### (3) It Doesn't Matter What You Do ~ OUR OWN BEHAVIOR ~ (Personal Accountability) ~ TOLERANCE ~ SIN is Very Real! SIN... has dramatic Earthly/Eternal CONSEQUENCES! Three (Very Popular) Cultural Misbeliefs Today... 1. I'M NOT THAT BAD OF A PERSON! 1 JOHN 1:8... If we claim to be without SIN... we DECEIVE OURSELVES... and the TRUTH is not in us. ROMANS 3:10-12... As it is written: "There is **NO ONE** righteous... not even one; 11 there is **NO ONE** who understands; there is **NO ONE** who seeks God. 12 **ALL**... have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is **NO ONE** who does good, not even one." WE ARE ALL... SINNERS IN THE EYES OF GOD! WE ARE ALL REALLY... REALLY... REALLY... BAD PEOPLE! IT REALLY DOES MATTER WHAT WE DO! Three (Very Popular) Cultural Misbeliefs Today... 2. ALL SIN IS THE SAME!

GOD NEVER SAID THAT...

**ROMANS 6:23...** 

## For the **WAGES** of **SIN** is **DEATH** but the **Gift of God** is **Eternal Life** in **Christ Jesus** our **Lord**.

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GOD NEVER SAID THAT ... "ALL SIN IS THE SAME!"

HOW WE LIVE and WHAT WE DO matters very much here on EARTH... and in ETERNITY!

ALL... UNFORGIVEN SIN... does lead to ETERNAL DEATH!

BUT... NOT ALL SIN IS THE SAME!
(The Consequences Vary!)

Three (Very Popular) Cultural Misbeliefs Today...

3. SINCE I'VE ALREADY DONE IT... I MIGHT AS WELL KEEP DOING IT!

ROMANS 6:1-2...

What shall we say... then? Shall we **GO ON SINNING** so that **GRACE** may **INCREASE**?

By No Means! We are those who have DIED to SIN; HOW can we LIVE IN IT any longer?

SPIRITUAL MATURITY...
Is not about how much you KNOW...
It's about how much you OBEY!

The PROBLEM for most Christians in our culture today is THIS...
THEY ARE EDUCATED WAAAAY BEYOND THEIR LEVEL OF OBEDIENCE!

You need to stop "DOING" and you need to start "BEING!"

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The most MISERABLE PEOPLE that I've

#### ever met in my life are not NON-CHRISTIANS...

# The most **MISERABLE PEOPLE** in the world I've ever met are **CHRISTIANS WHO CONTINUE TO LIVE IN SIN!**

The most Miserable People are those who KNOW there is SOMETHING BETTER... yet CONTINUE to REJECT the WILL... the WAY... and the PURPOSE OF GOD! The CLOSER YOU GET to JESUS... the CLOSER YOU GET to the LIGHT... and the CLOSER YOU GET to the LIGHT... the MORE you begin to RECOGNIZE just HOW MUCH DARKNESS there is IN YOUR LIFE! SIN IS PROGRESSIVE! SIN GROWS... AND IT ALWAYS GROWS BEST IN THE DARK! SIN IS PROGRESSIVE... TAKE you FARTHER than you want to GO... **KEEP** you **LONGER** than you want to **STAY**... COST you MORE than you want to PAY! SIN IS A VERY BIG... BIG... DEAL! IT REALLY DOES MATTER WHAT YOU DO! GOD'S HOLINESS CANNOT BE IN THE PRESENCE OF SIN! ~ JESUS IS A FRIEND OF SINNERS ~

JESUS is the WAY... the TRUTH... and the LIFE!

GOD WILL ALWAYS BE WILLING TO FORGIVE AND FORGET!

### HE IS THE "WAY" OUT OF YOUR SIN ...

HE IS THE "TRUTH" THAT SETS YOU FREE ...

HE IS THE "LIFE" THAT ENDURES IN YOU FOREVER!

IT REALLY DOES MATTER WHAT YOU DO!

The **REALITY** is that **YOUR SIN** really does **COST YOU!** 

BUT...

JESUS is BIGGER than YOUR SIN!