



WASHING MY OFFENSES AWAY

October 12 & 13, 2024

Good News offends people because:

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John 14:6 (NLT)

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- People prefer _____.

John 3:19-20 (TPT)

And here is the basis for their judgment: The Light of God has now come into the world, but the people loved darkness more than the Light, because they want the darkness to conceal their evil. So the wicked hate the Light and try to hide from it, for the Light fully exposes their lives.

- Everyone is _____ by sin.

Romans 3:23 (NLT)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 6:23 (NLT)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

How Can We Live A New Life Without Offense?

1 Peter 3:9-11, 15-16 (NLT)

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Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.

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1 Peter 3:8 (TPT)

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4 _____ Jesus in all I do.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (MSG)

And so, we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him.

1 John 2:6 (NLT)

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Ephesians 5:1-2 (NLT)

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