

Out of Control

Where Do I Stand Spiritually?

I. Introduction

- A. Isaiah 1:18 (NAS) *"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool."*
- B. Rom. 3:23 (NAS) *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*
- C. Rom. 7:15-20 (NLT) *¹⁵I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. ¹⁸And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. ¹⁹I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. ²⁰But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.*
- D. Jeremiah 2:22 (NLT) *No amount of soap or lye can make you clean. I still see the stain of your guilt. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!*
- E. Rom. 6:23a (NAS) *For the wages of sin is death.*
- F. I John 1:7 (NLT) *But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.*
- G. John 15:13-14 (NLT) *¹³There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command.*
- H. *"Heavenly Father, I know you made me. I know I'm not here by accident. I understand that You love me. And in this moment, I acknowledge my sin. I confess I have stains. I realize these stains are deep and I can't get them out.*

I understand now, God, what it is that happened on the Cross. I understand that Jesus took my place, and He suffered on my behalf. He paid my debt. He did it for me.

So now, God, at this moment, I accept Your love. I accept Your forgiveness. I accept the Grace that You offer me.

I'm through trying to earn my way to You. I'm through struggling against You. I want to go through my life with You.

I ask You, from this moment on, to be my Forgiver, and my Leader, and my Friend. This is the sincere desire of my heart. And I pray this, God, in Jesus' Name. Amen."

II. Conclusion