

Schedule of Events

None currently.

Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

Rationalizing Sinful Behavior

AM Sermon: Michael Couch

Our Family News

Pray for / Terry Campbell, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill and Peggy

Traveling/Working / Tina Crawford, Wyatt Couch, Steve and Abby

Radio Programs / Listen to "Searching the scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today's Scripture / "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." **Romans 7:14-17 (KJV 1900)**

Wisdom for Today / "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me: Then shall I be upright, And I shall be innocent from the great transgression." **Psalms 19:13 (KJV 1900)**

PM Sermon / Eddie Maxwell

Attendance last Sunday: 55/45

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17

Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6

Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10

Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matt 10:32-33

Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

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

Contact Information

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

Office Hours

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Visitors always welcome; Members expected

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

What is Sin?

By Bill Beebe

The title may seem like a nonsensical question to many of us. After all, there are a number of passages that list what we would consider to be sins. Among these, some tell us that which we **should not** be like, such as **1 Petr 2:1 (KJV 1900)** where Peter writes: **“Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,”** and **1 Peter 2:11 (KJV 1900)** **“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;”**. Or **1 Peter 3:9 (KJV 1900)** **“ Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing:”** and **Romans 1:28–32 (KJV 1900)** **“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them”**.

The Holy Spirit through the inspired writers also tells us the things that we **should** do. Probably the most well known example of this is the response that Jesus gave the Pharisees when asked what was the greatest commandment: **“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets”**. **Matthew 22:37–40 (KJV 1900)**.

Also, His comments on love in what we call the sermon on the mount: **“Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;”** **Matthew 5:43–44 (KJV 1900)**

Additionally, we find in **2 Peter 1:5–10 (KJV 1900)** things that we should strive to be: **“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:”**

When we consider the sinful things that we are told not to do with the things we are told to do that result in sin if we do them not, we see certain lifestyles that are sinful. Among these are ungodliness and unrighteousness, including not glorifying God as God (**Romans 1:18-21**), Creating images of men and animals and worshiping them as God (**Romans 1:23**), homosexuality (**Romans 1:26-27**), and cursing (**Romans 3:13-14**). These can all be categorized as sins of commission, sins of omission, and lifestyle sins.

But one sin that we often do not consider is that listed in the last phrase of the aforementioned **Romans 1:32**: **“have pleasure in them that do them”**. When we enjoy watching others commit sins, we sin ourselves. This would involve things such as watching pornography or participating in activities such as concerts where the lyrics of the songs are ungodly, filled with cursing and foul language, among a host of other things that we often enjoy that are unrighteous and ungodly. This is a sin that most of us would rather not discuss, because we often find ourselves participants therein.

God has provided a way for us to escape the awful taint of sinful living. **1 John 1:7 (KJV 1900)** **“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”** Come, walk in the light by hearing the gospel, believing it, confessing that belief, being baptized, and then living a life worthy of the calling of a Christian, a follower of Christ.