

Come Let us Grow Together: Sin

When we sin, we are breaking God's commandments. I would dare say all of us have heard how Adam and Eve sinned against God in the Garden of Eden and this caused all of mankind to be born in sin and shapen in iniquity.

Today however, we are living under a time of Grace given to us by God through Jesus Christ the Righteous. I would again dare say that all of us have heard and read about what Jesus Christ did for mankind. How that He was born of a virgin, that He was Emmanuel being interpreted as God with us, and lived a life free of sin so that you and I could find eternal life through Him.

The Lord Jesus came to destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. To take back this power of death that the devil had over man; the Lord Jesus lived a life free of sin and died on the cross as our substitute. Though Jesus lived a life free of sin, He was tempted in all points just as we are today. But Jesus did not give into sin, but rather Jesus Christ was obedient to the will of His Father.

Upon the death of Jesus Christ sin was condemned in the flesh. But in order for us to become free from our sins, we must partake of the born again process that the Lord has provided for mankind. A Spiritual Rebirth consisting of being born of water and of the Spirit. This Spiritual Rebirth allows mankind to once again become the sons of God.

Once we have become born again, we are to live a life that is free from sin. But God knowing that no man could be justified by works of the Mosaic Law made a way for us through His death, that once we have become born again, if we fall short and sin, we can come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Thus making God the justifier of many. For it is not our works of righteousness that brings forth our salvation, but the gift of Grace that works through our obedient faith in the keeping of God's commandments. For if we love God we will keep His commandments.

The Lord brought to light a way for mankind to escape death by following after Him in obedience, while at the same time making a way for us when we do fall short to find grace and mercy in time of need so that we are no longer living a life under condemnation. This born again process or Spiritual Rebirth allows us to become free of the Law of Sin and Death. Which is the soul that sins shall surely die.

After we have partook of this Spiritual Rebirth we are to live a life walking after the Spirit and not after the flesh. For if you live a life after the flesh you will surely die. We as the children of God must instead purge ourselves from iniquity and follow after Christ. For we are the temple of the Living God and if we defile the temple of the Living God, we shall surely be destroyed.

Therefore let us abstain from all appearance of evil and follow after that which is of the Spirit. We must not give into our flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof, but we must instead pick up our cross

and follow after Christ. For the soul that sins shall surely die. Therefore let us not live after the flesh but after the Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

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