

DIVINE PRESCRIPTION FOR SIN

INTRO: Because of transgression, man is in sin. What is sin? Sin is from the Greek word *hamartia*. It means to “miss the mark.” In times past when men would shoot bows and arrows, if they missed the target they would cry, “I sinned.” God’s Word is our target; when we fail to do as God instructs us in the Bible, we sin. Read: Rom. 3:23; 1 John 5:17; 1 John 3:4; Isaiah 59:1-2; John 1:8; 1 John 1:10; Rom. 6:23.

I. PRESCRIPTION FOR ISRAEL.

Prescribed by God; delivered by Moses.

- A. Animal sacrifices. Heb. 10:4.
- B. Remedy did not cure. Heb. 10:4.
- C. Lasted one year. Heb. 9:7; Heb. 10:3.
- D. Remedy was faulty. Heb. 8:7. Animals are not equal to human beings.
- E. Remedy could not justify. Acts 13:39. Notice that this bottle is empty. Those trying to go back to the Old Law are trying to drink from an empty bottle. It has been dry for almost 2000 years. The law was taken out of the way and nailed to the cross. Col. 2:14.

II. TRUE PRESCRIPTION FOR SIN.

Prescribed by the Great Physician, Jesus Christ. Moses’ remedy was glorious, but Christ’s remedy was more glorious. 2 Cor. 3:11; 2 Cor. 4:4. This prescription contains:

- A. The blood of Christ. Heb. 9:11-12; 1 John 1:7.
- B. Remedy cures. Heb. 9:13-14; Heb. 9:25-26. Example: Saul. Acts 22:16. Example: Pentecostals. Acts 2:38.
- C. There is no remembrance of sins. Heb. 8:12; Heb. 10:16-17.
- D. Remedy is perfect. Heb. 7:26; Heb. 2:9-10; Heb. 4:15; 2 Cor. 5:21.
- E. Remedy justifies. Rom. 5:9; Rom. 8:33-34.
- F. The prescription is the written Word. John 20:30-31.
- G. The Word says: H. B. R. C. B. It tells how to apply prescription.
- H. Keeps perfect health. 2 Pet. 1:5-11.
- I. In case of a relapse. Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9.

III. PRESCRIPTIONS OF “ALL SORTS.”

Beware of medicines prescribed by a quack. 1 John 4:1; Gal. 1:6-9. In days of old, there were horse-riding doctors. One went to visit a patient. A sudden storm came up. The creek rose and the doctor had to swim his horse. Water got in his medicine bag; the labels got wet and came off. When he got to the sick farmer, he poured all the contents in a bowl, mixed it all together and poured the medicine back in the bottles and labeled it “All Sorts.” How would you like to have him for a doctor? He should have labeled it poison.

- A. It will not cure. 2 John 1:9.

- B. It is the doctrines and creeds of men. Matt.15:9.
 - C. False teachings: Faith only, mourners bench, sprinkling and pouring for baptism, voting into the church, and saved by faith only. Matt. 7:21-23.
- CONCL: Prescription for Israel will not cure; those trying to go back to it are trying to drink from a bottle that has been dry for 2000 years. Those drinking from “All Sorts” are taking “poison” instead of a cure. It will kill them spiritually. Only the divine prescription for sin will cure. Will you take it now?