

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 - What about Sin?

Humans have a tendency to avoid discussing difficult subjects. We don't like discussing areas where we perceive deficiencies in ourself or where we know we don't live up to our capabilities or expectations.

I believe that is why people have such a difficult time discussing sin. I can't deny that I have sin in my life (Rom. 3:23). However, to admit that I have sin, I am admitting to a failure to live as God has instructed me to live. Unfortunately, failure to see sin in our life NOW and address it will only lead to heartache, angst, and eventually a hardening of the heart. The longer we put off addressing the sin problem in our life, the less likely we are to ever deal with it.

The New Testament alone gives warning after warning of over 60 sins which will cause your relationship with Jehovah God to deteriorate and, if ignored, cause eternal separation. Unfortunately many sermons don't deal with the truth, reality and consequences of sin. Paul warned Timothy that the time would come when his hearers would "not endure sound doctrine. " They would prefer to have teachers who would tickle their ears. "They shall turn away their ears from the truth. and shall be turned unto fables" (4:3-4). I do not believe Paul specifically had our generation in mind, but what he wrote fits the church and the world until Christ returns. All kinds of religious groups-including the churches of Christ-are demanding less Bible, more psychology and more entertainment of their preachers. The majority of mankind want their ears tickled. A host of preachers are accommodating them. It should not be surprising the words of Christ in Matthew 7:13-14.

Please spend some time studying the following passages:

Romans 1:26-32

Romans 3:23

Galatians 5:19-21

1 Timothy 1:9-10; 2:4

1 John 3:4-10

Revelation 21:8

Romans 6:23

Thanks be to God who is patient, merciful and loving. Peter states, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

Do you hear the call of the scriptures? Sin is done away with through the blood of the cross. Salvation is found today the same way it was found in the first century as we plainly can see in scriptures such as Acts 2:38 and Acts 22:16: "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Indeed, what are you waiting for? Christ, our Savior, died for you and me. The price to be free from sin has been paid. What remains is for us to see sin in our life, decide that I don't want to be a slave to satan any longer and accept the free gift of Jesus Christ.

