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"HOW CAN YE ESCAPE THE DAMNATION OF HELL?"  
(Matt. 23:33)

By Hearing: "And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet (Christ) shall be destroyed from among the people." (Acts 3:23)

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17)

By Believing: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Heb. 11:6)

"..for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." (John 8:24)

By Repentance: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent;" (Acts 17:30)

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.." (Acts 3:19)

By Confession: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Rom. 10:9,10)

"And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." (Acts 8:37)

By Baptism: "..and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized." (Acts 18:8)

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38)

"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us.." (I Pet 3:21)

"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16)

By Faithfulness: "..be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Rev. 2:10)

Remember Jesus said: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:16)

"THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU."  
(Rom. 16:16)



## THE SECOND LAW OF PARDON

After one has obeyed the gospel and become a child of God as Simon had (Acts 8:13) it is possible to go back into sin and have the following said: v.18-24 (Perishing, Heart Not Right, Thy Wickedness, In Gall Of Bitterness In Bond Of Iniquity) Also see:

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" I Jn 1:8

"Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." (Jas. 5:19,20)

### What Must Be Done?

1. "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness.." (Acts 8:22)

2. Confession: "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." (Prov. 28:13)

"Confess your faults one to another.." (Jas. 5:16)  
(Note: This confession NAMES AND FORSAKES SIN.)

"And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men.." Acts 19:18f  
(Note Also: If sin is public, correction is made public; if however sin is private then correction is made on this level. (Matt. 18:15-17))

3. Prayer: "Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me." (Acts 8:24)

(Note: This is done be a faithful member of the church)

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (Jas. 5:16)  
(Remember Simon wanted Peter to pray for him Acts 8:24)

HOW ARE YOU DOING?

NEWS & NOTES: We rejoice in that sister Dorthula Green has expressed a desire to be a member here at South Shore and we welcome her into the fellowship of the saints here! Sister Green had been worshipping at Carter City.

WAY PREACHING: Lord willing I will be away preaching in a meeting with the Pisgah church of Christ Sept. 30--Oct 6th. This is where bro. Glen Begley labors and it is a great pleasure to be with him and these brethren again! Am looking forward to meeting you if you can make it.

INDIAN REPORT: In view of Rom. 12:17 and III Jn. 5-8 a statement of support raised for the work in India will be read at the evening service Nov. 3, 1974. Those having fellowship in this work and desiring a personal report of the results may contact me upon my return and I will be happy to come your way.

CONTENDER SUSPENDED: Your next months issue will be the last of the Contender until returning from India. We thank all for the many good comments received and wish you all well in the Lord. If you know of somebody who would like to receive this paper please submit his name to the address on the front page.

SICK: Many of the brethren here at South Shore have been seriously ill in the recent past for which we are deeply saddened. The sick list includes: bro. & sis. Woody Vaughn sis. Emma Madden, Sis. Hall. Bro. Ed Potter. Let's remember them.

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* Lord's Day: 10:00 a.m. Worship		*
* 7:30 p.m. Worship		*
* Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study		*

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SPYS: "...because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage." (Gal. 2:4)