God in Christ is a Personality.

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August 18, 2019 Hebrews 12:1-2

"What's Next"

12 So then, with endurance,let's also run the racethat is laid out in front of us,since we have such a great cloudof witnesses surrounding us.

A Legacy lives before us
A Future does not look like the past, but "is" because of the past
A Present that is vital and impacting is often because of what was.
A "Now" is ever changing, change with it.

<u>Own</u> it, <u>Learn</u> from it, <u>Move</u> from it.



Hebrews 12:1-2

Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, ² and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter.

Let go of our hinderances

attitudes, prejudices, sexism, worry, fear, bitterness, etc.

Fixate on the Person/Personality of Jesus Attitudes & Behaviors

Why is this so complicated to us? Why does changing our attitude create such turmoil?



Our belief in redemption means that we passionately believe that we can change our attitudes, thought processes, behaviors and be forgiven for them.

Our belief in repentance means that we passionately seek to change our attitudes, thought processes and behaviors.

"every time God forgives us, God is saying that God's own rules do not matter as much as the relationship that God wants to create with us." – Richard Rohr, Falling Upward



He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God's throne.

The life of Jesus shows us that God experiences life's joys and heartaches. that God felt love and betrayal. that God experienced owning the castle and walking in the dirt. that God, in Christ is Humanity with a God Spirit within us.

We may sense

that something is not as right as it should be. We may know

something needs to change. We may feel that Church is the best place for that to occur.

When we own the "May" in our lives then we can come with a new, yet uncertain hope.

We come expecting to change, wanting a new attitude, needing a personal transformation.

We believe that being in a "<u>Living Communion</u>" with others is the best possible place for that to occur.



"Sin happens whenever we quit growing/changing." – Richard Rohr Falling Upward

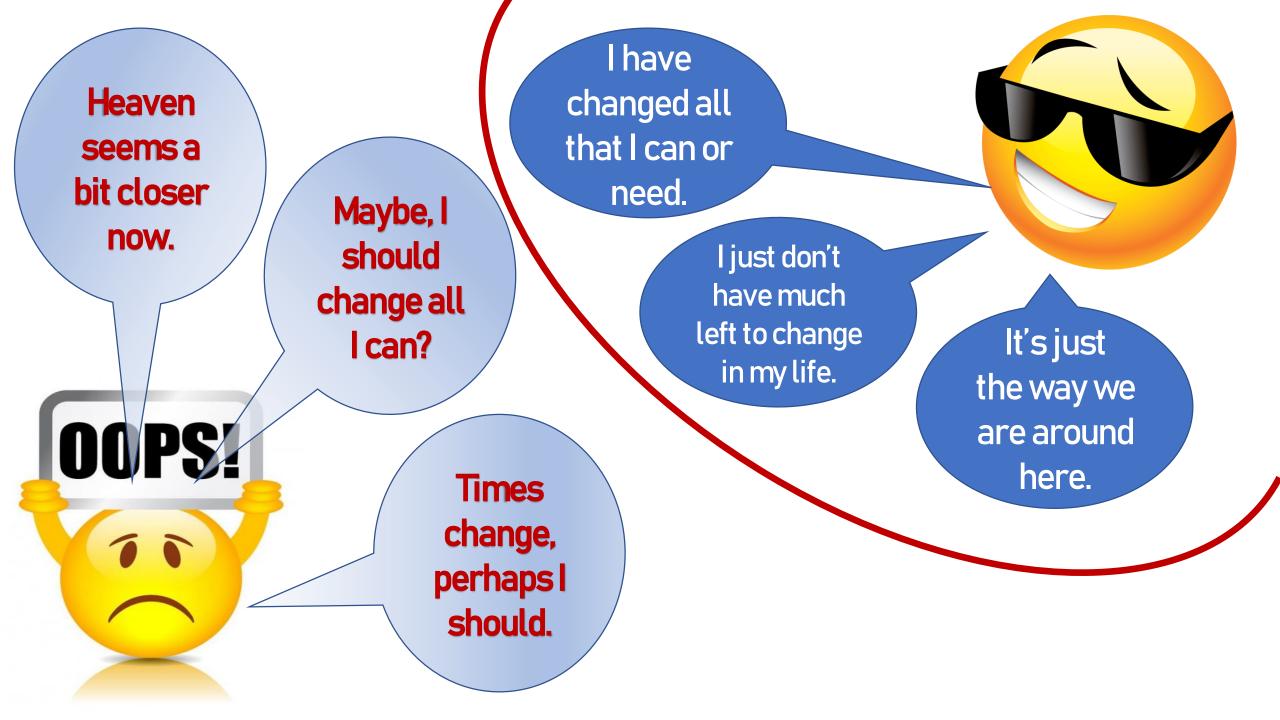
> It helps to think of sin as an attitude/behavior rather than a thing/action.

Here lies our problem! <u>Our list</u> of what we won't do is often longer than our list of what we are willing to do.

Our mind is made up as to what won't work.

<u>Our ideas/plans</u> are too connected to our likes and don't likes.

I suspect that our answers lie on the list of what we don't want to do, like to do, or are willing to do.





"Hospitality is the practice that keeps the church from becoming a club, a members-only society."
— Diana Butler Bass,

> Experience what we have experienced We can't change the world, but we can welcome others into a place of rest/peace. We understand, we too are broken.