



## SUNDAY BULLETIN

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### ASCENSION DAY

During this pandemic, we can become so self-centered, we forget that Christians must be at the forefront of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, providing for the homeless, and seeing Christ in the poor and vulnerable.



Imagine if Christians received heavenly medals each time they did a good deed or abstained from sin. The manager of a North Korean terrapin farm was reportedly executed for poor work performance shortly after Kim Jong-un visited his facility.

Sadly, many see the Christian faith like this: do good and God will smile on you, do bad things and you will fry. Years ago in Cape Town some well-meaning Christian spray painted on a wall: **Turn or burn.**

Yes, we commit the sins and were conceived in sin and in spite of our best efforts we don't seem to progress much in the loving and forgiving category, but actually God's love for us does not depend on us striving to do better.

Jesus freely took our sins and got rid of their effect for ever. He did what we can't. Of course we must always at least try and be good and repent when we can't, but there is no heavenly double entry log where our good and bad deeds are recorded.



Nevertheless, we should start each day with a fresh page as it were, leaving the past behind and going forward as penitents, determined to let the character of Jesus be visible in all our doings.