## "DON'T FEEL LIKE SINNING TO ME"

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A number of years ago, a father and daughter duo named the Kendalls, had a hit record on the country charts called, **"It Don't Feel Like Sinning To Me**". If memory serves me correctly it went very high on the country charts. No wonder- the devil's been playing that tune for centuries!

What is most difficult for people, is to come to grips with the danger and destructive nature of sin. Sin feels good. It's fun and full of pleasure. If it was not we would be more successful in getting people to come out of it! (Yet, nothing is clearer that the devil is misleading folks.)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord  $\P$  {Romans 6:23}

"But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out." {Numbers 32:23}

"So that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."  $\{Romans 5:21\}$ 

"Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin for a season." {Hebrews 11:25}

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. "{Isaiah 59:1,2}

"And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."{Hebrews 4:13}

"Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. "{Romans 6: 16,17}

"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins... "{Ephesians 2:1}

"But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. " {James 1: 14,15}

"For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me."  $\{Romans 7:11\}$ 

Scriptures are in abundance of the grave consequences of sin. Nothing good can result from sin. Satan is going to try his level best to "hide the true cost" from the sinner. If he is successful, then sin is just fun, pleasure and enjoyment. Sadly, many have fallen for this tactic of man's adversary.

How do we get people to see sin in it's true light? Can we do something that takes the "mask" off the pleasures of sin?

One of the ways I have tried to deal with this subject is the death of Christ. Why did Christ have to die? Yes, He did so for the love of the world. Read John 3:16 and Romans 5:8. Could there be another reason? Yes. **His hatred for sin**!

"You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions." {Hebrews 1:9} God hates sin—all sin. It cost the life of His only begotten Son!

Satan is good at his trade. The world can make sin seem so enticing and pleasurable that it "**don't feel like sinning**". Thankfully, I know better, God's book told me the truth! \*\*\*