

# HOLY NATION

**ISSUE: SIN- Jesus and Holy Scripture versus the State of Vermont**

**It is written: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” -Romans 3:23**

**“The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind (carnal mind) is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s laws, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.” -Romans 8:6-8**

**[Jesus:] “If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin.” -John 15:2**

**“No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.” - 1 John 3:9**

**“The soul who sins is the one who will die.” -Ezekiel 18:4b**

**“Secular [irreligious] humanists make excuses for evil, or worse, deny its existence, or coddle it by refusing to confront it. Consequently, they feed it. Jesus did not compromise, nor negotiate, with evil.” -Called, Winter 2011; Jerusalem Prayer Team**

**“All sin is rooted in the failure of love.” -Thomas Merton; Quotationary, Leonard Loyd Frank**

**The reality of sin in this world is evident! *no* class of individuals or occupation is exempt! Take a look at the headlines:**

- **Officer to face smuggling charge “A corrections officer is charged with smuggling marijuana into Rutland jail.” -Rutland Herald January 15, 2008**
- **DOC [Department of Corrections] official faces charges 12-4-09 Rutland Herald (VT)**
- **No special treatment for police under law “the failure of a Colchester police officer to arrest an off-duty Burlington officer suspected of operating an unmarked police vehicle while intoxicated.” -Burlington Free Press 2-15-08**
- **Lawsuit Against Therapist is Settled, -Burlington Free Press, June 16, 2007**
- **Lawyer Complaints Overwhelm System -Valley News, Oct.18, 1992**
- **State worker charged in sex assault on child -Rutland Herald, September 26, 2007**
- **State has to pay legal fees (\$1.4 million in regards to the issue of campaign finance law) Addison Eagle, September 15, 2007**
- **Firefighter charged with arson, fraud -Reporter, 9-11-13 (Brandon, VT)**

- **State hospital to lose federal funding- Suicide, treatment deficiencies to blame; *Burlington Free Press, 2003***
- **Additional charges filed against law school founder [South Royalton, VT Law School]**
- **IRS Admits Targeting Conservative Groups, Apologizes**
- **“In resigning as CIA director, retired four-star General David Petraeus says he ‘showed extremely poor judgment by engaging in an extramarital affair.’” -*Burlington Free Press 11-10-12***
- **Rip-Off Rabbis and Sacred Scammers- Several high-profile Israeli rabbis have come under fire for less-than-holy schemes [bribes/false documents] -*Source: Moment, Jan/Feb 2014***
- **Eleven sent home in Secret Service Prostitution Scandal -*Fox News 4-16-12***
- **3-7-11 Front Cover: SPECIAL REPORT SPORTS ILLUSTRATED Criminal records in College Football: “A six month investigation of SI’s preseason Top 25 reveals that more than 200 players- including 23.5% of scholarship athletes on one team- have been in trouble with the law.”**
- **Homeland Security official charged with sexual preying (*Rutland Herald, April 6, 2006*)**
- **Former judge is reprimanded**
- **Trial of former Vernon police chief could start at the end of next month**
- **Schemes, scandals make 2003 headlines**
- **“It’s not about veterans anymore. It’s all about the money.” (*The American Legion Magazine, Feb. 2004*)**
- **Telling truth might have been best defense- Judicial system needs help**
- **65 Boston churches to close- Declining attendance, sex scandal contribute**
- **Verizon Warns Consumers: Beware of On-Line ‘Phishing’ Scam**
- **Policing the corporate suites- Abuses by CEO’s eroded confidence in capitalism. Such outrages must never happen again**
- **Ex-CIA official indicted (*The Week, 2-23-07*)**
- **Teacher sentenced for sex with student**
- **BEIRUT DEATH TOLL AT 147 AMERICANS; FRENCH CASUALTIES RISE IN BOMBINGS**

**...there is no end of sinful news on a daily basis! This is why each person must choose Jesus to be saved from sin.**

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**“He said to me: ‘It is done, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.’” – Revelation 21:6-8**

**“Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?” –Ezekiel 18:23**

### **Therefore, repent and be saved!**

**“The truth is that according to the Bible we don’t automatically go to Heaven. In fact, Hell-not Heaven- is our default destination. Unless our sin problem is solved once and for all, we can’t enter Heaven. That’s the bad news. But once that’s straight in our minds we’re ready to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.” –Eternal Perspective Ministries**

**Get the book: 23 Minutes in Hell, Bill Wiese (New York Times Best Seller) One man’s story about what he saw, heard, and felt in that place of torment. “My sincere hope is that this book is the closest you will ever come to experiencing hell for yourself. ... Even if you don’t believe my story, I hope you will believe the Scriptures and avoid hell just the same.” –Bill Wiese**

**“Listening to the rhetoric this election season, one might assume that a new batch of politicians in Washington will solve the problems facing this country, not to mention the planet. Elect candidate X, and he or she will tackle global warming, solve the health-care crisis, eliminate poverty, right the economy, and unite a divided country. For two problems, however, no politician dares offer a solution: death and evil.” –Philip Yancy, *Christianity Today*, May 2008**

**It is written: If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. –Romans 10:9-10**

**“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver and gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or**

**defect. ...For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.” -1 Peter 1:18-19, 23**