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The Bible tells us that we are all sinners in the sight of God and therefore we are all guilty before Him. It says, "There is no one righteous, not even one...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:10; 23). This means that we all deserve to be punished for our sins. God is holy and just and He hates sin. The Bible tells us that when we, the people whom He created, sin against Him, then he must punish us. He cannot just forget about our sin, He must deal with it.

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But the person who is saved has been forgiven all his sins. He is no longer guilty before God; he is now righteous.

The reason why he has been forgiven is because he has trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation. The Bible tells us that when the Lord Jesus died on the cross of Calvary, He died for our sins. It tells us that on the cross, the Lord Jesus paid the penalty for our sins and purchased our salvation by His death.

This means that all who come to Christ and trust Him alone for their salvation are saved from their sins through His death. It means that they have been forgiven all their sins and have been made righteous through faith in Christ.

If you are not saved, then you are still in your sins and you are guilty before God. You may appear to be a very good person and a very religious person, but if you are not saved then you are a sinner in the sight of God and you will never enter heaven as you are. You need the forgiveness of your sins.

2. The person who is saved has been born again by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible tells us that not only are we guilty before God, but also that we are spiritually dead. The Bible says about those who are not saved that they are “dead

in trespasses and sins,” and that they live lives of sin because they are sinners by nature (Ephesians 2:1-3). This is your condition today if you are not saved. Physically you are alive and you may be in good health and it may be that you enjoy a good life-style, but spiritually you are dead. This means that you have no spiritual life in you and you have no real interest in the things of God.

You may be a religious person, but the things of the kingdom of God are not central in your life. Your religion is just a Sunday religion, it is not your life.

But the person who is saved has been given spiritual life by God the Holy Spirit. He is no longer dead in his sins, he has been made alive. He is now a spiritual person. He cares only about the things of God and his greatest interest now is the kingdom of God and its progress here on earth. Although he lives in the world he is not of the world. He does not care for the things of this world. Rather he is interested in the things of God and the people of God.

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