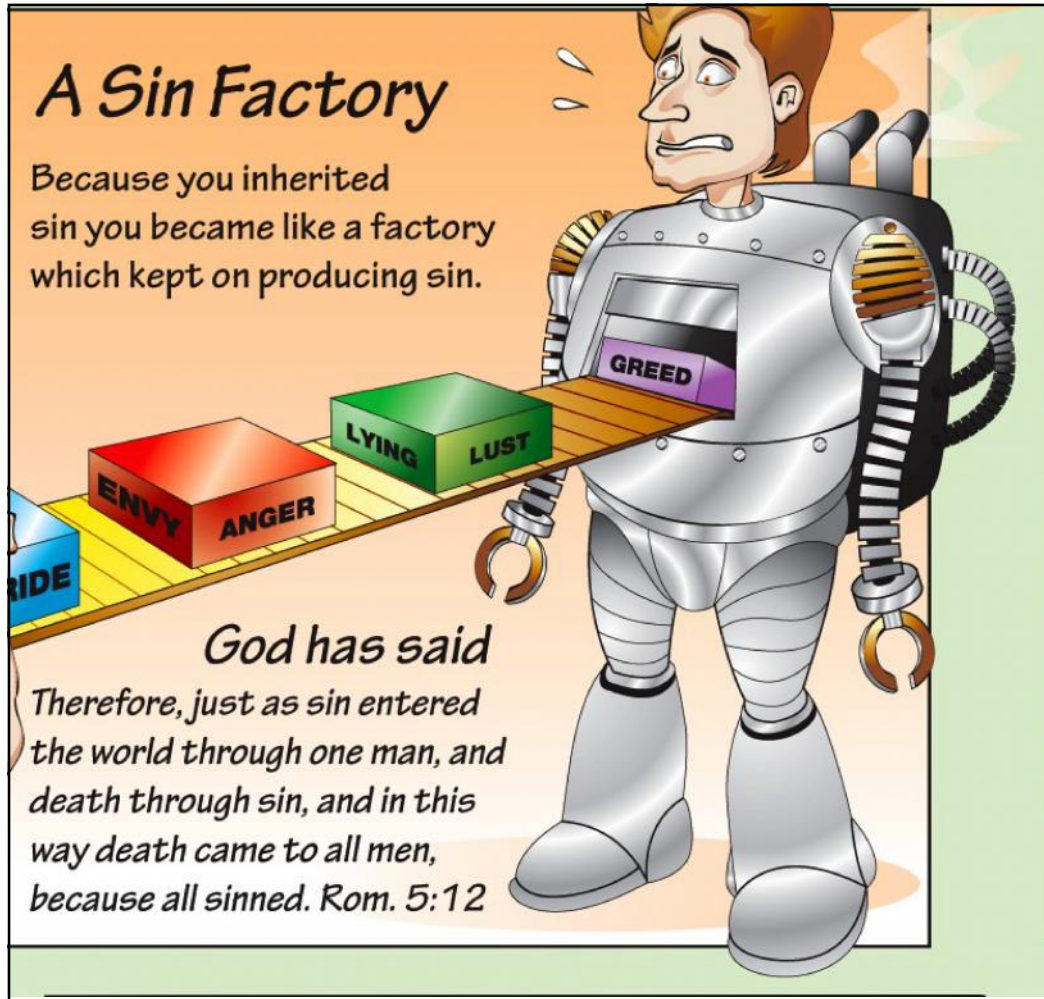
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16.

Jesus coming to earth was the result of a carefully thought out plan by God. Jesus described His mission:

- * "I have come that (you) may have *life*, and have it to the full" (John 10:10).
- * "(I) came to seek and to save what was *lost*" (Luke 19:10).
- * "(I) did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give (my) life as a *ransom* for many (Matthew 20:28).

Jesus came to give you a deeper quality of life, but that's not all. In coming, Jesus was seeking what had been lost to God. He is doing the same thing today. So many people's lives have been "lost" to God. Jesus came to "find" us, to bring us back into a close relationship with God. And to do this, he said, would mean he would have to give his own life as a "ransom" for our lives.

What a big problem!



But a wonderful solution!

“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”
Romans 5:8 (The Bible)

