

Children feel very happy in the wonderful world of toys. Toys are like a magnet that attracts children; they would rather play with their toys a little while longer and not eat or sleep. There are many types of toys and almost all of them have instructions as to how they should be used and the specific age of the child who should use them.

The mind of man has developed so much in regard to the world of toys that he has invented adult toys also; these sell by the thousands because man is always looking for something to entertain himself with and something in which he can invest his time.

There is something in man's life that is being used like a toy. This "toy" is very dangerous because it has terrible consequences for the lives of men, women, children and nations. We are talking about sin. For many, sin is like a toy that entertains them for a time and they play with it as though it were something harmless. The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death, and sin which appears harmless always brings fatal results. Sin always leaves prints and scars on the

lives of those who practice it and on the lives of those around them.

Sin destroys lives, homes, peoples and nations, as history bears witness. The final consequence of sin is death. The Word of God tells us that the soul that sins shall die. All of us have sinned and so we are all dead spiritually. You have sinned and, if you do not have Christ in your life, you are dead spiritually

The Bible says that although the wages of sin is death, the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. God is the only one who can forgive sins and He does that through Jesus Christ. Christ died for your sins when He died on the Cross of Calvary. The blood that Christ shed on the Cross is the only thing that will cleanse your sins. Right now, Jesus wants to forgive you and change you. Stop playing with sin; come to Christ and repent at this moment. Share this truth with those who are with you. Together, repeat this short prayer, asking the Lord to forgive you and cleanse you from your sins. Repeat this: Lord Jesus Christ, I recognize

that I am a sinner and have offended you. I confess my sin to you and I repent of my sins. Cleanse me with your blood, Jesus. Come into my heart and change my life. Save me, deliver me and prepare me for your coming. Amen.

If you prayed this prayer with faith and believed with all your heart, Jesus Christ has come into your life and has begun to transform you. Trust in the Lord, read His Word and separate yourself from all sin and iniquity. Every time that you are tempted to sin, ask the Lord to help you to resist the temptation and continue in victory with your hand in the hand of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus has all power in heaven and on the earth, and He will help you conquer sin and death! The blood of Christ has power, Hallelujah!

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