

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Decisions?

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: Ben's cousins (Kevin and Wendy Pennington) on the loss of a young daughter. Abby has surgery scheduled for her hip on November 20, 2018, Herb and Jean Watson, Linda Cline, Nate, and Peggy.

Prayers Answered: Another attendance record was set last Sunday. 101!!!!, Jennifer is doing much better.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers, Ben is working on Hurricane recovery. Carla, Weston and Bella are outside visiting family.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today's Scripture: "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." **Romans 6:16-18 (KJV)**

Today's Wisdom: "For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil." **Proverbs 1:32-33 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 101/55 Record: 101

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October 28th, 2018 BULLETIN for the



God's Plan of Salvation

- HearRomans 10:17
- BelieveMark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
- Arise & Walk in Newness of Life.....Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM

AM Worship: 11AM

PM Worship: 6PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. 3PM-7PM

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A Slippery Slope to Man's Decisions

In the New Testament, one of the words for sin comes from the Greek word "hamartano." The word means "to sin, to miss a mark on the way, not to hit the mark" (The Complete Word Study Dictionary – New Testament). As Creator, God is the standard of truth and reveals His truth through Scripture. "*Sanctify them in your truth: Your word is truth*" (John 17:17). The Bible is God's pattern or standard, the mark we are to hit for human conduct. "*Your word I have treasured in my heart that I may not sin against You*" (Psalm 119:11). "*Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.*" (Romans 6:16-18) How well has humanity done in following God's commandments?

Throughout history, not very well. Paul, shortly after teaching the truth of salvation and Christian living to the churches in Galatia, wrote to them, "*I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ*" (Galatians 1:6-7). It is part of the human experience, once influenced by sin, to want to determine for oneself what is right and best. It also applies to the decisions made by nations, once God's perfect will is rejected in favor of the ideas and desires of humanity. Sin always leads one on a slippery slope into more sin and the negative consequences that accompany it. Paul reminded the church in Rome of this attribute of sin, one which, in their own lives, they had experienced. "*I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification*" (Romans 6:19). The phrase "*resulting in*" comes from a term that refers to motion toward a direction. Here, it means sin only leads to more sin. In reality, it is a death spiral, deeper and further into sin, which leads to death (Romans 6:23). Unless the process is arrested, as was the case by their renouncement of sinful practices and turning to the righteousness of God, it only gets worse, never better.

By: Robert Johnson

The very nature of sin leads to more sin, to worse sin and to the devastation that follows in its wake.

Sin creates dissatisfaction, and whatever is established in it will just lead to a greater influence of it in life. "*They are darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them and because of the hardness of their hearts. They became callous and gave themselves over to promiscuity for the practice of every kind of impurity with a desire for more and more*" (Ephesians 4:18-19). Without the influence of God's divine will, there is no real authority for right or wrong, except in the changing conditions of society, which is no real authority at all. We can experience God's blessings by living according to His parameters, or we can substitute the whims of the flesh, which constantly change and bring negative consequences to life. Are we willing to take a slippery slope that can ultimately consume us? "*Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people*" (Proverbs 14:34).

