

# BRAKE FOR SIN

## SCRIPTURE:

*For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Hebrews 10: 26-31).*

## MATERIALS LIST:

(1) Brake Fluid/Brake Pads

## MAIN MESSAGE:

We must study the Bible and allow it to be our guiding light in this dark world.

**SONG:** "How Shall The Young Secure Their"

## LESSON:

All the older kids were doing it so I figured so could I. After counting to three several times in my head, I started towards the edge of the four-foot high ditch on my bike. I almost got there, and then I decided in order to jump off the edge and land successfully, I needed more speed. So I braked and backed up further. The older kids were egging me on and telling me I was a sissy if I didn't jump it.

This was it: I peddled my bike as hard as I could to make the jump, and at the last second I tried to brake. This proved to be a very bad decision. I do not know what would have happened if I kept going, but since I hit the breaks, it slowed me down, just not enough to keep me from going over the edge. Face planting from four feet up into a dry ditch is never pleasant, but doing it over the handle bars of a bike in front of a bunch of neighborhood kids is even worse.

Brakes on a car or bike are there to keep the driver from going where they do not want to. The tail lights of the car in front of you light up so you hit the brakes, that is if you are not texting or changing the song, miss the signal, and fail to hit the breaks. The Word of God is not just God's way of communication to His followers, it's not just instructions on how to live, but also acts as a deterrent to sin.

Knowing how to operate the brakes on my bike did not prevent me from face-planting in the ditch, and simply reading about the sin a Christian should avoid is often not enough to keep us from falling into that sin. Learning the reason Jesus died on the cross was because of my sin, and learning when Christians continue sinning after receiving forgiveness "tramples under foot the Son of God" (Heb 10:29) should be a strong deterrent and help us put the brakes on sin.

**PRAYER:** Please help us understand the seriousness of our sin.