

IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
I John 1:8-10

INTRODUCTION: Whose fault is my sin? Some folks never want to take personal responsibility for anything in their lives; What I do wrong is always somebody else's fault. If we are to have successful lives in this world we must take time to rest and have times of fun: 1 Timothy 6:17.

I. WHOSE FAULT IS MY SIN?

However, we must be careful that our enjoyment of this life does not cross over into doing things our Lord forbids us to do. Psalm 101:3; when we do involve ourselves in sinful behaviors do we take personal responsibility or do we blame others for our misconduct? We find ourselves if we are not careful blaming our parents, mates, teachers, Satan or even God for our own sin. Job 36:13-17; Proverbs 19:3.

II. THE BLAME GAME HAS BEEN AROUND A WHILE!

When Adam ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil; whose fault was it? Who did Adam try to blame his sin on? Genesis 3:12. When Eve ate from that same tree; whose fault was it and who did Eve try to blame her sin on? Today, the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve still try to blame others for their sin but it doesn't work any better for us that it did them. When King David finally confessed his sin with Bathsheba he stopped trying to cover up his sin and took total responsibility for his transgression: Psalm 51:3-4. Blaming God for our sins doesn't go over very well either: James 1:13-15.

III. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR OWN ACTIONS AND REACTIONS!

Other people may complicate our lives but we must remember that in the end we are each responsible for our own actions and reactions. When we chose to take personal responsibility and acknowledge it with confession and repentance, we open the flood gate of our God's forgiveness and cleansing of our sin from our lives. 1 John 1:8-10.

In John 9:1-3 as they walked along the disciples wanted to know whose fault it was that the man was born blind. It was no one's fault. God allowed it for good so He could display His power in him. Our God says He works all things for the good of them that love Him: Romans 8:28. Let me ask are you glad Fanny Crosby became blind? It was a very hard thing but because of that Fanny Crosby wrote some wonderful songs.

It is so sad that the very things our God means for good are taken the wrong way. Was it against Jacob that Joseph was sold into slavery and that Simeon was kept prisoner in Egypt? Genesis 42:36. No it was not but it is so easy to blame God when all the while He is working for our good. We need to stop blaming God and blaming others and begin anew to start living by faith!