

Doctrine of Sin #5

Okay, welcome back and here we go!

Review:

- 3 types of Sin: Imputed, Inherited and Personal.
- 3 ways to sin: Sins of the Tongue, Mental Sins and Overt Sins.

Proverbs 6:16-19 'These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.'

The Sins God hates.

We have discussed in detail mental attitude sins and sins of the tongue. (*Please re-read the entire Grace Notes, "Doctrine of Sin"*).

- 1) What is *Divine Discipline*?

There are five phases of *Divine Discipline* or *Chastisement*:

- 1) Pricking of the conscience
- 2) Loss of peace
- 3) Loss of something - suffering
- 4) Another loss, and finally ---
- 5) the sin unto death.

from "Grace Notes", page 10

THE SIN UNTO DEATH: The phrase "sin unto death" describes the final stage of divine discipline in which God removes from the earth the person who is totally alienated from God. The "sin unto death" is not a particular sin; but it is, rather, a mental attitude of total indifference to and rebellion against the will and purpose of God. ...

We must remember that there is always a consequence to sin. The shedding of blood for redemption clearly shows the severity of sin.

- 2) What is *chain sinning*? Give an example.

One sin often leads to another. It is up to the believer to stop it at its source --- at the root....

from "Grace Notes", page 10

SIN'S VICIOUS CIRCLE: One sin leads to another. Sins are chained together and tend to reinforce each other. The Christian must make a conscious effort to halt the progress of sin at the beginning. ...

I always say mental attitude sins are the worst!

from "Grace Notes", page 11

Guilt Association is a *guilt complex* that involves various parts of the soul. The believer keeps bringing up sins of his past; his depression leads to guilt feelings. He begins to associate every trouble in the past with an 'unforgiven' sin of the past. ...

3) Have you ever been involved or impacted by a *guilt complex*?

Public confession is not always a great solution. Yet we are encouraged to share --- in self-help groups --- that we are only "*as sick as our secrets, etc.*"...

4) Where do we draw the line in public confession?

We need to understand two vital Spiritual Principles:

- a) Privacy of the Priesthood
- b) Divine Prerogatives

from "Grace Notes", page 11

The solution to all sin problems of this type is edification, spiritual growth through a daily walking in fellowship and the intake of Bible teaching. Also required is a thorough knowledge of the doctrine of Grace, the application of God's gracious assets to the life, and the development thereby of a gracious mental attitude and outward disposition toward other people.

Confession of sin is key to restored fellowship with God. Confession may not end consequences, but the suffering can now be to God's Glory.

All of us have sin or have sinned. We all need to confess, repent, and be restored --- DAILY.

5) (Private question) Where do you need to confess today?

Praise God for His faithfulness.