

## **I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP TOO MUCH!**

**“There is no greater fool than the man who won't give up that  
which can't last –**

**to gain that which he can't lose.”**

**I GUESS WE'VE ALL HEARD THE ONE  
ABOUT THE SNAKE WHO WENT TO  
GOBBLE UP A HEN FROM THE CHOOK  
HOUSE IN THE FARMYARD.**

**HE HAD THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR  
DAYS. HE HAD PLANNED IT DOWN TO  
THE LAST DETAIL AND WHICH HOLE  
HE WOULD SLITHER THROUGH TO GET  
AT THE CHOOKS.**

**HE KNEW WHICH BUSH WOULD AFFORD  
THE MOST CAMOUFLAGE UNTIL THE  
RIGHT HEN STROLLED PAST.**

**HE HAD REHEARSED IN HIS MIND THE DARTING THRUST THAT  
WOULD RENDER THE FEATHERED ANIMAL IMMOBILE - BUT STILL  
ALIVE;**

**HE KNEW HOW TO SLIDE BACKWARDS AWAY FROM THE  
STARTLED FOWLS AS THEY RAISED THE ALARM;**

**.....AND HE HAD TIMED HIS EXIT**

**(or so he thought)**

**TO PERFECTION.**

**AND WHAT WAS DRIVING HIM ON, WAS  
THE PICTURE OF HIMSELF SWALLOWING  
THE CHOOK AND HOW DELICIOUS IT TASTED.**

**HOWEVER HE HADN'T COUNTED ON THE  
FARMER LAYING IN WAIT FOR HIM.**

**HE HAD A CHOICE TO MAKE!**

**DROP THE CHOOK AND FLEE TO CERTAIN SAFETY OR .....**

**LEAVE HIS JAWS FIRMLY CLAMPED ON HIS SQUAWKING PREY -  
KNOWING THAT HE HAD NO HOPE OF GETTING BOTH OF THEM  
THROUGH THE ESCAPE HOLE IN THE FENCE BUT STILL  
SOMEHOW HOPING .....**

**TO DODGE THE CERTAIN DEATH OF THE FLASHING STEEL EDGE  
OF THE AXE.**

**THE SNAKE HAD TOO MUCH TO**

**GIVE UP!**

**Now not having the mind of the snake we can't imagine what  
would be going through the reptile's mind that it wouldn't want  
to drop the chook and slither for it's life. Obviously, the prize of  
the chook was too much to give up - even to the point of losing  
its life.**

**Now everybody that hears this story all agree how stupid the  
snake was. However many people aren't able to apply the same  
principle to their own lives.**

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**MANY PEOPLE CAN'T SEE THAT BECAUSE OF THEIR SINS AND THEIR LOVE OF THEIR SINS, THEY'RE HEADED FOR A FAR WORSE FATE THAN THE SNAKE.**

**LET'S START AT THE BEGINNING.**

**HAVE YOU EVER:**

**1. Told a lie? ("white lies" are counted)**

**2. Taken something that wasn't yours? (small things ...like paper clips & biros)**

**3. Had sexual thoughts about someone else? (your spouse not included)**

**If you have, the Bible says that you're a LYING, THIEVING, ADULTERER!**

**BUT I'M NOT THAT BAD! THERE'S A LOT WORSE THAN ME!**

**Correct! Most of us aren't axe-murderers! But the Bible says that we're not to compare & measure ourselves against each other, but against God's standards.**

**Now, we rarely think of ourselves as being bad because "There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes..." ([Proverbs 30:12](#)). This is why most criminals in jail think they're innocent and they've been unjustly sentenced.**

**THE REAL QUESTION IS:**

**"Have we been true to God and  
kept His Laws?"**

**Will the Judge let you off because you were speeding? No? God won't let us off for breaking His rules either.**

**Not only is God pure & holy, but His laws are "holy, perfect, just and good" & they warn us of the standard by which He will judge the world. He won't judge us according to our standards, but to His!**

**The Bible mentions that in God's eyes, even the good things we do are like filthy rags. When we compare ourselves to THAT STANDARD there is no doubt ..." *...all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.* " ([Romans 3:23](#)).**

**WILL GOD JUDGE YOUR SIN?**

**The Bible says "*...it is appointed unto men once to die, BUT AFTER THIS THE JUDGMENT.*" ([Hebrews 9:27](#)) and "...Because he hath appointed a day, in the which HE WILL JUDGE THE WORLD IN RIGHTEOUSNESS BY THAT MAN..." (the Lord Jesus Christ) ([Acts 17:31](#)).**

**God's standard is 100% perfection so this means that your righteousness must match that of the sinless and perfect Jesus.**

**WHAT IS GOD'S PENALTY FOR SINNERS?**

**...ALL LIARS, THIEVES, ADULTERERS fornicators, homosexuals, drunkards, swearers, Jesus rejecters, murderers, fornicators (pre-marital sex), idolators (a love replacing God e.g. sports, money, careers), users of magical arts (e.g. astrologers) shall HAVE THEIR PART IN THE LAKE WHICH BURNS WITH FIRE.**

**([Revelation 21:8](#); [1 Cor6:9](#))**

## SO WHAT'S HELL LIKE?

Jesus spoke more about Hell than Heaven and with good reason - He didn't want anyone to go there! It's not a place where you can "party-on" with friends. It's a place of ....damnation, darkness, weeping & TORTURE ...EVERLASTING burnings ...the FLAMES never go out & their WORM NEVER DIES ...wailing & gnashing of teeth ...with NO TRANSFER OUT!

([Luke 16:26](#); [Matt22:13](#), [Matthew 13:42](#)

[Mark 9:44](#); [Isaiah 33:14](#))

GOT TOO MUCH TO GIVE UP HAVE

YOU? .....OH REALLY?

My dear friend, you have no choice. At the moment because of your sins, you are heading for hell faster than a speeding bullet.

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT SOMEHOW, SOMEWHERE, SOMETIME - THEY'VE

GOT TO "GET RIGHT WITH GOD"

Deep within every person is the desire to be right with God. The Bible says: "*Because THAT WHICH MAY BE KNOWN OF GOD IS MANIFEST IN THEM; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, BEING UNDERSTOOD BY THE THINGS THAT ARE MADE, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE.*" ([Romans 1:19-20](#)). There we have it folks - all people know of God and understand Him from the things that are around and no-one has any excuse.

BUT GOD IS LOVE AND HE WON'T SEND

ME TO HELL ..... WILL HE?

**HE HAS NO CHOICE! You've sinned and owe a debt you cannot pay ...and Jesus paid your debt He didn't owe! If you reject Jesus dying for your sins - what else can God do for you? The Bible says, "*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT THE SON SHALL NOT SEE LIFE; BUT THE WRATH OF GOD ABIDETH ON HIM.*" ([John 3:36](#))**

**YOUR ONLY HOPE IS TO TRUST ALONE IN JESUS DYING FOR YOUR SINS**

**Faith is complete trust and dependency upon someone. The Bible says that Jesus shed His blood to pay for your sins and purchase your right standing with God. You can't earn it, buy it or work for it, therefore you must put your complete faith in Christ to receive it.**

**The Bible says, "*But TO HIM THAT WORKETH NOT, but BELIEVETH ON HIM that justifieth the ungodly, HIS FAITH IS COUNTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*"**

**([Romans 4:5](#)).**

**If you do, you won't fear Judgment Day because you will "*Be found in him, NOT HAVING MINE OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS ..... but THAT WHICH IS THROUGH THE FAITH OF CHRIST, the RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF GOD BY FAITH.*" ([Philippians 3:9](#))**

**ETERNAL LIFE IS A FREE GIFT! YOU CAN'T EARN IT. WORK FOR IT OR BUY IT!**

**The Bible says, "*...the GIFT of God is eternal life THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.*"**

**([Romans 6:23](#)) and "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord SHALL BE SAVED.*" ([Romans 10:13](#)) - that's anybody!**

**If you want to be saved, trust only in Jesus Christ & pray from your heart:**

**"DEAR GOD, I'm a sinner & deserve Your everlasting wrath in hell. Please forgive me & save me. I can't save myself. I believe Jesus' shed blood paid for all my sin. Thank you in**

the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for eternity in heaven. AMEN.”

## WHAT WILL STOP YOU?

**WHAT IS THE “CHOOK” IN YOUR MOUTH? Your love of sin, pride, your plans, unbelief, delay, or fear of what friends will think - these are the “chooks”, and your love of them, that will stop you trusting Jesus to be saved.**

**It's far better to give up anything you have in order to save your soul. “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” ([Mark 8: 36](#)).**

**A YOUNG MAN once said to a preacher: “I have too much to give up.”**

**PREACHER: “Do you believe that God loves you?” YOUNG MAN: “Yes, I do.”**

**PREACHER: “How much do you think He loves you?” A little while passed and ...**

**THE MAN ANSWERED: “He gave His Son to die for me on the cross.”**

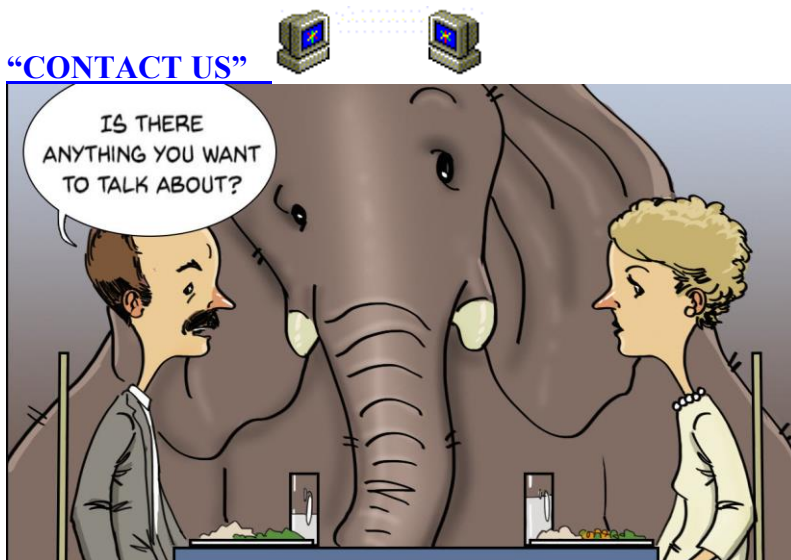
**PREACHER: “Do you really think that if God loved you enough to give His only Son to die for you, He will ask you to give up anything that is good? God has given His best to save you from the eternal fires of hell.”**

**DEAR FRIEND, “*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*”**

**([John 3:16](#))**

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