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We should be filled with the Holy Spirit, not filled with guilt!

It is said that many Christians who run into emotional problems do so because they are laden with guilt. Yet we are aware that Christianity is the one faith in the world which eliminates sin and guilt, so why should we feel so guilty?

The truth is that most Christians don't understand their own faith, or at least they don't know how to apply it.

We continue to try to win favor with God by doing all the right things. Yet there is absolutely nothing you or I can do to earn our own salvation - that is the reason Jesus died. He shed His blood that we sinners might be put in right standing before a Holy God. Of course, we are to obey His laws out of love. There is a vast difference between striving to do what Jesus has already done for

us, and in wanting to be pure to please Him!

We need to examine our self-talk to find our motives for what we tell ourselves. It is even helpful to put them on paper. We must know that once we are born again into Christ's family we are righteous in God's eyes. "There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit" (1).

We are no longer guilty for anything we have ever done! We are free! God does not condemn us. Satan does, for he is "the accuser of our brethren" (2). God never hurls our sins back at us once we have asked forgiveness. Let us listen to the right voice!

We are told that God's anointing breaks the yoke of bondage (3). This means that if we have His Spirit within us, it overcomes those things which put us into bondage to the enemy.

When we accept Jesus into our heart, His Spirit fills us with His presence, a sign or guarantee that He has come to live inside us (4). Yet there is a deeper infilling of His Spirit we can have for the asking - the Holy Spirit baptism. We can receive this after the conversion experience, prayer by another believer being helpful. When we receive this precious gift of speaking in other tongues, we are praying the prayers designed by God himself. It is the power of Pentecost given to us so that we can, fearlessly, proclaim the good news that our sin and guilt has been nailed to the cross!

We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit, not filled with guilt. However, it is one thing to know this, and yet another to work it out in our own lives. Sometimes we require the help of another to

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help us correct what we are telling ourselves so that it lines up with God's Word. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he (5).

Let us pray for wisdom to understand the errors in our evaluation of ourselves. Then we will understand how important each of us is in God's sight. We can then replace the guilt trips the devil throws at us with the truth - God's truth as written in His Word. Let us press closer to our Lord who gives us the desire of our heart (6), "and not be entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (7).

If we have repented, let us not then be guilty of feeling guilty!

KJV - Rom 8:1; Rev 12:10; Is 10:27

NIV - Eph 1:14

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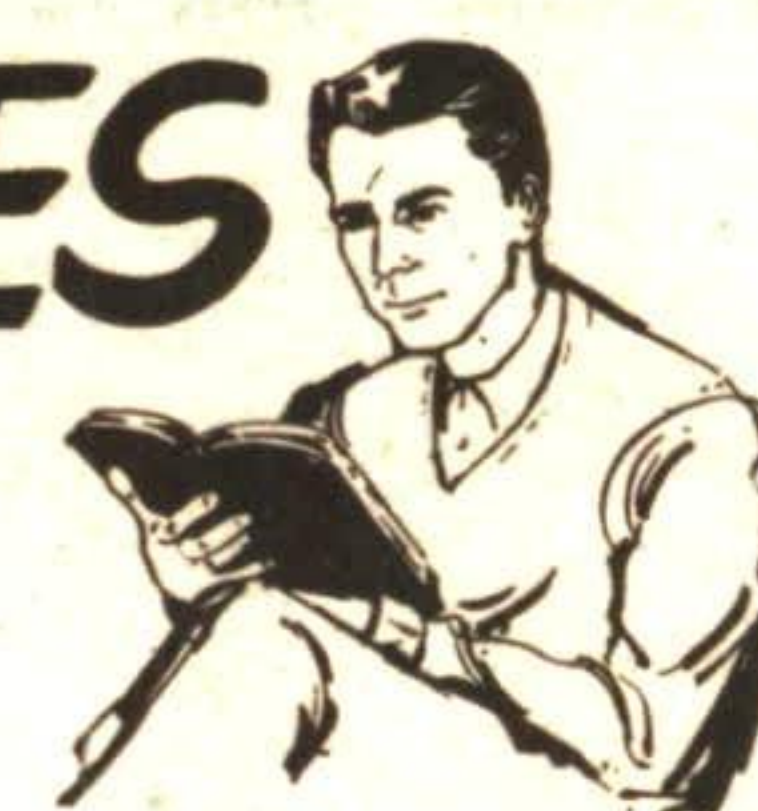


Acton resident Selina Schmidt has \$400 to improve her wheelchair, after the Acton Rotary Club presented her with a cheque for that amount recently. Schmidt, a cerebral palsy victim was joined by her friends who formed the citizen's group, The Selina Schmidt Trust Fund, Wheelchair Committee, to help her cope with the disease. Jake

Kuiken of the Acton Rotary Club made the presentation while committee members Georgia Halls, Pinky Holmes, Bill Higgins, and Linda Thomas. Committee member Jean Burton was absent for the photo. Any donations to the Selina Schmidt Trust Fund can be made at the Bank of Commerce.

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The name of the Lord

Many people use the name of the Lord very lightly. They are quick to exclaim: "My God," or to use the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in vain.

We should all understand that the Bible declares that "God will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain" (Ex. 20:7). This is one of the Ten Commandments which too many people forget or ignore. But it is more than a commandment. It does not merely forbid taking the Lord's name on our lips carelessly; it adds the warning: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; FOR the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." Don't commit this sin, He warns, for if you do you will have to face God Himself for it and He will not overlook it.

Now, probably many of our readers have used the name of God and Christ in vain again and again. They have gotten into the habit and find it difficult to stop. Now what? How can such escape the condemna-

tion of God upon this sin?

First, one of the principal reasons for *not* using God's name in vain is because of His infinite greatness. We should all bow and worship before Him. The second reason is because He - the infinite God - took upon Him human form and, as God the Son, died for our sins at Calvary. Now would you want to curse and swear in His name? You wouldn't want people to curse and swear in your mother's name, would you? How much less should we curse and swear in Christ's name or God's name?

Those who have this problem, invariably have never trusted Christ as their own Savior - as the One who died for their sins. Those who have trusted Him or Savior usually never are tempted to use His name in vain again. Rather, like St. Paul, who once was "a blasphemer, and a persecutor," they exclaim with deepest gratitude:

"He loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

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