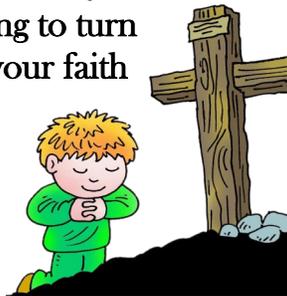


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1 Corinthians 15:4 If you are willing to turn from your sins and place your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ then God will forgive all your sins and grant you the gift of eternal life.



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# GREEDY ZAC

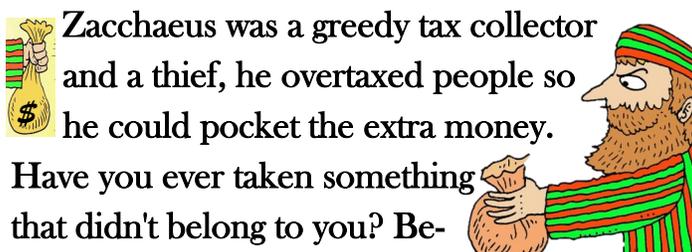
Luke Chapter 19:2-10



2 ...There was a man named Zacchæus (Zac-kee-uhs), which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.



10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.



Zacchæus was a greedy tax collector and a thief, he overtaxed people so he could pocket the extra money.

Have you ever taken something that didn't belong to you? Before we steal we covet that which belongs to our neighbor and God's law prohibits these evil thoughts. "Thou shalt not covet" Exodus 20:17 The Bible teaches that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"

Romans 3:23

4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.



5 And when Jesus came to the place, he



looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchæus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.



(Zac was a greedy tax collector, who was deceitful and over taxed the people for his own gain.)

Every time we sin we shake our fist in the face of God and stir up his wrath. Our sin makes us worthy of judgment, and if we die in our sins we will be sure to get everything we deserve. The scripture says that



"whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20:15 This isn't what God wants for anyone, "As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked;



but that the wicked turn from his way and live" Ezekiel 33:11 Zacchaeus used his

position of authority to take advantage of others, but he was willing to repent.

3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.



6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

8 And Zacchæus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.



7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.



9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forso-much as he also is a son of Abraham.