

# If Sinners Will Turn

*For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye. (Ezekiel 18:32)*

The Lord in this chapter declares that all souls are his and that He will judge all men with righteous judgment. The just man shall live, but the sinner shall die.

This surely leaves all men by nature without hope because we are all sinners by birth and by choice (Romans 3:10-11; Isaiah 64:6). But God declares hope for the wicked and vile sinner who deserves only eternal damnation. The Lord says, "if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die" (v.21).

Behold what grace and mercy the Lord has shown by giving such a word of hope, that if the sinners will turn from his sin and turn to Jesus Christ he will "SURELY LIVE."

Look and see that Jesus has accomplished all that the sinner will need to be justified. He wrought righteousness by his obedience, and by His one offering on the cross he has satisfied the justice of God for sin. And God has manifested his pleasure in his perfect work by raising him from the dead.

So then, sinner, hear the Lord! Why will you die? Why will you refuse to turn from your self-righteousness and your vain and foolish religion of salvation by the will and works of your flesh? Your nature is corrupt and ruined. Your works are filthy rags, but the work of Jesus is finished. Therefore sinner turn NOW and LIVE!

-Fred Evans