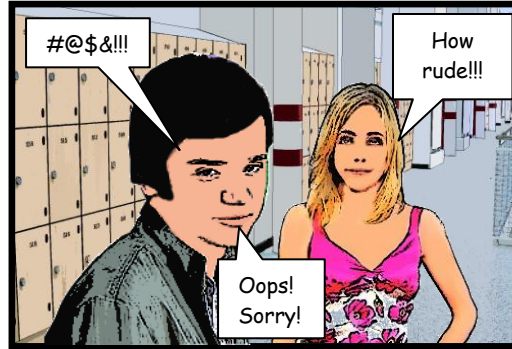


Have you ever known somebody that was so amazing that you thought they were just "perfect"? And then, sadly, they let you down. We all want perfect relationships, but really don't like to admit that we have our own faults. The truth is, *nobody's perfect.*

But some people *think* they are perfect. They believe they are better than everyone else and that everybody exists to serve them. Their pride causes them to think that they are better than others—even when they have no logical reason to feel that way—for example, when they have natural abilities or good looks that God gave them. But God knows their hearts. Do you know anyone like that? Are you like that?



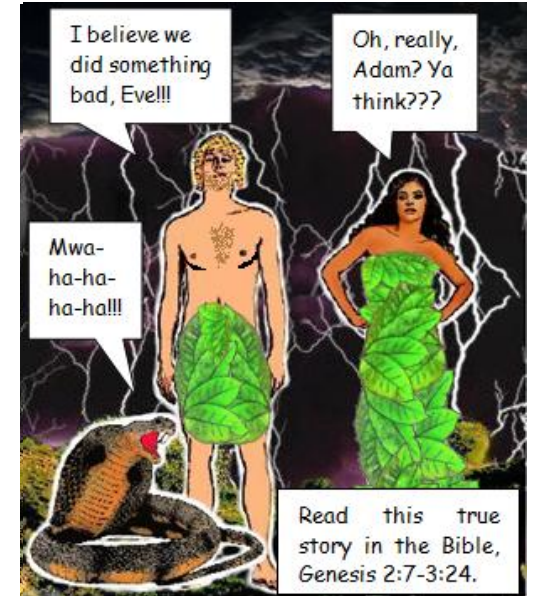
There are also those who are honest with themselves and others. They *know* they aren't perfect and will admit it. When they do something wrong, they don't pretend to be innocent.



And there are others who *seem* to be perfect. Maybe they are nice and look important, so you think they are special. But they can be wrong about very important things. If you believe everything they say, it could ruin your life and even destroy your soul!



Thousands of years ago, when God created our first parents, Adam and Eve, He created them perfect, completely innocent. But when they disobeyed God by eating a "forbidden fruit," they were no longer perfect. Just that **one sin** of disobedience cost them their souls! And God kicked them out of the Garden of Eden.



Do you remember *God's holy servant, Moses*—the man that God gave the Ten Commandments to? When Moses lost his temper, God was not happy with him. Because of that **one sin** God kept him out of the *Promised Land*.

You see, *God loves* people, but He *hates* their sins. And just **one sin** is enough to keep you out of heaven. As the Bible says, "For whoever shall keep the whole law [God's law], and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all." (The Bible, James 2:10) That's bad news, because

nobody's perfect. We all sin. Sins are things that make God angry. They can be things that we do, say, or even think.



**QUIZ YOURSELF**

**HAVE YOU EVER:**

- TOLD A LIE, EVEN ONCE?
- HATED SOMEONE? (MURDER OF THE HEART)
- DISLIKED SOMEONE FOR THEIR SKIN COLOR?
- LOOKED WITH LUST? (ADULTERY OF THE HEART)
- STOLEN ANYTHING?
- PRAYED TO ANY STATUE, IMAGE, OR ANYONE OTHER THAN GOD? (IDOLATRY)
- DISRESPECTED OR DISOBEYED YOUR PARENTS?
- USED GOD'S NAME AS A CURSE WORD? (BLASPHEMY)
- GOT DRUNK OR GOT HIGH ON DRUGS?
- EXPERIMENTED WITH MAGIC? (WITCHCRAFT/SORCERY)

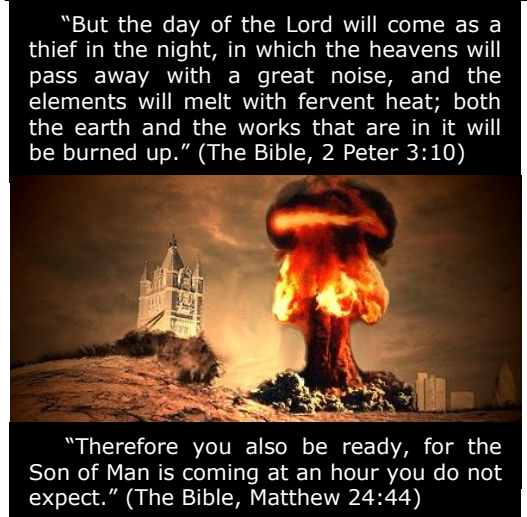
All of the above are sins. Can you think of anything else that you have ever done that makes God angry?

Now here's the problem. Only **perfect** people can go to heaven—or **forgiven** people. Everyone else goes to hell. That's very scary! So you *must* have your sins forgiven to get to heaven. Remember, **only God** can forgive sins.

God *must* punish **all** sin in hell. But He doesn't want you to go to hell, because He loves you very much. So His **perfect** Son, Jesus Christ, came from heaven to Earth to *willingly* suffer and die for your sins on a cross, so that you can be forgiven and go to heaven! After 3 days, Jesus came back alive again and is now ruling in heaven!

If you truly believe this and in prayer turn from all your sins, God will **instantly** forgive all your sins and give you His **free gift** of eternal life in heaven! Pray something like this: *"Dear God, I now turn from all my sinful desires and make Jesus Christ my Lord forever. Please forgive my sins because of what Jesus did for me on the cross. Thank you for giving me your free gift of eternal life in heaven right now. I pray in Jesus' name."* Now talk to God and read the Bible every day—and obey it.

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