



## The Bible on Guilt

### Adam & Eve. Gen. 2-3

Did the Lord avoid the subject, seek to calm their fears or cover their shame?  
Did he face them with their actions?  
Gen. 3:9

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King Saul. 1 Sam. 15:10-11; 22-23, 34-35

King David. 2 Sam. 12:1-14

David's sins were numerous. 2 Sam. 11  
He did not feel good about his guilt. Ps. 51  
He suffered greatly because of his sins.  
2 Sam. 12:10-12

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Preaching of Jesus exposed both sin and the sinner.

Rich young ruler. Mt. 19:16ff  
Sadducees Mt. 22:23-29  
Pharisees. Mt. 15:12  
Apostle Peter. Luke 22:61

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Holy Spirit To Convict.

John 16:8  
"And he, when he is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment"

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Peter on Pentecost convicted the Jews of sin.

Acts 2:23 Jews Charged.  
Acts 2:37-38 Peter preached.

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### Apostles convicted the Jewish Sanhedrin.

Acts 4:18 Apostles charged by the court.  
Acts 4:8ff, 19ff Apostles preached

Acts 5:27-28 Apostles charged by the court.  
Acts 5:29-33 Apostles preached.

Acts 5:40 Apostles charged by the court.  
Acts 5:41-42 Apostles preached.

Mt. 27:25

"His blood (be) on us, and on our children."

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### Stephen's preaching convicted the Jews of sin. Acts 7:51-60

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### Peter convicted Simon...

Acts 8:18-24 "Now when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay my hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit. But Peter said unto him, Thy silver perish with thee, because thou hast thought to obtain the gift of God with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right before God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray the Lord, if perhaps the thought of thy heart shall be forgiven thee. For I see that thou art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity. And Simon answered and said, Pray ye for me to the Lord, that none of the things which ye have spoken come upon me."

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### Paul convicted Jews AND Gentiles of sin.

**Paul's preaching convicted Jews. Acts 13:16-39, 44 ff**

**Paul's preaching convicted Gentiles. Acts 17:2,3,26-30**

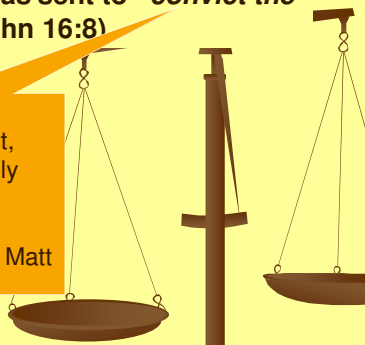
### Paul often fled from hostile mobs.

**cf. 2 Cor. 2:15-17; 3:12; 5:11; Gal. 4:16**

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The Holy Spirit was sent to "*convict the world of sin.*" (John 16:8)

1. elencho NT:1651 signifies (a) "to convict, confute, refute," usually with the suggestion of putting the convicted person to shame; see Matt 18:15 (from Vine's Expository Dictionary)



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Guilt, shame and sorrow for sin are necessary for "*Godly sorrow worketh repentance*" (2 Cor. 7:10)

## Examples

- Corinthians turned from what they were.  
1 Cor. 6:9-11 They were washed, sanctified, and justified.
- *Acts 18:8* "And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized."

## Examples

- Thessalonians turned from idols.  
1 Thess. 1:9
- Ephesians burned their books.  
Acts 19:9
- Jailer "*washed their stripes.*" *Acts 16:33*

## Guilty

**Blood of Christ Can  
Cleanse the  
Conscience**

Heb. 9:14; Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16

## Guilt Can Be Good

1 Tim. 1:18-19 Good conscience.

Psalms 32:5 "I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity did I not hide: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto Jehovah; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin."

## Guilt Can Be Good

Psalms 38:1-4

"O Jehovah, rebuke me not in thy wrath; neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore. There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine indignation; neither is there any health in my bones because of my sin. For mine iniquities are gone over my head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me."

## There Is A Place For Guilt

- "Who, being past feeling" (*Eph. 4:19*).
- "...having their own conscience seared with a hot iron" (*1 Tim. 4:2*).
- "Holding faith and a good conscience; which some having thrust from them made shipwreck concerning the faith." (*1 Tim. 1:19*).

**Man's Attempts To Rid Himself  
Of Guilt:**

1. Deny any absolute moral standard.  
(John 18:38).
2. Find someone sinful who will  
sympathize with your sinful actions.  
(1 Kings 22:4-8).
3. Blame someone else (Gen. 3:12ff;  
1 Sam. 15)

**Cause Of Guilt Is Sin!**

**Guilty**

**How Do We React To Our Guilt?**

Like the Pharisees: Destroy The One  
Exposing Our Sins?

Like Judas: Destroy Self?

Like King Saul: Blame Others?

Like Peter: Repent And Serve God?  
(Luke 22:50-56)

