

## THE GOSPEL DESTROYS SIN

### Int.

1. Aim: To show what sin does to the sinner and how it is destroyed by the gospel.
2. Rom. 1:16 "**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**"
  - a. Power = dynamis - origin of our word dynamite
  - b. Salvation - gospel is the means
3. Sin is that which destroys man - here and hereafter
  - a. Rom. 6:23 "**For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**"
    - i. Wages = death
    - ii. Gift = eternal life
  - b. Rom. 5:12 "**By one man sin entered the world, and death by sin...**"
  - c. Gen. 2:17 - God told Adam that if you eat it you will die -- "**For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**"
  - d. Jas. 1:15 "...and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."
4. Gospel is God's powerful provision to destroy sin and give us life.
  - a. Rom. 1:16 it is God's powerful and effective means of saving men
  - b. I Cor. 1:18 - he tells us that the preaching of the cross is the "power of God."
  - c. "**For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise...**" 1 Cor.1:19
6. Let us notice sin and how the gospel destroys sin!!!

Discussion**I. SINNERS AND SIN****A. (1) Love of Sin**

1. Ps. 52:3 "Thou lovest evil more than good..."
2. 1 Jn.2:15 "Love not the world..."
3. 2 Pet. 2:15 - Balaam "...loved the wages of unrighteousness."
4. Many today love sin:
  - a. It is easy to find and easy to commit - Heb. 11:24-25 pleasure in sin
  - b. When the opportunity is present many people Jump -- emergency situation -- call in National Guard to keep away looters.
  - c. Many people are "Hungry for sin" because they love sin.

**B. (2) PRACTICE OF SIN** - Rom. 3:23

1. Some people love sin but do not have the opportunity to practice it. But many people both love and practice sin.
2. 1 Cor. 6:9-11 - "And such were some of you:..."
3. Gal. 5:19 - 21 -- the works of the flesh
4. Many people are today practicing sin! Riots - people steal store items

**C. (3) STATE OF SIN**

1. Some people make it a way of life to live in sin.
2. II Pet. 2:10 "...them that walk after the flesh..."
3. This is a continual way of life

4. 2 Pet. 2:14 "**Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin;...**"
  - a. Insatiable = RSV cannot be satisfied - Unable to stop
  - b. NIV = "they never stop sinning"
  - c. They are so corrupt that they desire to sin always <sup>[Barnes]</sup>
  - d. They cannot be restrained from sinning - <sup>[VEDNT p.177]</sup>
5. We have many habitual sinners in this world!!

#### D. **(4) GUILT OF SIN**

1. Guilt = responsibility for sin; the fact or state of having done wrong, deserving to be blamed and punished
2. Peter was guilty of denying the Lord - Mt. 26:75 "**...and Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out and wept bitterly.**" Peter Cried
3. Felix trembled
  - a. Acts 24:25 "**And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, FELIX TREMBLED,...**
  - b. His life was full of sin and it caused guilt when Paul reasoned with him.
4. Application:
  - a. Guilt is a reality with all of us
  - b. Sin torments us so we cannot forget it.
  - c. Guilt is a great source of sorrow
  - d. "The mind of guilt is full of scorpions" - Shakespeare <sup>[N.D.T. p. 253]</sup>

E. **(5) POWER OF SIN**

1. Sin has a way of addicting sinners so that they seem to be under its control
2. Rom. 7:15-25
  - a. V. 19 **"For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do."**
  - b. V. 24 **"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"**
3. 2 Pet. 2:19 **"...they themselves are servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage."**
4. Agrippa was under the bondage of sin - Acts 26:28 **"Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."**
5. Today many sinners are addicted to their sins.

F. **(6) PUNISHMENT OF SIN**

1. Rom. 6:23 - death, spiritual death
2. Jas. 1:15 - sin brings death when it is completed
3. Ezk. 18:4 **"...the soul that sinneth, it shall die."**
4. Everlasting punishment - Mt. 24:46
5. Everlasting destruction - 2 Thes 1:9
6. Everlasting fire - Mt. 24:41
7. John 5:28 - 29 Resurrection of damnation

G. In sin we have the: love, practice, state, guilt, power, & punishment

## II. **THE GOSPEL DESTROYS SIN IN SINNERS** - Rom. 1:16

### A. **(1) FAITH destroys the LOVE OF SIN**

1. Heb. 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
2. Rom. 10:17 faith comes from hearing
3. Moses is an example - Heb. 11:23-23 v. 25 "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;"
4. Col. 3:2 "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."
5. Faith, trust which comes by hearing the word of God - Rm. 10:17 - will help destroy the love that we have for sin.

### B. **(2) REPENTANCE destroys the PRACTICE OF SIN**

1. All people are to repent
  - a. Lk. 13:3 "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."
  - b. Mk. 6:12 "And they went out, and preached that men should repent."
  - c. Acts 17:30 "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:"
2. Repentance means a change of heart that brings about a change of life
3. With Faith destroying the Love of sin, now Repentance will bring a changed heart and a changed life and that means the destruction of the practice of sin.
4. True repentance brings forth the fruits of repentance - turn around

C. **(3) BAPTISM destroys the STATE OF SIN**

1. We are born again - Jn. 3:3-5 - new family
2. Rom. 6:2-7
  - a. Baptized into his death
  - b. Walk in newness of life
  - c. Should not serve sin
3. Col. 2:12-13 **"Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;"**
  - a. We are dead in our sins
  - b. But now we have been quickened - made alive to God
  - c. Baptism destroys the State of Sin.

D. **(4) REMISSION destroys the GUILT OF SIN**

1. After baptism our sins are forgiven
  - a. Acts 2:38 - remission of sins
  - b. Mk. 16:16 - saved
  - c. 1 Pet. 3:21 - save us
2. Our past sins will no longer be remembered
  - a. Heb. 8:12 **"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."**

- b. Heb. 10:17 **"And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."**
- 3. Therefore we do not have to worry about the consequence of those sins and our guilt is destroyed
- 4. The obedient know the joy of having that guilt removed. The gospel destroys the guilt of sin. Because we are Totally forgiven by the blood of Christ

E. **(5) THE SPIRIT destroys the POWER OF SIN**

- 1. Acts 2:38 - we are promised the gift of the Holy Spirit
  - a. Gift = something given to another
  - b. The Holy Spirit's gift is the truth - Jn. 16:13
  - c. This truth is recorded in God's Word
- 2. The fruit of the spirit will destroy the power that sin has in our life - Gal. 5:22-23 **"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."**
- 3. At Gal. 5:24 He tells us that we then crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts. **"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."**
- 4. Ps. 119:11 **"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."**
- 5. The gift of the Holy Spirit destroys the power of sin in our life and we are no longer addicted to sin.

## F. **(6) THE RESURRECTION destroys the PUNISHMENT OF SIN**

1. Jn. 5:28 - 29
  - a. Resurrection of life
  - b. Not of death - damnation or punishment
2. Heaven is prepared for those who have overcome Sin through Christ. He paid the debt that we could not pay, so we could receive the gift of eternal life.
3. He is the **"author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."** Heb. 5:9
4. The gospel destroys the punishment of sin by giving us eternal life.

## **CONCLUSION**

1. Either we destroy sin or it will destroy us. Rom. 3:23 Rom. 6:23 - death or eternal life
2. The Gospel can destroy sin in your life and give you eternal life
  - a. Faith destroys the LOVE of sin
  - b. Repentance destroys the PRACTICE of sin
  - c. Baptism destroys the STATE of sin
  - d. Remission destroys the GUILT of sin
  - e. Holy Spirit destroys the POWER of sin
  - f. Resurrection destroys the PUNISHMENT of sin
3. Will you obey? Jn. 3:16
  - a. God loved us - He gave us the gospel
  - b. This will save us from perishing - And will give us everlasting life
4. This book will keep you from sin Sin will keep you from this book.
5. The gospel will destroy sin in your life, Sin in your life will keep you from the gospel.

Background information about this sermon:

The idea for this sermon came from a book entitled: "The Gospel Restored" by Walter Scott, which is mentioned in another book entitled: Life of Elder Water Scott by William Baxter. The following excerpt is given:

In the year following he began and completed his book called "The Gospel Restored," a full, clear, and systematic view of the Christian Religion, of which it may be safely said, that no book of the present century has done more to explode common and popular errors, and set forth the teachings of the Word of God in their pristine order, simplicity, and beauty. The plan of the work is simple, yet comprehensive, being an analysis of sin: and the gospel is presented as the means of recovery of man from its power and punishment. He says:

"In regard to sinners and sin, six things are to be considered: the love of it, the practice of it, the state of it, the guilt of it, the power of it, and the punishment of it. The first three relate to the sinner; the last three to sin. Now faith, repentance, and baptism refer to the first three - the love, the practice, and the state of sin; while remission, the Holy Spirit, and the resurrection relate to the last three - the guilt, the power and the punishment of sin; in other words, to make us see the beauty and perfection of the gospel theory, as devised by God: faith is to destroy the love of sin, repentance to destroy the practice of it; baptism, the state of it; remission, the guilt of it; the Spirit, the power of it; and the resurrection to destroy the punishment of sin; so that the last enemy, death, will be destroyed."

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