

**Your Condition**  
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Good morning, Lighthouse, Are you ready for the Word of God this morning?

We know and understand that we are all sinners. We even understand that we inherited our sin nature from Adam.

**Romans 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

I am aware that some of you probably wonder why we preach what we do here at Lighthouse?

We strive diligently to preach what the Lord gives us to preach every time we step behind this sacred desk, yet I have noticed that no matter where the subject matter from the Word of God takes us, it always seems to come back to the same major theme.

Whether the subject is prayer or prophecy or practical living, the issue that affects our lives the most is salvation and our incredible need for it.

I realize that you probably think I am talking about something that is going to happen way out somewhere in the future after you die; so, you had better deal with it; because you could die, or Jesus could come back at any moment.

Certainly, all that is true but there is something that is much more current you should know!

While I was studying this week, I kept thinking of the lyrics of an old 1960's rock song - obviously written under the influence of drugs, as were many of the rock songs of the 60's.

This song has been re-recorded by numerous artists over the last 50 years since its introduction by Jerry Lee Lewis in 1967.

The lyrics say:

I jumped up this mornin' with the sundown shinin' in  
Found my broken mind in a brown paper bag but then  
I tripped on a cloud, I fell eight miles high  
I tore my mind on a jagged sky  
I just dropped in to see what condition my condition was in  
Pushed my soul in a deep dark hole, I followed it in  
When I met myself crawlin' out as I was crawlin' in

I got up so tight I couldn't unwind  
I saw so much, it broke my mind  
I just dropped in to see what condition my condition was in

You see, Hell is just one of many reasons you need to get saved!

Most of you have learned what sin has done to our spirit. I hope today you might see what condition your condition is in.

## I. Sin has destroyed your spirit.

*A. God tells us in no uncertain terms the spiritual condition of man in his natural state; He is:*

1. Dead in sins:

**Ephesians 2:1 and 5**

1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**;

5 Even when we were **dead in sins**, hath quickened us together with Christ, by (grace ye are saved;)

2. Unrighteous:

**1 Corinthians 6:9** Know ye not that the **unrighteous** shall not inherit the kingdom of God?

**Romans 3:10** As it is written, There is **none righteous**, no, not one:

3. Condemned:

**John 3:18** ...he that believeth not is **condemned** already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

4. Without Strength:

**Romans 5:6** For when we were yet **without strength**, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

5. Ignorant and blind:

**Ephesians 4:18** Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the **ignorance** that is in them, because of the **blindness** of their heart:

6. Evil:

**Matthew 12:34** O generation of vipers, how can ye, being **evil**, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

7. Lost **Luke 19:10** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was **lost**.

8. This list is indeed much longer, but I think you get the picture.

*B. Our spirit being dead in sins does not mean that it no longer exists or functions;*

1. Our spirit being dead in sins is not like our understanding of a body being dead as lifeless and inanimate.

2. What sin does to our spirit is to render [us] corrupted and thus leaving our minds and hearts unable to rightly influence our flesh.

3. Instead the lusts of the flesh become the driving influence upon our minds and hearts with no inner spiritual influence to countermand it.

4. We read the description of this state in

### **Ephesians 2:2-3**

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

## **II. What then actually happens when we get saved?**

*A. A whole host of things occur when we become saved or spiritually born again:*

1. We get to go to heaven when we die; that's the big benefit everyone thinks they can put off...but there is more; much more!

2. Jesus brings us to God Who is now our Father! We now have access to the presence of God.

3. God now hears us when we pray and promises to act upon what we ask.

4. We are no longer in any danger of going to hell.

5. We become the actual children of God; spiritually and eternally.

6. We experience a new peace in our lives that could not be experienced before.

7. There are so many benefits and changes for the better that come with being saved we could never list them all.

*B. When do these changes take place?*

1. Many are immediate, some are on-going.
2. Preachers are often very confusing when they try to tell you how to be saved.
3. All of that would leave you confused and hopeless except for one thing; **the Bible itself is very clear about how to be saved!**
4. If you should remain unsaved, a second death awaits:

5. **Revelation 20:12-15**

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.  
13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.  
14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.  
15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

6. The future for the unsaved is horrible.
7. Yet, what is going on right now is horrible, too.

*C. When children grow up and they learn right from wrong they sooner or later choose the wrong, as we all do.*

1. This is when the evidence of our spiritual condition first becomes easy to see.
2. My, what a transition it is when we see the innocence of babies turn into little 'sinner tornadoes' as the effects of their sin nature takes its course.
3. First it is cute, then later on it becomes annoying and then about the time they become teenagers the effects of our sinful nature are just not funny anymore!

*D. Parents and other adults say some pretty harsh things to our kids that really don't help the situation.*

1. "Why can't you look alive?" How about because he is **dead in sins**?
2. "Why can't you act right?" How about because he is not right; **unrighteous** is what he is.

3. "Why can't you be strong enough to say no?" How about because he is **without strength**?
4. "Why can't you see where you are headed?" How about because he is **blind**?
5. "Why don't you ever learn?" How about because he is **ignorant**?
6. "Why don't you quit lying and getting into trouble?" How about because he is **evil**?
7. "Why don't you even try?" There's no use; he's **already condemned**.
8. What's with all the weird clothes and purple hair? How about because he is **lost**.
9. Why is the music so loud; why do you stay up so late; why must you stay distracted with texting, social networking, gaming, drugs, drinking, and dare we say sex?
10. Because when that lost teenager gets all alone and quiet all he has is his dead, unrighteous, weak, blind, ignorant, evil, guilty condemned, lost self!

### **III. What then, is the solution?**

*A. One supposed solution is that you get you some religion. Get 'em in Church!*

1. Instead of going where the world goes to distract themselves, you now go where people get high on Jesus. Woohoo, praise Jesus!!!
2. Go do lots of good. Visit the nursing home, rescue some abandoned kittens, walk a little old lady across the street.
3. You still listen to loud music, but now it's loud Christian music!
4. Now you are acting better, the parents are off your back, and you may even be doing some good.
5. But when you turn the music off and you finally get quiet and alone; you are right back with your dead, unrighteous, weak, blind, ignorant, evil, guilty, condemned self!
6. The fact is that sin has destroyed you and no matter what or how hard you try there is nothing you can do about it!
7. And we wonder why the young so often entertain thoughts of suicide.
8. To effect any lasting change, you must change what you are!

9. And that is something that you cannot do.

10. Unless you want to spend your whole life in this miserable state; and then spend eternity in a whole lot worse; your only answer is Jesus.

*B. How can Jesus fix this; what can He do about it?*

1. Jesus can and will save you from your sins!

2. You are the reason we never stop talking about getting saved! Here's why:

3. First, all that sin, your sin; has to be dealt with. There are consequences; spiritual death, then physical death, and then being discarded into an eternal, burning garbage heap called hell.

4. When you get saved, Jesus is going to wipe your account clean forever because He paid the consequences for you Himself; that is why He died, He did it for you.

5. This issue is the most important thing of all; but it is just the beginning!

6. Jesus isn't just going to save you from hell, He is going to give you a life that is worth living!

**In Conclusion:**

**When you get sick and tired of your dead, unrighteous, weak, blind, ignorant, evil, guilty, lost, condemned self...**

**Come and ask me about those Bible classes and I will teach you how to let Jesus change all of that for you!**

**Yes, we do preach about other important things too, so keep coming back; sooner or later you will hear something else.**

**Somebody here needs to hear this today.**