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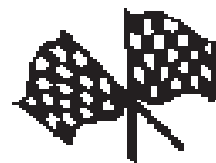
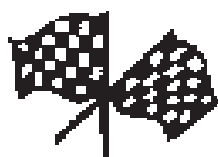
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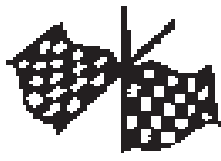
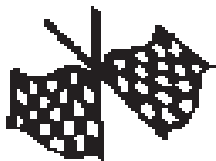
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Jesus said, "They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:31-32) Who did Jesus come to help? He came to help sinners. In order to be helped by Jesus, a person must recognize the fact that he has a sin problem. Though he may not have robbed a bank or killed someone, he still manifests the evidence of innate sin: he lies when he thinks it necessary, has evil thoughts toward others, can speak cruelly toward even those he supposedly loves, and if not other things, is in rebellion against God's ruling in his life. Who has this problem? Romans 3:23 declares that "...ALL have sinned...", whether they be religious or non-religious. What are the consequences of the problem? Romans 6:23 tells us that "THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." The penalty for our sins is death: separation from God, physical death, and eternal punishment in the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:11-15) What is the solution? Jesus came to call sinners to "REPENTANCE", a word which means to turn from our sins and decide to go in the right direction as revealed in the Bible. By His death, burial, and resurrection, Christ has satisfied the demands of a holy God and offers a "FREE" pardon (it's not earned or bought) to those who choose Him rather than sin. As a person turns from his wrongdoing and rebellion against God, and puts his

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