

## RESPECTABLE SINS

*Confronting the Sins we Tolerate*

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### REVIEW

- We are \_\_\_\_\_!
- We are set apart \_\_\_\_\_ God. This is the positive side of separation.
- We are set apart \_\_\_\_\_ sin and the world. This is the negative side of separation.
- Sin is a \_\_\_\_\_ that needs to be eradicated from our lives.

### THE REMEDY OF THE GOSPEL

John Newton who wrote the hymn Amazing Grace is quoted as saying at the end of his life *“My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things: that I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior.”*

Our misconception about the Gospel: “Most Christians tend to think of the gospel as applicable only to unbelievers who need to be ‘saved’. Once we trust in Christ, so the thinking goes, the gospel doesn’t apply to us anymore, except to share it with others who are still unbelievers.” --Jerry Bridges

### How the Gospel Helps Me

- It allows me to \_\_\_\_\_ My Sin. The gospel plows up the fallow ground of our heart so that we can \_\_\_\_\_ our sinfulness. When I face the reality that I am a sinner and know that I am deserving of death; yet the Savior in love forgave me my sin, I run a dagger through my self-righteous heart. The first step in getting a person to the place of decision whether for salvation or sanctification is getting them to \_\_\_\_\_ their need.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ me to \_\_\_\_\_ with My Sin. When I face my sin for what it is, an offense against a holy God; I am forced to deal with the problem of guilt because I am guilty before God. Yet, as I understand the gospel

message and apply the truth to my life, I know that my sin is no longer charged to my account, it is charged to the Lord’s account and I have had His righteousness imputed unto me.

### Two Motivations in Dealing with Sin

- ASSURANCE. God is fighting \_\_\_\_\_ me not \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- GRATITUDE. It is not a \_\_\_\_\_ for God to deal with sin in my life.

### THE REMEDY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Romans 6:12 says “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.”

### The Principle of Dependent Responsibility

“We are responsible before God to obey His Word, to put to death the sins in our lives, both the so-called acceptable sins and the obviously not acceptable ones. At the same time, we do not have the ability within ourselves to carry out this responsibility. We are in fact totally dependent upon the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.” --Jerry Bridges

### How the Spirit Works

- He C\_\_\_\_\_ us of our Sins. He does this through two basic means: the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Man.
- He E\_\_\_\_\_ us to D\_\_\_\_\_ with Sin. (Rom 8:13; Phil 2:12-13)
- He T\_\_\_\_\_ us through T\_\_\_\_\_. The Holy Spirit will bring certain trials into our lives with purpose, our purification. (1 Peter 1:6-7)

“I must see every person and every circumstance as the Holy Spirit of God coming to me through that person or circumstance to make me more like Christ.”

--George Mundell