

Selfishness

Selfishness is none other than the sin of Mt 6:31-32, being concerned about one's own welfare more than others, or others less than one's own. Such a one is driven by self-interest, being self-centered, having more regard for self than for others. The wages of thinking more of oneself or even one's own family and having less regard for others is death (Rom 6:23; 1 Jn 3:14-16), for sin is selfishness. This person has not been given the gift of eternal life.

1 Jn 3:1-3 — If one is not now being purified from the sins in verses 4-10, this selfish one is still in bondage to sin. The only way selfishness can be cured is to become like Yahshua (Mt 6:33), which is done only within the Body of Messiah. One must live there, where He is (Jn 12:26), and serve Him there, and be honored by the Father. But Jn 12:25 must come first, before we can become like Yahshua.

Even though the Gentiles have need of these things, as we do also, we put others first so all can have what we need as all of us serve one another in what we do daily.

The wages of selfishness is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. It is the gift of forgiveness for living only for oneself and one's family instead of the greater picture.

Christianity grew and grew and grew and kept on growing and grew beyond recognition. But it was not from the planting of God, nor the watering, but it was from another source altogether, a tare field being prepared for the fire (Rev 18:8).

Those who are saved now function in the Body to serve others first. This is seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all that one needs is provided for by others who are also seeking first not their own needs but the needs of others. This is doing His righteousness (1 Jn 2:29; 3:14; so 1 Jn 3:21; 5:11-13; Phil 2:3-5).

The wages of looking out only for #1 is death, and this selfishness is the world's sin. It merits at least the first death, as Gen 2:17 speaks of, and also the second death if it

goes over the line. This will be judged at the judgment in Heb 9:27, Rom 2:6-16, and Rev 20:12-15. But the gift of eternal life is the Holy Spirit sealed in one's spirit (Eph 1:13), and those who are led by the Spirit are the sons of God (Rom 8:14-16). Those who are in communion with the Spirit within them are not selfish.

If you are still a slave to selfishness, you haven't been forgiven of selfishness, and to be forgiven of this sin is the only way one can live in the born-again experience in the Community of the Redeemed (1 Cor 1:2). The abundant life of Acts 2:44-45 and 4:32-37 puts an end to selfishness (Mt 6:31-33). You are either like Barnabas in Acts 4:36-37 or like Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11, in which case you are one in whom selfishness still resides, which will take you to "Hell."