

## Living with it

When I was a child, I had “the bug” for building model cars. Unfortunately, where the spirit was willing, the flesh was weak....I did not have the talent which I had hoped would accompany my desire to have a beautifully built model car. The actual assemblage of these plastic models was a case where my vision of what I wanted the model to look like had virtually no relationship whatsoever with what in fact ended up as a product of my feckless and untalented endeavors. It seems that the model airplane glue which I would use to assemble the plastic parts of the model car would inevitably end up on the parts which would be damaged or destroyed by having the glue on them. This was particularly true of the clear plastic windshields of the model cars. They ended up looking like the frosted glass of a public restroom building. The actual spray painting of the plastic car itself and the application of the decals (applied by soaking in water and sliding them off in place) were both always hopelessly flawed by a problem of some sort.

Needless to say, frustration ensued, and I found myself in the dilemma of not having the physical coordination or the patience to repair the disaster or the money to purchase a new model car even if my skills should magically happen to improve. I was then stuck with learning the hard lesson of “living with it”. Just when it would seem that I had come to terms with my paucity in skills, I would visit the house of a friend to see a similar model car which was assembled with the perfection of a toy store demonstration model....Perfect in every way.

This concept of “living with it” unfortunately enters into the phases of my life as I ostensibly enter into my adult years. Of course, as an “adult”, the difficulties become orders of magnitude more serious than is the poorly assembled model car. As these more serious problems become into fruition, “living with it” is clearly easier said than done. These adult problems usually involve more ethereal situations wherein the spiraling circle of relationships may be adversely affected regardless of what ever choice we make. We are in a “no win” position. Just as in the Existential writer Jean Paul Sartre’s play “No Exit”, we are wrong no matter what. So what do we do now?

Generally speaking, as adults we are now dealing with a problem which cannot be solved by physical means. We often find ourselves trying to solve a spiritual problem using secular means....It won’t work. Our life often seems like it is not as easy as we first would hope, but, I have good news! Jesus Christ is in the business of helping people start over. Through Him, not only are we: 1. Redeemed, or have had the price paid for our sin, 2. Reconciled with God, or are no longer alienated from Him, 3. Living with a God Who is no longer angry because His Wrath at our state of sin has been appeased. The acceptance of Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God, and taking Him as our Lord and Savior puts us on the pathway to “starting over”. We may still have a problem to deal with, but we have been assured that Jesus is “with us always, even to the end of the age.”

This means that we must accept the fact that we are sinners, and the only righteous justice is death, except for the free gift of salvation, or life eternal through Jesus Christ. By claiming Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, we acknowledge our own inadequacies and thus form a bond with Him. We are then put into a new spiritual mind and heart set. This puts us on the right road to putting our lives back in order and our problems in the proper perspective. Praise the Lord.

Matthew 28:20

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23