

Words!

Part 6: "SIN!"

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. Proverbs 25.11

Want to make the word "sin" beautiful in your sight by "fitly speaking" about it!

First, we know that the two great foundation stones of our faith are Mercy and Grace! (joined but different).

Mercy, making us right with God, which is justification, freeing us from sin! Grace, making us able to be like God, which is sanctification, power over sin!

The two, confidence with God and the ability to be transformed into the image of God, make us unshakable...

We fly when the bottom falls out! We draw from the mind of Christ when everyone else is losing theirs! We rescue others who are unsecured!

Left off talking thru the realities of "Sanctification..." *The co-operative work of maturing in holiness for the purpose of being separated from evil to be wholly devoted to God!* To the degree we live in the darkness is the degree we are not living in the light!

"God is light and in Him there is no darkness. If we say we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth... if we walk in the light – the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin." **1John1.5-7**

Sin... (Hamartiology)

Not really talked about much from the pulpits of America! Why we don't know much about it! Think of it in terms of heinous crimes! "We don't do any of that... so we must be okay!" But all sin, in the presence of a Holy God, is punishable by "banishment!" Sin cannot survive in a God-atmosphere! But it's not because He's mad... it's simply because He is holy!

Sin...

Older than man! **Isaiah 14.12-14 (Satan)** Entered by man! **Gen 3 (Adam/Eve)** Became universal! **Rom 3.10 Rom 5.12** "None righteous, not even one! "All men have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God!" By it all men died! **Gen 2.17 Rom 6.23** Is defined by God, not society, not personal opinion/experience! **Mt5.18** *Erring here causes us to err everywhere!*

Sin... OT (main words)

abar: "Transgress," to pass over assigned limits, break a known command. avon: "Iniquity" perversity, to make crooked. chatta: "sin" crime, penalty, deviation. maal: "treachery" ascent, elevation. pasha: "Transgression" to break away from, revolt, rejection. shagah: stray, mistake, ignorant blunder.

Sin... NT (main words)

adikia: injustice, moral wrongness, treachery. anomia: illegality, violation, transgression (over the line), unrighteousness. hamartano: to miss the mark and so not share in the prize! To err, to sin, to offend. paranomeo: opposed to the law. parabaino: to be contrary, to violate. poneria: wickedness, sin, depravity.

***Sin is transgression of the Divine Word of God and denial of the Divine will to command and control...
And low thoughts of sin will keep us from high thoughts of God!***

Sin...

Need to understand it because "SIN" would hold up the big stuff, while the little "sin" sneaks in to kill you! MURDER vs. anger/slander. ADULTERY vs. fantasizing/pornography. ROBBERY vs. borrowing w/o permission. "Little foxes that spoil (the fruit of) the vine!" **SOS 2.15** Gnaw thru the branches and stop the flow of life to the fruit!

Sin...

From the BIG outward signs; Murder, adultery/fornication, lying, witchcraft... to the inward infractions; envy, jealousy, covetousness, rebellion, hatred, prejudice... doubt. "For whatsoever is not of faith is sin!" **Rom 14.23** to the vile, coarse, foolish and bitter things spoken... **Eph 5.34 Jam3.3-12** to the lusts, entertained, conceived, producing death... **Jam1.14,15** "**The offer of honey, the sting of death!**" To "**knowing what is right to do and not doing it**" is all sin and all sin is failure!

Not trying to make you feel bad, trying to make you feel helpless! "We are all under sin. None righteous, not even one! All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God!"

We must understand how hopeless we are aside from God's mercy and grace! But none of us are out of the reach of God's mercy and grace!

Sin...

If we don't understand sin we will always make too little of our forgiveness in Christ... If we make too little of our forgiveness, we will never understand the magnitude of His love and sacrifice... And if we don't know how much we are loved, we will never love enough! "To whom little is forgiven the same loves little!" **Lk 7.47** **And if we don't love enough we will not pursue Him to the end!**

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I am going to glory in my hopelessness and the mercy I have obtained by salvation! **1Peter2.10** None righteous, but loved w/o condemnation to drive me away! **R8.1**

Realize I overcome lifestyle-sin by the grace of God! **1John1.7, 2.1, 3.6, 5.18**
His grace (FGB) is sufficient for me! **2C12.9**

Tell the great story of His love!

Sin is not really the problem any more... not understanding what it is and how it is defeated is the problem!

Let's see if we can make a fitly spoken word like "sin" as beautiful as apples of gold in pictures of silver. (The Cross... makes it beautiful!