

Counterfeit Methods of Removing Sin

I. False Doctrines

John 9:41

Human sacrifice. 2 Kings 3:27

Deny existence of sin.

Indulgences: pay now, or pay later.

Situation ethics: turn sin into virtue.

Merely call on Lord's name. Mt.7:21

Miraculous experience. Mt.7:22

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II. Downplay

Exodus 10:17, Pharaoh

1 Sam.15:25, Saul

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III. Excuses

Excuses: habit forming.

Gen.3:8-13

Easier to lie to ourselves than to correct the problem

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IV. Distance

Psalm 139:7-12

How did Jonah's "distance protection plan" work for him?

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V. Hypocrisy

Matthew 23:3

Acts 5, Ananias and Sapphira

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VI. Balance

Acts 10:1-2 (11:14)

Some think they can “balance the scales” ...
or tip scales in favor of the good...

Isa.64:6

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VII. People

Acts 17:11

Isa.5:20

One family member cannot obey for another
Preacher's assurance doesn't make sin right

Mt.19:25-26

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VIII. Conscience

Acts 23:1

Saul always did what he thought was right

He was chief sinner

1 Co.4:1-4

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2 Cor.7:8-10

John 21

2 Samuel 18:33

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X. Time

1 Kings 17:...18

Ecclesiastes 8:11

If time removes sins, God is foolish / cruel

Psalms 25:7

“The most valuable thing in the world is the truth; in fact, it is so valuable that it is often defended by a bodyguard of lies” – Churchill.

Christians follow higher standard.

Hebrews 12:1

Sin ensnares: holding on and causing entanglement; constricting.

KJV/ASV: “beset” – to attack from all sides; to trouble persistently: harass; hem in; surround. 1 Kings 22

Romans 6:23