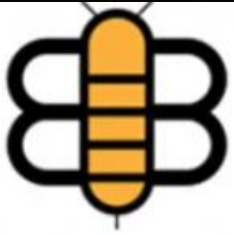


**Jesus Conquered
Sin and Death to
call *ALL* into a New
Identity**



Repulsiveness of sin before a holy God
(in relative units of disgustingness)

Relative Badness of Sin

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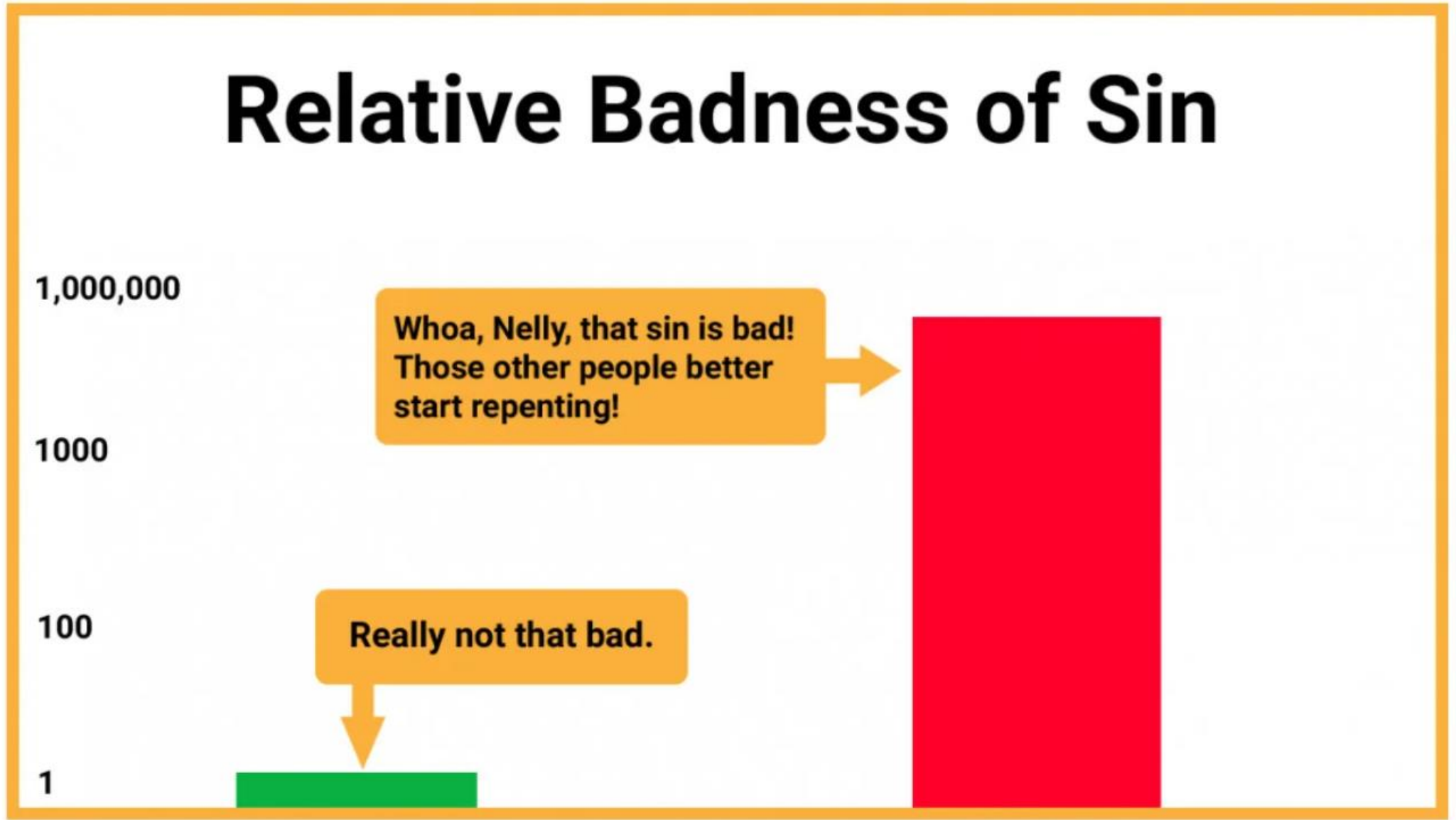
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Whoa, Nelly, that sin is bad!
Those other people better
start repenting!

Really not that bad.

Sins you struggle with

Sins other people struggle with



How Christians often categorize sin:

Labeled as BAD Sins

Murder

Adultery & Homosexuality

Witchcraft

Robbery

Idolatry

Labeled as Minor Sins

Spreading Gossip/ Dissent

Pornography & Fornication

Arrogance and Pride

Lying

Envy and Greed

But... aren't certain sins an 'abomination' to the LORD?

- ❑ **Found in Proverbs:** Haughty eyes, the proud in heart, lying, shedding innocent blood, devising wicked plans, running toward evil, causing dissension, perverse people, cheating others, the wicked bringing sacrifices, condemning the just and justifying the wicked.
- ❑ **Found in Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel:** Offering incense and sacrifices with a wicked heart, idolatry, and adultery.
- ❑ **Found in Leviticus and Deuteronomy:** Offering sacrifices contrary to God's direction, practicing homosexuality, idolatry, sacrificing blemished animals, and bringing the wages of prostitution to pay for a vowed offering.

When we become Christians, do sinful desires stop?

Galatians 5:16-17 (ESV) ¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Though sinful desires continue, they are overcome by walking in the Spirit: regularly meditating on God's word, connecting with God through prayer (incl. asking for strength), as well as being in fellowship with other mature believers.

When we give in to the flesh, we feed our sinful desires and we push ourselves away from God. When we ask for forgiveness and yield to the Holy Spirit, we grow stronger in Christ.

As you walk by the Spirit, do you recognize that your defenses will strengthen and your sinful desires will lessen?

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (HCSB) ⁹ Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No **sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers** or **anyone practicing homosexuality,** ¹⁰ no **thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people,** or **swindlers** will inherit God's kingdom.

¹¹ And some of you used to be like this. But you were **washed** you were **sanctified**, you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

When looking at your sinful tendencies, do you say
'I was born that way'? **Or...**

Will you choose to be washed, sanctified, & justified by Jesus?
Will you recognize your true identity can only be found in Him?