

## Who's Fault Is It When People Remain In Sin?

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A Preacher and an atheist barber were walking through the city slums. "This is why I can't believe in God," said the barber. "If God was as you say, He wouldn't permit all these bums to be addicted to dope and other bad habits. No, I can't believe in an all powerful God who permits these things and allows people to live like this."

The preacher was silent until they met a bum with filthy long hair caked with mud and other dirt, and with an equally foul half-inch beard on his face.

The preacher then said to the barber, "You can't be a very good barber to permit a man to live in this condition in your own neighborhood, especially when you have the facilities to bathe, clean, and groom him."

The barber replied sharply, "You can't blame **me** for his condition. I can't help it if he's never given me a chance to help him. If he'd only come to my shop, I could fix him up with a bath, haircut and shave, and make him look like a million dollars."

The preacher looked at the barber and said, "Then don't accuse God of allowing people to continue in sin. He is constantly inviting them to come and be spiritually cleansed and released from the bondage of these habits. The reason these people are in this condition is that they are slaves to sin and evil habits, and because **THEY** refuse the One who died for them."

**The Barber saw the point!**

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