

Tusculum Hills Baptist Church
Paul Gunn, Pastor

Sermon title: Sin, Salvation, and Then What? Romans 5:12-19, Romans 10:9-13, Acts 16: 25-34

Date preached: July 31, 2016

For public use: See non-copyright comments at the end of the message

INTRODUCTION: You might say it's not fair someone else's sin causes me to be a sinner, but it's true. How many of you inherited traits from your parents? How many of you see your grandfather or grandmother in the mannerisms of your children? We don't tend to think of inherited characteristics or traits as unfair, do we? I've never said it's unfair I have blue eyes like my parents.

Commented [JA1]:

Last week, I told you about the Indian tribe who did not like the truth about what their DNA revealed. Their DNA revealed they were descendants of Asia, but their legends never included this fact. You know, we really are products of genetics, aren't we? Our genetic codes speak the truth. We may joke our genes are not as good as someone else's, but I've never known anyone who said it seems unfair their parents didn't give them better genes.

Commented [JA2]:

We have a spiritual DNA, which we inherited from Adam. Spiritually speaking, we inherited the sinful nature of Adam. The innate tendency for people to sin is called "original sin." This term was coined by St Augustine. No one has to be taught to sin. They do what comes naturally. You and I are sinners like our parents, and they like their parents, and so on, all the way back to Adam and Eve.

Commented [JA3]:

Commented [JA4]:

I have three points to my message today:

1. To be saved from sin, we must first admit we are sinners.
2. To be delivered from sin (and anything else spiritually speaking), we must call on the Lord.
3. Once we are saved, we enter a new way on everything.

First, TO BE SAVED FROM SIN, WE MUST FIRST ADMIT WE ARE SINNERS.

EXPLANATION: Rejecting the truth that you are a sinner makes about as much sense as rejecting the truth about your own biological genetic makeup.

But, there is a big difference between the genes I inherited from my parents and the sin nature I inherited from Adam. I can't change my genetic make-up. I cannot change who my parents were. I cannot undo what's been done. But, with my sinful nature, I can change things. You see, I can be saved from my sin nature.

SCRIPTURE: Romans 5:12-14 ¹² *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—*

¹³ *To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.*

EXPLANATION: Verses 13 and 14 are interesting verses. Acts 17:30 says, *“Although God overlooked the ignorance of earlier times, He now commands all men everywhere to repent.”*

We can dwell on those verses, and they would make for an interesting study. However, let's face reality... none of us lived during the time between Adam and the Law of Moses, and none of us lived during the time of the Law of Moses. We will be held accountable for how we respond to Christ during the era in which we live.

Commented [JA5]:

SCRIPTURE: Romans 5:15-16 ¹⁵ *But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!*

¹⁶ *Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.*

EXPLANATION: One man's sin caused many sins, and Jesus took all those sins into one man. To consider and understand that would take a lifetime, and even then, full understanding would be inadequate.

Commented [JA6]:

SCRIPTURE: Romans 5: 17 ¹⁷ *For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!*

EXPLANATION: Adam's sin produces death. God's grace produces life.

SCRIPTURE: Romans 5: 18-19 ¹⁸ *Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.*

EXPLANATION: One sin equaled condemnation. One righteous act resulted in justification and life.

Now, to admit we are sinners is to admit what we already know. We know we've done wrong no one needs to tell us. Romans 3:23: *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

Second, TO BE DELIVERED FROM SIN (AND ANYTHING ELSE SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING), WE MUST CALL ON THE LORD.

SCRIPTURE: Joel 2:32 ³² *And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Will be delivered... "(NASB).*

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:12-13 ¹² *For there is no difference between Jew and Greek: The same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich to all who call on Him,* ¹³*for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

EXPLANATION: There is only one God, and he is the same God of the Jews and everyone else. All promises of God are the same promises for all people. And, all people, anywhere on Earth, must come to him the same way. When the Book of Joel was written, Christ had not yet come to earth. And, the admonition to come to the Lord does not mention Christ, but it doesn't matter, because coming to the Lord in the Old Testament meant coming to him in a spirit of complete repentance. Christ was already part of the package back then. The people just didn't realize it.

Commented [JA7]:

Commented [JA8]:

Commented [JA9]:

Commented [JA10]:

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:9-13 ⁹ *If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* ¹⁰ *For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.* ¹¹ *As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”* ¹² *For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,* ¹³ *for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

EXPLANATION: People, I really believe the word “everyone” means everyone. Forgiveness of sin and salvation in Christ is not reserved for special people. It's for everyone and anyone who makes Jesus the Lord of one's life.

Commented [JA11]:

ILLUSTRATION: There is the story of a jail keeper who was saved. Paul and Silas were preaching, and a girl followed them. The girl had an evil spirit who predicted the future, and her owners made a lot of money because of her predictions. For several days, she walked with Paul and Silas and said, “*They are the servants of the Most High God telling you how to be saved.*” Paul became so annoyed, he turned around and cast the demon out of her in the name of Jesus. The spirit left the girl, and the owners realized their means to make a living was gone.

Commented [JA12]:

Commented [JA13]:

They complained to the authorities, and Paul and Silas were stripped and severely beaten. They were put in jail with their feet in stocks.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 16:25-34 ²⁵ *About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.* ²⁶ *Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.* ²⁷ *The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.* ²⁸ *But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"*

²⁹ *The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.*

³⁰ *He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"*

³¹ *They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."* ³² *Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.* ³³ *At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.* ³⁴ *The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.*

EXPLANATION: This jailer changed his spiritual make up when he was saved. His sins were forgiven. The jailer washed the physical wounds of Paul and Silas, but Jesus washed away the spiritual wounds of the jailer.

Commented [JA14]:

Third, ONCE WE ARE SAVED, WE ENTER A NEW WAY ON EVERYTHING.

EXPLANATION: We enter a new way of living, a new way of thinking, a new way of caring for others. We view our friends in a new light. We see things in the news in a new way...because, as believers, we should view everything with an eternal perspective.

The Philippian jailer now viewed everything differently. He almost killed himself because he saw life as having no value if his prisoners had escaped. But, now saved, he had a completely different perspective on life.

Commented [JA15]:

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 5:17 ¹⁷*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come* (NASB).

APPLICATION: When a person repents of sin and follows Jesus as Savior, the new has come. And, with that newness should come a life of discipleship, a life of continual learning about what it means to be a follower of Christ.

It really means living according to the words of Jesus. It means living according to the will of Jesus. A few months ago, I talked with a woman who had all this spiritual talk but no interest in belonging to a church of believers. I really believe being a follower of Christ means being with a body of believers in regular Bible teaching, regular giving, and regular service to others. The Christian life is to be lived in community. I don't really see an example of spiritual lone rangers in the Bible. The first Christians met regularly, meeting each others' needs, praying together, learning together, giving testimonies, and reaching out to others.

Commented [JA16]:

Commented [JA17]:

Let me ask you, have you ever admitted you are sinner? Have you ever repented of your sin and trusted Jesus? And, if so, are you committed to following Christ? If you are a Christian, are you growing in your faith?

To preachers, teachers, students, and anyone else reading or using this message: I have posted this for all to use as you see fit. There is no need to cite me as the source. You are free to delete sections, add your own, or do whatever you want. There is no copyright. My request is that you do not copyright or sell my work. I am sharing my preaching notes in good faith with you because I know the challenges of putting together a lesson, especially when your week gets consumed with other things. Use it and enjoy!

I use the NIV translation of scripture because of its conversational nature. Feel free to go to Bible Gateway and copy and paste whichever translation you want to use. This transcript has been edited to an outline format that improves readability and therefore may not exactly follow the video edition.

Find me at www.thbc.com Click on sermons or YouTube channel: Pastor Paul Gunn
Thanks to Judy Andrews, Kori Bailey, and Nancy Claire Smith for their editing assistance.

Sincerely, Paul Gunn
Tusculum Hills Baptist Church
Nashville, Tennessee
USA