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We All Are Sinners By Nature

Ecclesiastes 7:20, *"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."*

Often times I run into someone who wants to talk bible with me at inopportune moments. You know, those moments when you have another appointment and you know they do not understand your situation. Usually they have discerned that I am a minister and they want somebody to know they are a Christian. Happened to me not long ago in the doctor's office.

The conversation went as usual. The first few minutes was spent with them telling me how they got saved and what all they were doing in their church, and then progressed to how unappreciated they were by others. Then I got called back to see the doctor.

The story would normally end here, but when I came out afterwards, the man stood up, called out *"hey preacher"*, and away he went again. However, his conversation now turned to how that he no longer sinned as his conversion was complete and had been for some two years. I quoted him the scripture where it says **"...there is none that doeth good, no, not one"** as spoken by David in Psalm 14:3. He just smiled and said, *"and that was me. That was how I was before I got saved two years ago and I quit drinking and quit sinning."* Needless to say, this man did not have ears that wanted to hear the truth.

The truth is, **"...there is not a just man upon earth, that doth good, and sinneth not."** Solomon was speaking of experience and with great wisdom as he knew the nature and actions of man and of his own self. There has been only one man, the man Christ Jesus, who walked this earth some 2000 years ago, that could cause this statement by

Solomon to be untrue. It was true then and it is true now for every man and woman that has or ever will walk this earth, save for Christ Himself.

Please understand that this scripture is relating to man's ability to be just, to do good, and not sin, of Himself. Eternally, all of God's children have been made just by the blood of the lamb of God. Timely, God's children do good as we are instructed to do, and by the aid of the Holy Spirit of God when we keep His commandments. And we know that the indwelling Spirit of God in your heart does not sin, but rather it is the flesh which does so.

Simply put, we (mankind) are unjust (meaning we still sin) and will continue to be as long as we have that old sin nature about us. We will carry that sinful nature to the grave and then will no longer have that warfare to fight. How precious are these truths and comforting to the child of God. **"Think About It!"**