

1. Chaufføren

En chauffør blev engang stoppet af en politibetjent. Han var en god chauffør, og så vidt han vidste, havde han ikke gjort noget forkert.

Politimanden sagde: "Jeg standsede dig fordi du kørte 60 gennem en skolezone. Der var 10 advarselssignaler, hastighedsgrænsen var 15, og du ignorerede dem alle."

Ligesom chaufføren fik 10 advarselstegn, har Gud givet os 10 klare advarselstegn i Bibelen. De kaldes de 10 bud.

Har du nogensinde løjet, stjålet noget eller brugt Guds navn som et bandeord? Hvis du er som jeg er svaret »ja«.

Lyt til, hvad Bibelen siger:

- Thi den, der holder hele Loven, men blot på ét punkt snubler, er blevet skyldig i alle. (Jakob 2:10)

Gud siger, at ved at bryde et bud har vi syndet, og vil blive holdt ansvarlig for at bryde dem alle, herunder utroskab og mord.

- Guds dom for vores synd er døden. (Forvisning til helvede, fordi han ikke vil tillade synd i hans nærhed). (Romerne 6:23a)

Hvis historien ender her, er der intet håb for os...

2. Fangen

En uskyldig mand nærmede sig en dommer og meldte sig frivilligt til at blive henrettet i stedet for en dømt morder. Dommeren gav sit samtykke. Den næste dag fortalte dommeren fangen, at han måtte træffe en afgørelse.

"En uskyldig mand er blevet henrettet i dit sted. Hvis du vil acceptere hans betaling for din forbrydelse, kan du frit gå. Hvis du ikke vil acceptere hans betaling, vil du blive henrettet for din forbrydelse. Hvad vælger du? "

Jesus Kristus, Guds Søn, var syndfri men frivilligt gav Han sit liv for at betale straffen for dine og mine synder. (Guds dom for vores synd er døden). Tre dage senere opstod han fra de døde.

- Gud viser sin Kærlighed mod os ved, at Kristus døde for os, medens vi endnu vare syndere. (Romerne 5:8)
- Guds nådegave er evigt Liv i Kristus Jesus, vor Herre. (Romerne 6:23b)

Som et resultat af Jesus død i dit sted, har du to muligheder:

At modtage både Guds tilgivelse for dine synder og det evige liv ved at angre (erkende din syndighed og ønske at vende dig fra den) og placere din tillid hos Jesus Kristus. (Apostelenes gerninger 20:21)

Eller

At afvise både Guds tilgivelse for dine synder og evigt liv ved at stole på nogen eller noget andet end Jesus for at du kan accepteres af Gud, og således selv bære straffen for at bryde Guds lov.

- Den, som tror på Sønnen, har evigt Liv; den, som ikke lyder Sønnen, skal ikke se Livet, men Guds Vrede bliver over ham. (Johannes 3:36)

At kende til Jesus betyder ikke, at du tror på Jesus...

3. Faldskærmsudspringeren

Faldskærmsudspringere viser deres tro på deres faldskærme, når de hopper fra flyet.

Jesu tilhængere viser deres tro på Ham, da Guds Ånd ændrer deres tanker og ønsker.

- Derfor, hvis nogen er i Kristus, er han en ny skabning; det gamle er forbi, se, noget nyt er blevet til! (2 Korinterne 5:17)
- Gud siger: "Jeg giver eder et nyt hjerte, og en ny ånd giver jeg i eders indre. (Ezekiel 36:26)

Ligesom det at gå ind i en garage, ikke gør dig til mekaniker, vil det at gå i kirke ikke gøre dig til en kristen.

Hvis du ønsker at modtage Guds tilgivelse for dine synder og som gave det evige liv, overvej da denne bøn:

"Jesus, jeg tror på at du betalte prisen for mine synder da du døde på korset og genopstod fra de døde. Jeg vil vende mig fra mine synder og sætte al min lid til dig som min Herre. Jeg er villig til at følge dig resten af mit liv. Tak for gaven: Det evige liv. Amen."

- Thi enhver, der påkalder Herrens navn, skal frelses. (Romerne 10:13)

Når man virkelig vil tilhøre Jesus er ønsket:

- At vandre Herren værdigt, i alle måder ham til velbehag, idet I bærer frugt og vokser i al god gerning ved erkendelsen af Gud. (Kolossensern 1:10)

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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 60 through a school zone. There were ten warning signs that the speed limit was 15 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 curse 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

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
- *The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 6:23b

As a result of Jesus' death in your place, you have two choices:

Receive both God's pardon for your sins and eternal life by repenting (sensing your sinfulness and desiring to turn from it) and placing your trust in the Lord Jesus. (Acts 20:21)

OR

Reject both God's pardon for your sins and eternal life by trusting in anyone or anything other than Jesus to make you acceptable to God, thus bearing the penalty for breaking God's law yourself.

- *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son of God will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.* John 3:36

Knowing about Jesus doesn't mean you believe in Jesus...

3. The Skydiver

Skydivers demonstrate their belief in their parachutes when they jump from the plane.

Followers of Jesus demonstrate their belief in Him when God's Spirit changes their thoughts and desires.

- *If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!* 2 Corinthians 5:17
- *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

The desire of real followers of Jesus is to:

- *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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