

Discipleship Class

Wednesday the 7th of May 2008

Bethesda Bible Church

Topic: The Concept of Sin- Part 2

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Time 18h30

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**.

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.**'

What is sin?

Sin simply means "To miss the mark".

(Joh 16:8-9 KJVR) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me;

So, the Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin, which sin? **Because they believe not on me;**

According to Jesus, sin is not believing in Him. That is why when Paul and Silas were delivered from prison; the keeper of the prison asked them, Sir, what shall I do to be saved?

(Act 16:31 KJVR) And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

We therefore conclude that sin is unbelief.

But, what about this?

(1Jn 5:17 KJVR) All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

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**