















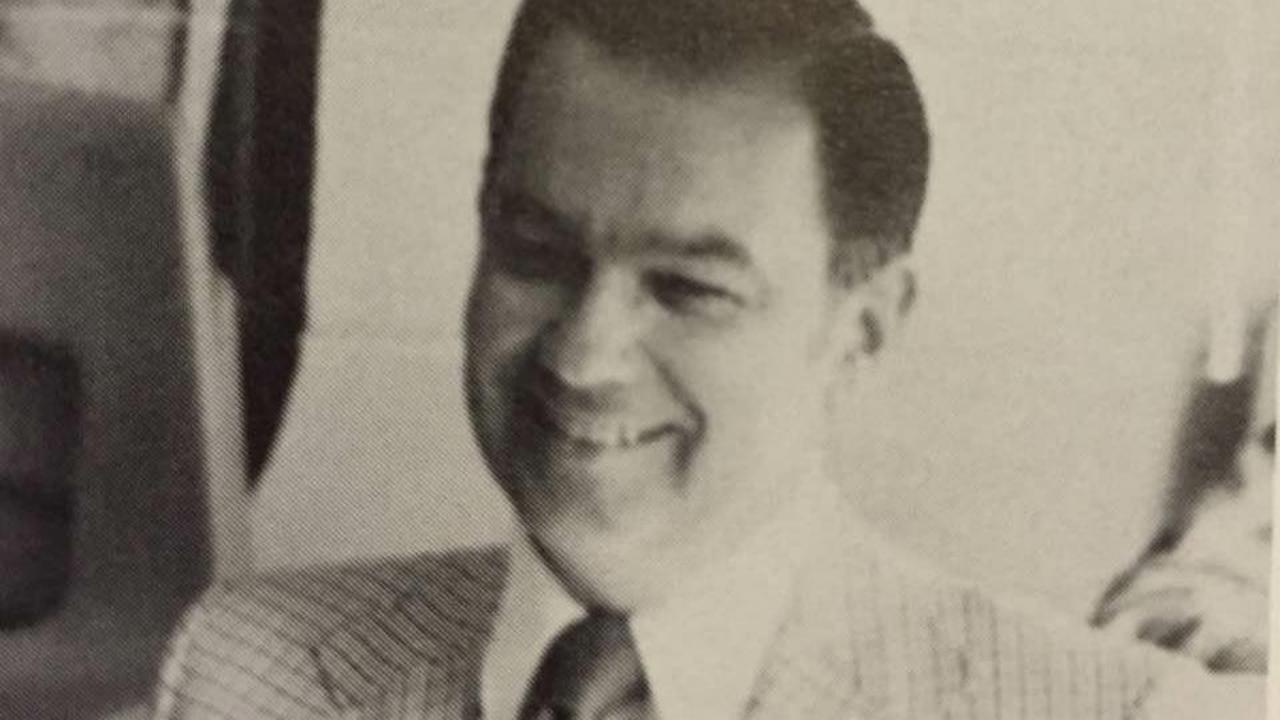






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A Bible-based community church in Leonardo, NJ

## Making and maturing true disciples of Jesus Christ

(Sun 11am, 6pm; Wed 7pm)









# Is any man able to keep the commandments of God perfectly?

Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who *continually* does good and who never sins (NASB; Ecclesiastes 7:20).

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us (NASB; I John 1:8).

If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us (NASB; I John 1:10).

No mere man since the fall is able in this life to keep the commandments of God perfectly, but breaks them daily in thought, word, and deed.

(Adapted from Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 82)



# Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

"But yet you will see still greater abominations. . . . Yet you will see still greater abominations which they are committing. . . . Yet you will see still greater abominations than these" (NASB; Ezekiel 8:6, 13, 15).

"Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven" (NASB; Matthew 12:31).

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness" . . . (NASB; Matthew 23:23).

# Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

(Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 83)





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## What does every sin deserve?

... "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM" (NASB; Gal. 3:10b).

"Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels' " (NASB; Matthew 25:41).

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all (NASB; James 2:10).

# Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

(Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 84)

Although every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, it may now be proper to remark . . . there never has been, since the fall of our first parents, an individual . . . of whom it could be said, after he became capable of moral action, that he had committed but one sin. The penalty of the divine law, therefore, will in fact be inflicted only on those whose sins are multitudinous (Ashbel Green, Lectures on the Shorter Catechism).