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Title: "The Seriousness of Sin"

I. Introduction

A. We live in a day when the seriousness of sin is minimized. Man calls it "error"; God calls it sin. Man calls it "sickness"; God calls it sin.

B. We need to and we must see sin from God's perspective. If our sin was serious enough to require the death of Christ on the cross, we as Christians should never treat sin lightly.

"... But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful." [Romans 7:13b,c]

II. Introduction (Continued) - Original Sin

A. Mankind actually sinned in Adam. God placed Adam in a perfect environment and gave him every opportunity to succeed against temptation.

B. One of the lessons of the first three chapters of Genesis is that the environment does not change the man. Adam sinned in spite of his perfect environment.

C. Judas sinned although he walked for three years with the Son of God. During the Millennium (an environment of peace) people will still rebel.

Point: The environment does not change the man!

D. Adam was chosen by God to give mankind the best opportunity possible to overcome temptation and he was given "free choice." In the Garden of Eden, when Eve "saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be

desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband ((Adam)) with her, and he did eat." (Gen. 3:6)

E. Listen very carefully to what the Scripture says regarding Adam. "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." (1 Timothy 2:14). And because Adam sinned, sin entered into the world. "Wherefore, as by one man sinned entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12)

III. Exposition [Part I] - Sin is Serious in God's Sight

A. Sin is a transgression of the law

1. To transgress means to go beyond, to overstep the boundaries, or to exceed the limits placed upon us by God. We must always remember that God's laws are given to us for our own good.

Point: The One (God) who made us, knows what will bring us consistent joy and happiness.

"And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day." (Deut. 6:24)

2. In spite of what the above verse says, man often determines that God's way is not best. Man has determined to transgress (violate) God's moral law.

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3:4)

B. Sin is coming short of God's standard.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

(Romans 3:23)

A spiritual nugget for you: Romans 3:23 is known as the Universal Scope of Sin. It is universal because God's Word says - "For all have sinned ..." No one is excluded!

1. God's standard is perfection. It does not matter if a person claims to be "better" than another person. All of us have missed the mark of God's standard!

C. All sin is wicked in God's sight.

1. It is the tendency of human nature to "categorize" sin. Surely lying is not as wicked as murder, some might say or think. But from God's perspective, all sin is bad.
2. Sin is sin; therefore, we must have God's perspective, not man's'. God treats all sin very seriously, and even the "smallest" of sins had to be placed upon Jesus Christ at Calvary. Consider the following biblical accounts and how serious God treats sin:
 - a. God killed Ananias and Sapphira for lying (Acts 5:1-10).
 - b. God killed Uzzah for disobedience to His law concerning the touching of the Ark of the Covenant. (2 Sam. 6:1-11; cf. Num. 4:15).
 - c. God killed 70,000 men because of David's sin in numbering the people. (1 Chron. 21:1-14)
 - d. God removed Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden because of their sin of eating the forbidden fruit. (Gen.

3:23-24).

3. All sin has a terrible price.

"for the wages of sin is death." (Rom. 6:23)

"And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev. 20:14-15).

- a. Unconfessed sin will result in eternal separation from God. That is called the **second death**.

Point: The only way to avoid the second death is by experiencing a second birth.

"Jesus answered and said unto him ((Nicodemus)), Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)

D. A Christian's Sin is Serious in God's Sight

1. Yes, Christians do sin!

- a. Although salvation is absolutely wonderful, it does not exclude the Christian from the presence of sin in his or her life. At Calvary, Jesus Christ saved us from the penalty of sin.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." (Rom. 8:1) - **Thank You Lord!!**

- b. However, we will not be free from the presence of sin until we get to heaven! - "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we

confess our sins, he is faithful and just 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 1:8-10).

2. A Christian's sin is forgiven.

- a. How can the sins we have not yet committed be already forgiven? The answer to that question is in the form of another question:

How many of your, my, our sins were in the future when Christ died on the cross? All of our sins were placed upon Christ at Calvary - past, present, and future sins.

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

(1 Pet. 2:24).

- b. Then why should the Christian confess his or her sins, if they are already forgiven?

Point: The worst part of our sins is the broken fellowship with God which we experience because of unconfessed sin.

- c. Confession of our sins to God is agreeing with God about our sin; it is acknowledging our sin, literally saying the same thing that God says about it.

Point: As Christians, we must confess our sins in order to renew/restore our broken fellowship with God.

- d. The Bible is full of beautiful passages that vividly describe what happens when sin is confessed. Read the

following:

- Psalm 103:10-12
- Isa. 38:17
- Isa. 43:25
- Mic. 7:19
- Heb. 8:12

3. A Christian's sin has serious effects.

- a. It results in loss of fellowship with God. (1 John 1:6)
 - b. It results in the loss of joy. (Ps. 51:12)
 - c. It results in the loss of full appreciation of God's love.
(1 John 2:5)
 - d. It results in the loss of peace and happiness.
(Rom. 4:6-7)
 - e. It results in the loss of power in prayer. (1 Pet. 3:7)
 - f. It results in frustration. (Rom. 7:18-24)
 - g. It results in God's chastisement. (Heb. 12:5-11)
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It is once again interactive time. Please complete the following biblical passages by filling in the blank spaces. Each passage was taken from the King James Version (KJV) of the Holy Bible.

" And he [Jesus Christ] is the _____ of our sins: and not for

ours _____, but also for the _____ of the _____ world."

[1 John 2:2]

"If we say that we have _____ with him [God], and _____ in _____, we _____, and do not the _____."

[1 John 1:6]

"I even I, am he that _____ out thy _____ for mine _____ sake, and will not _____ thy sins."

[Isaiah 43:25]

"Restore unto me the _____ of thy _____; and _____ me with thy _____ spirit."

[Psalm 51:12]

"Even as David also describeth the _____ of the man, unto whom God _____ righteousness _____ works, Saying, Blessed are they whose _____ are _____, and whose _____ are covered."

[Romans 4:6-7]

"And whatsoever we ask, we _____, we receive of him, because we keep his _____, and do those things that are _____ in his sight. [1 John 3:22]

My prayer is that through our studying of this lesson together and

taking to heart God's perspective of sin, we will develop and even greater sensitivity to the Seriousness of Sin.

May the God of all comfort continue to bless and keep you in His care.

In the Master's Service,
Pastor Austin