Covering Sin Without a Coverup
Rom. 4:7; Prov. 28:13

Introduction:
A. We all need our sins covered, because all have sinned. (Rom. 3:10, 11; 4:6-8)
B. We often look for ways to coverup rather than cover our sins.

Discussion:
I. Common Coverups.
   A. Deny their existence (1 John 1:8, 10).
   B. Minimize their seriousness (cf. Jas. 1:15; Rom. 6:23).
      1. After all, no worse than other sins and people.
      2. After all, God still loves me. (Difference in love and acceptance)
   C. Shifting blame and attention away.
      1. To the universality of sin.
      2. To the contributors (real or imagined) to the sins.
   D. Talking a good game.
      1. Self-righteous (cf. Lk. 18:9-14; 15:29)
      3. Excuse makers.

II. Correct Covering.
   A. Let Christ’s blood and priesthood cover our sins. (Heb. 9:11-14; 4:14-16; Rev. 1:5)
      2. Continually walking in light, confessing sins. (1 John 1:7-10 cf. Rom. 4:7-8; Psa. 32:1-5).
   B. Let conversion cover a multitude of sins. (Jas. 5:19,20)
   C. Let love cover the sins of others from unnecessary exposure. (Prov. 10:12; 17:9; Matt. 18:15-18).

Conclusion:
A. If we die in our sins we will be lost. (John 8:21, 24)
B. If we leave our sins uncovered and unforgiven will be lost.