

*"This they said, tempting Him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground, as though He heard them not. So when they continued asking Him, He lifted up Himself, and said unto them, 'He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.' And again He stooped down, and wrote on the ground." John 8:6-8 KJV*



This passage teaches us a very important fact about how God views sin. The woman was caught in adultery, a sin punishable by death under Mosaic Law. My question is, "Where was the man?" Was he not also an adulterer? God does not rate sin. All sin, any sin, is worthy of death! "For the wages of sin (period) is death." Not the death of the body but the absence of a Holy God, who IS Life, forever! We think, because we only curse or lie, that we're somehow better than a murderer! Not in God's eyes, and He is your final Judge, whether you believe in Him or not! God actually hates liars above all, because He IS Truth! Ever told a lie? Sure you have! You say, "It was only a white lie." I challenge you to find one verse in Scripture that makes that distinction! No sin is "better" in God's Eyes than any other! Are YOU without sin? Believers, the forgiven, seem the least forgiving. Sad to say, believers condemn believers! Jesus came to save sinners, not condemn them! No matter how closely believers walk with the Lord, they are not in charge of His other servants. We may have oversight of others, but if a believer sins, it is God who must act. We must pray for one another and realize that nothing ever escapes God's notice. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" Believers treat unbelievers with more compassion than each other. When believers sin, the comment is usually, "They should know better!" "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye have love, one for another." "Love the sinner. Hate the sin." Isn't that the standard rhetoric? Too bad believers don't do the same for each other! We spotlight another's sin to cover our own! "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." I am not suggesting tolerating heresy. The ONLY Way to Heaven is Jesus, the "Truth and the Life and few there be that find it!" If anything we should treat believers better than the world. "Let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Agree to disagree. "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee...first be reconciled to thy brother, and then...offer thy gift."

If we find fellows mired in sin,  
Then we should always pray for them,  
With mercy, love and sacrifice,  
Remembering who paid our price. ~CGP

How can we help a brother or sister in sin when we are blinded by the sins of pride and criticism? To please the Master, we must always employ love, grace, and mercy even when undeserved. Remember, Jesus stooped down for you!

*"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." Matthew 7:3, 5 KJV*