

Life in **6** Words

Week #3 “SINS”

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“God. Our. Sins. Paying. Everyone. Life”

“Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.”

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith— and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

--Ephesians 2:8-10

1) Because we could never be good enough to enter God’s presence.

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” --Matthew 5:48

2) Because the law is a mirror to show us our sin, not a ladder to get us to heaven.

“Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.” --Romans 3:10

3) Sin is a stain that we could never remove, and ultimately our efforts only make it worse.

*“whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.”
-- James 2:10*

4) Because even our good deeds come from selfish motives.

*“...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags....”
--Isaiah 64:6*

“But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.” --Titus 3:4-7

*“Come now, let us settle the matter,’
says the LORD.*

*‘Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.’” --Isaiah 1:18*