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A Burr Under My Saddle!

A burr is a small seed which has stiff bristles or hooks around it. Burrs are most frequently found in brushy, unkempt areas. When an individual walks through the area, the burrs attach themselves to hair, fur, and clothing. Once a burr has grabbed on to something, it does not want to let go. The individual must labor over his clothing until every last burr is gone and yet, later, there will likely still be one that was overlooked. The phrase “A burr under my saddle” is meant to convey annoyance. When a burr gets under a horse's saddle, it annoys the animal causing it to be unwieldy as the burr digs into its flesh causing discomfort.

The consequences of sin can very easily be compared to the burr. First, consequences of sin are like a burr because they are not comfortable. They are supposed to be uncomfortable to bring about repentance. In the life of a Christian, the discomfort should be felt from the conscience and from caring brothers and sisters who reprove the sin (**2 Corinthians 7:9-11**).

Second, the consequences of sin are like a burr in that they often do not easily go away (**Acts 9:10-14; 26**). Adam brought a life of toil into the world because of his sin. Israel spent 40 years in the wilderness because of their disobedience. King David sinned with Bathsheba and felt the consequences the rest of his life. An individual who does not repent of sin, feels the consequences of his sin for eternity.

Third, like a burr, sin is easier to obtain than it is to be discarded (**Matthew 10:21-22**). Jesus spoke of a narrow way and a wide way (**Matthew 7:13-14**). It seems so much easier to walk the wide way. Why walk the narrow way? All the pleasure of the world seems to be there. A new way of thinking is required to get off the wide way and few want to change.

Finally, sin like a burr, is best avoided by staying away from its environment (**1 Corinthians, 6:18, 10:14, 15:33, 2 Timothy 2:22**). If you want to smell like the roses, stay away from the pigs.

**Can Someone
Tell Me?**

Does it bother God at all when men die and people suffer?

John 11:33-35 - When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept.

August To Do List:

A small list of tasks for you,
A little reminder of work to do,
Each month will add something new,
Check this list when you're through.

- Carry groceries for someone.
- Give a friend a hug.
- Read I John.
- Tell someone thank you for their example.
- Read to a child.
- Invite someone to your home.
- Attend a gospel meeting.
- Write a prayer list.

Question and Answer

Paul asks questions about sin in the two verses from **Romans 6:1-2**.

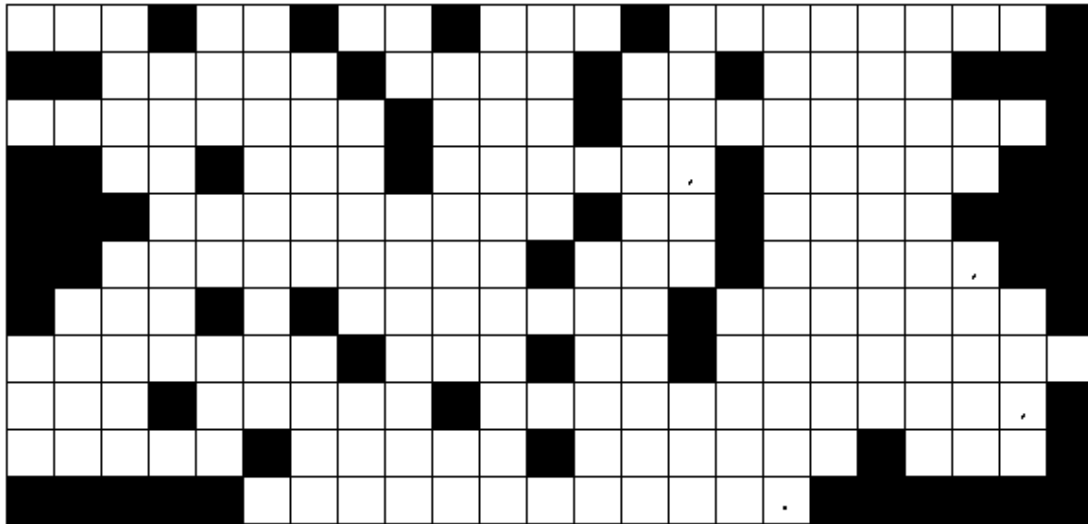
“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”

The answer from the KJV, comes from another passage and begins with “F”.

It is not found in Romans, declares the outcome of sin, and it is also two verses long.

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What Does the Bible Say About Sin?

1 John 3:4 - Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

John 8:34 - Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

Isaiah 59:2 - But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

1 John 3:8 - He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

James 1:14-15 - But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

1 John 1:10 - If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.