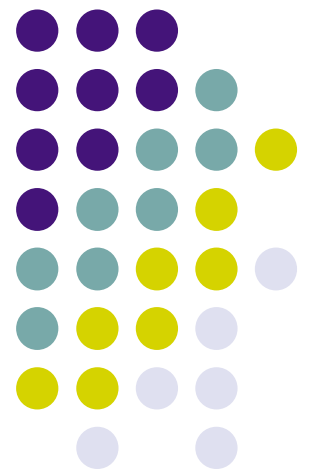
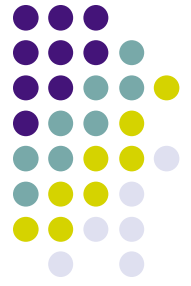


Must We Be Baptized to be Saved?

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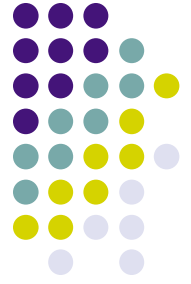




The Bible Teaches

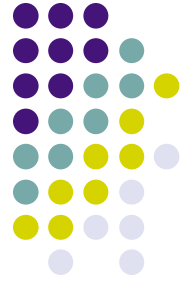
- That we come into this world – sinless (Matt. 18:3)
- That when we yield to temptation we sin (Jas. 1:13-15)
- That the way of sinners is hard
 - “Good understanding giveth favour: but the **way of transgressors** *is* hard” (Prov. 13:15)

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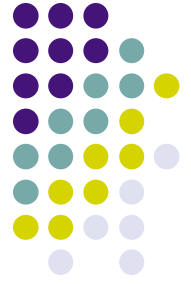


- Separates us from God
 - “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.” (Isa. 59:2)

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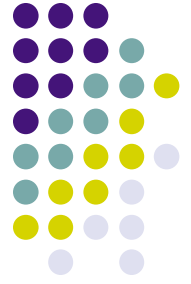
- Produces Guilt
 - “For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight” (Psa. 51:3-4)



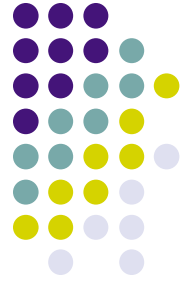
Way is Hard Because Sin:

- Produces fear
 - And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?” (Rev. 6:15-17)

Way is Hard Because Sin:



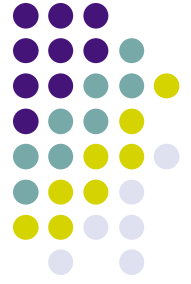
- Produces condemnation
 - “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matt. 25:41)



What Can Save Us?

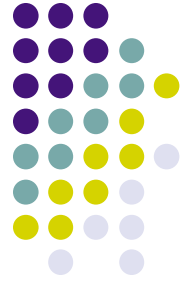
- Only the blood of Christ
 - Heb. 9:10-11
 - “But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

How Can We Receive The Cleansing Blood Of Christ?



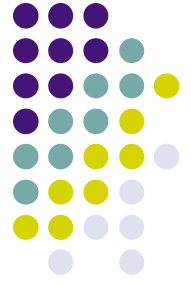
- Through Baptism –Examples
 - The Ephesians
 - Saved by Blood (Eph. 1:7)
 - “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”
 - Saved by Grace through Faith and received the gift of salvation (Eph. 2:8-9)
 - “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God not of works, lest anyone should boast.”
 - Reached the blood through baptism (Acts 19:1-5)

How Can We Receive The Cleansing Blood Of Christ?



- Through Baptism – Examples
 - The Romans (Rom. 6:3-7)
 - “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin”

How Can We Receive The Cleansing Blood Of Christ?



- Through Baptism – Examples
 - Saul of Tarsus (Acts 22:16)
 - “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”