

February 23, 2023

I'm Sorry!

[Psalm 51:7-12](#)

¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Do you think you're a pretty good person? I think I am, and you probably do too. Most people do. Most people try not to do bad things, but we do bad things even if we have a hard time remembering anything sinful that we have done. Part of the problem is that we are not even aware of some of our sins. But it's not supposed to be that way.

For example, a trucking accident in Fayette County spilled cleaning solution into Paint Creek and contaminated wells, killed fish, and more than four months later, residents are looking for answers.

Near our home, there's a school whose old building needs repair. Classroom supplies are limited, and students don't feel safe walking in the school's hallways. Five miles away, though, is a school where the hallways are safe, and they have all the resources they need.

You can buy a t-shirt from Amazon, Wal-Mart, or your favorite retailer for about \$20, or you can order the same shirt from Wish for \$3, and it would ship from China. How can it be so much cheaper to buy things from other countries than it is to buy things that are within miles of where we live? The main reason is that the people who are paid to work in North America are paid more than the people in faraway places.

Each of these things is an example of the world not being the way it is supposed to be. Chemicals should not damage the environment. All kids should have the opportunity to go to a safe school with the supplies they need. People should be paid a good wage for their work, regardless of where they live. We didn't personally spill the chemicals into Paint Creek, take money from the school that has a hard time finding equipment, or even decide what a fair wage is. But sin is bigger than us. It's bigger than any one person. Even though we did not do those things, we need to realize that those sins are our sins too. We need to tell God we are sorry.

When we confess our sin to God, we are being honest about ourselves, and we realize that we are not good. Only God is good.

***Prayer:** Dear God, I am sorry that I do not remember each time I have sinned against you. Thank you for always being with me and never leaving me. Thank you for your forgiveness and the chance to show others what true goodness is, by sharing your love with others. Amen.*

Sheila Radochio

St. Andrew United Methodist Church - St. Albans, WV
Certified Lay Minister and Minister of Congregational Care