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INTRODUCTION: The sermon last week was “Biblical Facts About Sin,” and I decided to continue it this Sunday with more biblical facts about sin. Here is a review from last Sunday—

Fact 1: ALL have sinned.

Fact 2: Sin is a choice.

Fact 3: As free moral agents we choose sin, just like Eve.

Fact 4: Satan is the father of sin.

Fact 5: Laws are made for sinners.

Fact 6: Sin is not inherited.

Fact 7: Sin is unpardonable if we reject Jesus.

Fact 8: Sin separates us from God.

Fact 9: Sin enslaves.

Fact 10: Sin finds one out.

Fact 11: Sin keeps one from prospering.

Fact 12: Sin brings reproach.

Let me say, this is not enjoyable preaching. I can't find any jokes or lighthearted quotes about sin to work into the message. That's because there isn't anything to joke about or feel lighthearted about. Nevertheless, preaching, teaching, and studying about sin is just part of it.

I wonder if the last time you went to the doctor, there was very much joking around. Probably not. I wonder if anyone here joked around when you filed your Form 1040 with the IRS or whatever form you file. I wonder when was the last time anyone here got excited about how much a tank of gas cost. Last week, I found a stack of gas receipts from 1994. Gas was .99 cents per gallon.

In life, we have times of joy and times that aren't so joyful. Teaching and preaching about sin is like having ancillary training for the Christian. We need it as a reminder

to avoid sin and to remember what being a Christian is all about. And, non-Christians need to hear sin preached so they will realize they are sinners, God does not approve of their sin, and forgiveness of sin only comes through Jesus Christ and no other source.

The Bible talks about sin a lot, in fact, a whole lot!

Today, we will look at some additional facts about sin:

1. God's feelings about sin
2. The wrong way to cover sins
3. The right way to cover your sins

First, GOD'S FEELINGS ABOUT SIN

Sorrowful man was created because of sin:

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 6:6 ⁶*The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.*

Abomination to the Lord:

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 25:16 ¹⁶*For the LORD your God detests anyone who does these things, anyone who deals dishonestly.*

No pleasure in wickedness:

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 5:4-6 ⁴*For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness; with you, evil people are not welcome.* ⁵*The arrogant cannot stand in your presence. You hate all who do wrong;* ⁶*you destroy those who tell lies. The bloodthirsty and deceitful you, LORD, detest.*

God hates sin:

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 6:16-19 ¹⁶*There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him:* ¹⁷*haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,* ¹⁸*a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil,*

¹⁹a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

Second, THE WRONG WAY TO COVER SINS

Adam tried to blame his wife:

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3:12 *¹²The man said, "The woman you put here with me-she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."*

Achan hid it under household items:

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 7:20-21 *²⁰ Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: ²¹ When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath."*

David tried to blame someone else:

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 11:12-17 *¹² Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³ At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home.*

¹⁴ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵ In it he wrote, "Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

¹⁶ So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. ¹⁷ When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.

Ananias & Sapphira lied:

SCRIPTURE: Acts 5:1-4 ¹Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. ² With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

³ Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? ⁴ Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

Third, THE RIGHT WAY TO COVER YOUR SINS

Seek God's forgiveness:

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 85:2 ²You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

The Bible keeps us from sin:

SCRIPTURE: James 1:21 ¹Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

The Gospel is the power of God to save:

SCRIPTURE: Romans 1:16 ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Forgiveness is possible:

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3:5-6 ⁵But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

Christ has power to forgive sins:

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:6⁶ *“But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...”*

Christ’s shed blood made it possible:

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 9:22²² *In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.*

Obedience to will of God is necessary:

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:21²¹ *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

CONCLUSION: Without forgiveness of sin, people will spend their afterlives in a Godless hell paying for their sin. No, that is not affirming. No, that is not something that makes anyone feel good. No, these statements certainly won’t win any preaching contests. And, I want everyone to know: I do not care whether sermons improve the preacher’s approval ratings or not. I really do not care at all. Because in my preaching, I’ve got to be faithful to God, not to man.

Sin is awful. All of the world’s problems today are rooted in sin. There is no problem in the world today not rooted in sin. And, today your number one problem and my number one problem is sin. Let us be mindful of this.

But, with Jesus, there is forgiveness! For the person who does not know Jesus today, quit trying to become a better person before you accept Jesus. Just stop. You’ll never become good enough to approach him. He accepts you as a filthy sinner. In fact, that’s the only way we can come to him. We cannot come to him by reminding him of good things we’ve done. He doesn’t want to hear it. He will not listen to such a bragging prayer.

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