

# REMOVING SIN

## SCRIPTURE:

*But if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us. (1 John 1:7-10)*

## MATERIALS LIST:

(1) Goo Gone (or any stain/gunk remover)

## MAIN MESSAGE:

When I sin, it makes me dirty. However, for the child of God, if I walk with God and remain open, honest, and penitent with my sin, it will be cleansed.

## SONG: "Purify Me Lord"

## LESSON:

Goo Gone is an amazing product. You can buy it at almost any hardware store like Ace Hardware or Lowe's. It will clean almost anything! I have gotten tar off of my cloth seats in my truck. It will remove tape residue, clean your BBQ grill, and remove paint, ink, crayon, gum, grease and much, much more! (This sounds like an infomercial!)

I have two bottles of Goo Gone in my garage for any kind of clean-up job or emergency. You can tell I'm a believer! Do you know what cleans better than Goo Gone? Blood. That's right, the blood of Jesus. Sin leaves an ugly stain that can't be removed by any product made by man. It takes the blood of Jesus. For the sinner who has not obeyed Christ, he must come to faith in Jesus, repent of his sins and be immersed into a watery grave for forgiveness (this is called obeying the Gospel). Because of what Jesus did on the cross by shedding His blood, I can be saved by having my sins washed away through immersion in water.

However, after I am a Christian, I am still going to sin. Immersion is not necessary, but I must still be cleaned of my sins. How does this work? John tells us to do two things (1 John 1:7-10): Walk and confess. He says to "walk in the light." This means walk like Jesus, continue to lay off sinful habits and abide in His Word. John also says to "confess our sins." This means to live a life that acknowledges our sin and strives to sin less.

Praise God that He can (and will) cleanse ANY past and present sin that we may have committed if we will walk with Him and live a life of confession! That is so much better than Goo Gone!

**PRAYER:** Please cleanse us from our sin that separates us from you, Father, and help us to walk in the light today!