

The Enemies of Christmas:

Guilt:IOU

*The Lord looks down from heaven
on all mankind
to see if there are any who understand,
any who seek God.
³ All have turned away, all have become corrupt;
there is no one who does good,
not even one.
Psalm 2:3-4 (NIV)*

*We are all infected and impure with sin.
When we display our righteous deeds,
they are nothing but filthy rags.
Isaiah 64:6 (NLT)*

*“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things,
and desperately wicked.
Who really knows how bad it is?
Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT)*

*As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.
Ephesians 2:1-2 (NIV)*

*Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned
Romans 5:12 (NIV)*

THE EFFECTS OF UNRESOLVED GUILT:

*Oh, what joy for those
whose disobedience is forgiven,
whose sin is put out of sight!
² Yes, what joy for those
whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt,
whose lives are lived in complete honesty!
³ When I refused to confess my sin,
my body wasted away,
and I groaned all day long.
⁴ Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me.
My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.
Psalm 32:1-4 (NLT)*

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

! _____ THE _____.

*Finally, I confessed all my sins to you
and stopped trying to hide my guilt.
I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord."
And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.
Psalm 32:5 (NLT)*

KEY WORD = _____.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all
unrighteousness.
1 John 1:9 (NIV)*

STEP 1 – CONFESS TO _____.

*You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away.
Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴ He canceled the record of
the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.
Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT)*

STEP 2 – CONFESS TO _____ YOU'VE _____.

*The Lord said to Moses, ⁶ "Say to the Israelites: 'Any man or woman who wrongs another in any
way^[a] and so is unfaithful to the Lord is guilty ⁷ and must confess the sin they have committed. They must
make full restitution for the wrong they have done, add a fifth of the value to it and give it all to the person
they have wronged.
Numbers 5:6-7 (NIV)*

*And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him.
Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.
Mark 1:4-5 (NIV)*

*All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."
⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions
to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."
Luke 19:7-8 (NIV)*

*Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house,
Luke 19:9 (NIV)*

*Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has
something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then
come and offer your gift.
Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)*

STEP 3 - _____ YOUR _____.