

HOME STUDY QUESTIONS & MESSAGE SUPPLEMENT

November 4, 2018 *“Wanna Really Live?”*

Thinking about it:

Imagine (*please, ONLY imagine!*) you are in a foreign country on vacation, and you purchase some illegal drugs that you keep in your backpack. As you explore the sites, there are police at the public transit stops and some of the tourist attractions have security at the gates. When it is time to cross the border back home in the U.S., you know you will have Customs agents to face.

How does this affect your enjoyment of the trip as you use roam about to enjoy the sites? Why?

How do you feel as you get closer and closer to the security gates? Why?

How do you feel as you get closer to the border and the Customs agents? Why?

If you completely got rid of the drugs, what difference would that make as you...

...roam about to enjoy the sites for the duration of your trip?

...head for the border at the end of your trip?

...arrive at Customs and they begin examining your bag?

From Sunday's Message: “Wanna Really Live?”

If you “wanna really live,” you need to be really ready to die. We are all facing the “Customs Department” at the end of our “trip,” either in death or Jesus’ return.

Like the trip above, how does “hidden” or “harbored” sin (*DOING what He has instructed not to do OR NOT DOING what He has instructed us to do*) affect our attempt to enjoy our “trip” of this life?

How does it affect us as we get closer to the “Customs” gate of heaven where our bag is thoroughly searched?

How does having NO KNOWN sin in our “bag” affect our ability to live, love others and love God?

Look to the passages from Sunday to answer the questions above:

Philippians 1:20-24

Romans 4:7-12 & 19

Matthew 24:42-46

John 9:4-5

II Timothy 4:6-8

Remember, God already sees all that’s in your bag... it’s what He died for! Don’t wait until you get to “Customs”... surrender it to Him TODAY!

PRAY: Thank God for His love, mercy, and patience! Commit to not take His patience for granted! Commit to not take the shed blood of Jesus for granted! It isn’t a cover for continued patterns of sin (Hebrews 10:26). It is to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (I John 1:9). Open your “bag” to Him... confess and commit your ways to Him! Get really ready to die so you can really live!