

FACING THE FACTS



Marganita Laskey, the humanist, made an extraordinary statement on the B.B.C. when she said, "We must face the fact that we are guilty, we are lonely, and that we are going to die."

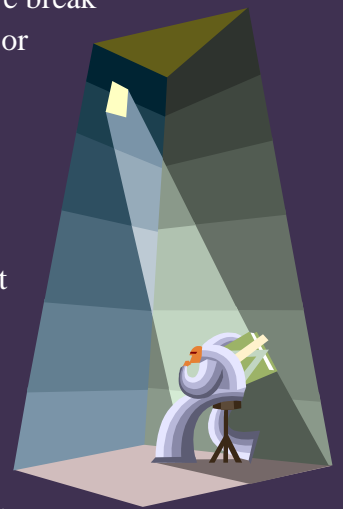
Let's face these facts together.



"Nobody's perfect," we say, but seldom realise wrong-doing has a great spiritual significance. Some just dismiss the thought of sin. But no matter what our attitude is towards sin and guilt, living in God's world we are subject to God's laws and if we break them we are guilty. The answer to guilt is either to pay the penalty or be pardoned. The wages of sin is death., but the gift of God is eternal life. If we would be free from the penalty of sin we must accept the pardon which comes through our Lord Jesus Christ who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us.

A person may be lonely in a crowd. Many a smiling face masks a lonely heart. Yet one man could say, because of his relationship with the Lord, "I will fear no evil, for You art with me."

One Christian, in the loneliness of solitary confinement in a Chinese prison cell, imprisoned for telling others about the Saviour, found the presence of Christ is a vivid reality. In less fearful circumstances we too may prove that He is the constant companion of those who receive Him.



David Frost found that of a large audience, one third feared death, one fifth believed there was life after death, but only ten thought about it and only one looked forward to it. Why? the Bible diagnoses, "The sting of death is sin." Conscience makes cowards of us all.

There is a remedy. Jesus Christ can forgive our sin, take away our guilt, and so can present us faultless before God. He does this when: we acknowledge our guilt before God; we ask Christ to cleanse us from our sin because of His death upon the cross; we receive Him as Saviour, Lord and Friend into our life.

GUILT -LONELINESS – DEATH: facts of life that we can only face when we know the Lord Jesus Christ.

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