

Who is to Blame?

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Who is to blame for the state of the world?

Who is to blame for its decline?

Who is to blame for injustice, hatred, and violence?

Who is to blame, you ask?

I AM!I am to blame

When I say nothing in the face of discrimination...I am to blame

When I disregard people being oppressed ...I am to blame

When I ignore hateful expressions and biased attitudes...I am to blame

When children are exploited and enslaved and I don't see it as my problem...I am to blame

When I stick my head in the sand and refuse to see the truth...I am to blame

When I fail to model good character in front of my children...I am to blame

When my sinful habits hurt others and I do nothing...I am to blame

When I fail to forgive others because I want them to hurt...I am to blame

When I care more for my own wealth and happiness than I do anyone else's...I am to blame

When I place myself in the center of all things...I am to blame

"I know that there is nothing good housed inside me---that is, inside my old nature. I can want what is good, but I can't do it! What a miserable creature I am! Who will rescue me from this body bound for death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Rom 7:18, 24-25 CJB)

When a heart fills with gratitude for the Savior of our souls, a process begins that reshapes our lives. This redirection of the heart can help us change the way we view people. Though we can still choose to ignore the problems, we can also decide to become part of the solution.

The choice is ours.