

Guinea the Bible in their own language. As she worked on the translation, she came to the word for "sin." When Marilyn asked the people what they thought sin was, they told her, "It's when you lie." "It's when you steal." "It's when you kill." "It's when you take another man's wife."

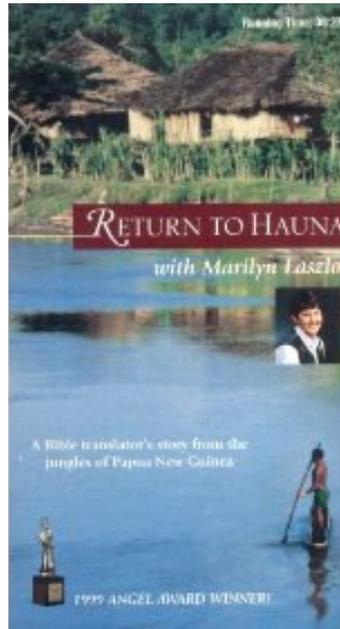
Marilyn was astounded. They were giving her God's standards as spelled out in the Ten Commandments. "God's law is written on the heart of man," she later commented, underscoring the truth found in Romans 2:14-15.

What a remarkable verification of biblical truth! Our faith is strengthened by accounts like this. But there's something else. If each person on earth is aware of sin (which is true even though some deny it), we need to make sure everyone hears the remedy. Jesus paid the penalty for sin and offers all sinners a life free from bondage.

God put His law in our heart, but we can never live up to its requirements (Rom. 3:23; Jas. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:8). The law shows us how enslaved we are by sin, but God's grace to us through Christ brings liberty. If we have experienced that forgiveness and freedom, it's up to us to share the good news with others. – JDB

*The perfect Law of God reveals
The dreadful state we're in;
But when we put our faith in Christ,
We're cleansed from all our sin. –Sper*

**God's law shows us a need that only God's
grace can supply.**



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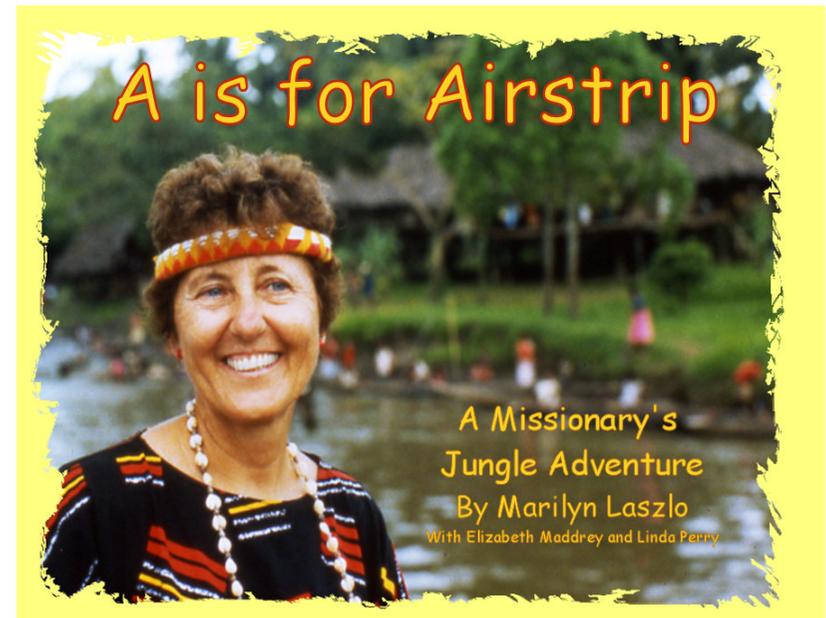
Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Cubbies programme is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to Kindy age bracket.**

The Law In The Heart

[They] show the work of the law written in their hearts. –Romans 2:15

Marilyn Laszlo dedicated her life to giving the Hauna people of New





Soaring: Guilt

Our Bibles answer three important questions in regard to guilt:

1. What does guilt _____?

◆ The conscience is to _____

(Romans 2:14-16) "for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, {15} who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

{16} in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel."

(Romans 2:15-16) This proves that the conscience is like a law written in the human heart. And it will show whether we are forgiven or condemned, {16} when God has Jesus Christ judge everyone's secret thoughts, just as my message says.[paraphrase]

(2 Corinthians 1:12) "For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you."

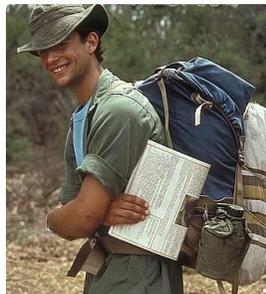
◆ The conscience _____ the alarm by producing _____,

(Ezra 9:6-7) "And I said: "O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens. {7} "Since the days of our fathers to this day we have been very guilty, and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plunder, and to humiliation, as it is this day."

(Ezra 9:13-15) ""And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, since You our God have punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and have given us such deliverance as this, {14} "should we again break Your commandments, and join in marriage with the people committing these abominations? Would You not be angry with us until You had consumed us, so that there would be no remnant or survivor? {15} "O LORD God of Israel, You are righteous, for we are left as a remnant, as it is this day. Here we are before You, in our guilt, though no one can stand before You because of this!""

(Psalms 32:3-4) "When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. {4} For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah"

(Psalms 38:3-9) "There is no soundness in my flesh Because of Your anger, Nor any health in my bones Because of my sin. {4} For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. {5} My wounds are foul and festering Because of my foolishness. {6} I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. {7} For my loins are full of inflammation,



And there is no soundness in my flesh. {8} I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart. {9} Lord, all my desire is before You; And my sighing is not hidden from You."

(Hebrews 12:1) "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,"

2. How can I _____ guilt? 1 John 1:9

3. How can I improve my _____? 1

John 3:18-20, 21

◆ Sometimes the _____ when there is no reason to condemn

(1 John 3:18-20) Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions. 19It is by our actions that we know we are living in the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before the Lord, 20even if our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. [paraphrase]

(1 John 3:18-20) Children, you show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely by talking about it. 19When we love others, we know that we belong to the truth, and we feel at ease in the presence of God. 20But even if we don't feel at ease, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything. [paraphrase]

◆ Sometimes the _____ can be _____ when we have sinned

(1 Timothy 4:1-2) "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, {2} speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,"

(Ephesians 4:17-19) "This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, {18} having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; {19} who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."

(Ephesians 4:19) They don't care anymore about right and wrong, and they have given themselves over to immoral ways. Their lives are filled with all kinds of impurity and greed. [paraphrase]

(Ephesians 4:19) and they are so greedy that they do all kinds of indecent things.[paraphrase]

(Hebrews 5:13-14) "For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. {14} But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

(Psalms 119:11) "Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!"

(Isaiah 40:31) "But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

