

"A Promise and a Commission" – May 2023 Thoughts to Ponder

- 1. Jesus' love for you is greater than your sins.
  - a. Recall a situation in which you learned that someone's love for you depended on your behavior.
  - b. Looking back, was that ever a healthy relationship?
  - c. Once you learned the truth, how did the relationship change?
- 2. In Romans 3:23, Paul states all of us have sinned.
  - a. Do you believe this statement applies to you?
  - b. Have you ever compared your sins to the sins of someone else in an effort to make yourself look better? Give an example.
  - c. Have you ever compared your sins to the sins of someone else and come out looking worse? Give an example.
- 3. This world is full of accusers telling us that we cannot change.
  - a. Do you believe there's no way to change who you are today?

- b. Give an example of a needed change you have resisted making and explain why.
- c. Give an example of a victory you've won over a sinful behavior and explain how the triumph was possible.
- d. Did you give God a chance in (b)? Did you give God any credit in (c)?
- 4. Some folks are quick to condemn others, to scratch them out of their lives as if they were dead.
  - a. Have you ever given anyone the "death penalty?"
  - b. Have you ever been condemned by someone?
  - c. What might you do to resurrect these relationships?

