

Discipleship Class

Wednesday the 23rd of April 2008

Bethesda Bible Church

Topic: The Concept of Sin

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Time 18h30

- 1 Do you think Ananias and Saphira, (assuming they were born again) went to heaven when they died after sinning by lying to Peter? Acts 5:1-10.**

Discussion:-

Someone said:

- 1 They did not confess their sins and such they could not go to heaven. they died before they could confess, so they were not forgiven.**

(1Jn 1:9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- 2 If that be the case then the question would be:-**

- Have you ever committed sin, since you were born again?
- Have you confessed all the sins you have committed to God?
- If not, what will happen to you when you die, in case you haven't confessed all the sins?

- 3 Are all sins the same, or some are greater than others?**

- 4 What about this scripture?**

1Jn 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: **and he cannot sin**, because he is born of God.

So if you are born of God you cannot sin.

Joh 4:24 **God is a Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

So, God is Spirit, then question is, **Who is born of God, my flesh, soul or spirit?**

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the **Spirit is spirit**.

So it is my spirit that is born of Spirit (God), and that is the one that the Bible says, **he cannot sin**.

5 But surely I can sin,

(1Jn 1:8-10 KJVR) If we say that **we have no sin**, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that **we have not sinned**, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1Jn 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. **And if any man sin**, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Is this some contradiction? Remember this is one letter that John was writing.

How about this one?

Heb 10:26 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

Is it true that when you sin you know for sure that what you are doing is sin, but still you go on sinning willfully?

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

(1Co 5:1-5 KJVR) It is reported commonly *that there is* fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, *concerning* him that hath so done this deed.

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5 To deliver such a one unto **Satan for the destruction of the flesh**, that the **spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus**.

This young man committed a sin that was unheard of in that community. But Paul says, 'Deliver such a one unto **Satan for the destruction of the flesh** that the **spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.**'

It seems therefore that Ananias and Saphirah flesh was destroyed so that their spirits maybe saved.

To be continued.....

Next Week

1. Can we be justified by the works of the law?
2. What is the difference between the Law and Grace?
3. Shall we sin so that grace may abound?

Recommended reading:

Read the book, **In Christ** by **Thivha Lidzhade**