**Sin’s Guilt**

*Psalm 38:1-8*

**Introduction**
1. When sin is present there should be guilt.
2. We each bear the guilt of our own sin (cf. Romans 3:23; 5:12; Ezekiel 18:20).
3. Some allow their guilt to be a tool for the devil to use against them. They drown in their guilt instead of doing something about it (cf. Matthew 27:3-5 – Judas hanged himself.).
4. Acknowledging one's guilt of sin is essential for redemption.

I. Sin’s guilt alerts us of danger when sin is committed.
  A. This only occurs to those trained by the truth (Psalm 119:11; Hebrews 4:11-13).
  B. The absence of guilt due to ignorance, or a seared conscience is detrimental (1 Timothy 4:1-2; Acts 17:30-31).

II. Sin’s guilt convicts!
  A. This is how the HS works through the Gospel (John 16:7-9. Acts 2:22-24, 36-37).

III. Sin’s guilt can be removed by conversion! (Acts 3:19 – Peter to the Jews on Solomon’s Porch, they crucified Christ.) Times of refreshing 🡪 Upon conversion there is a refreshing release of guilt.
  A. Times of Refreshing (Isaiah 35:3-7, 9-10 – The times of glory and refreshing in Zion – the church.)
  B. Christians are those whose guilt subsides through forgiveness, Acts 2:38-41.
  C. Guilt leads to repentance of sin which diminishes the guilt (Acts 8:18-24 – Simon repents of his wickedness; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10).

**Conclusion**
1. The answer to sin's guilt is a plea for divine forgiveness (Psalm 32:1-5).
2. We should not allow guilt to overwhelm us to the destruction of our souls. Guilt should drive us to repentance, and continued obedience.