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The High Cost Of Sin

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It is so easy for a people to lose their sense of right and wrong. Our society is plagued by the evil of lying, cheating, sexual misconduct, etc. Society views one today that speaks of sin in a disparaging manner as being old fashioned or out of date. Israel reached that point during their history that resulted in separation from God (Isa. 59:2). God had to impress on His people the dangers of sin. Commanding the offering of sacrifice became God's solution. From it they learned the actual cost of sin.

Their sacrifice was to be cattle or sheep, without blemish and "he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord" (Lev. 1:2-3). Sin meant he had to pay with the most valuable animal he owned. The cost would impact the owner for years. It was slaughtered and burned up without any show of benefit to the owner. It had to be raised by him personally (sweat equity) so he would know of its real value.

Freedom – no word was ever spoken that has held out greater hope, demanded greater sacrifice, needed more to be nurtured, blessed more the giver . . . or came closer to being God's will on earth (Omar N. Bradley).

Peter insisted that we "*were not redeemed with corruptible things...from your vain conversation...but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot*" (I Pet. 1:18-19). Sin takes the very best from God to redeem man. No ordinary price could remove sin. Man's purity and relationship with God are so sacred that nothing but the extraordinary could take away the ugly, powerful and damning nature of sin in one's life. Since man cannot provide such a sacrifice for himself, Jesus had to enter the picture. The sacrifice scene was bloody, with cries of the dying gift, struggle for life and much fear. God wanted man to know of the fearful nature of sin through sacrifice

The cost of sin was personal for the Jew of old for he would take the animal from "my flock" and killed it with "my hand" that took the knife personally, confessing that "I killed the animal" (Lev. 1:2-5). It was Jesus "Who his own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree: by which we have been purified (I Pet. 2:24). We access that blood of sacrifice today by being baptized into Jesus Christ, into His death (Rom. 6:3-4; Acts 2:38) wherein is found forgiveness.

The Handprint

By ~ Roy A. Crutcher

Text: Mark 10:13-16: People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."* And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

Recently a friend wrote the following statement relative to her five year old little boy: *"Cleaning today getting ready for family to come for the holidays I saw a dirty little handprint next to the light switch. I almost wiped it away, but something stopped me quickly. I realized how precious that little handprint is, it shows that my little boy is alive and healthy in this home. I thought how badly I'd miss that little hand if it were suddenly taken from me. Guess what? For this season there's a little handprint stain on my wall. I love it there. My house may not be spic and span but that's because a family lives here and we may be too busy hugging, laughing or sometimes arguing, to always sweep or mop. But on my death bed, I bet I don't say, "man, I should've cleaned more"."* Wow, what a statement of love, and concern, for little children!

We live in an age where we see a lot of unruly children. Sadly, many of them have grown into their teen years and are even more unruly. What's more, many of them will grow into adulthood with an even more, unruly lifestyle. But, you know what? It doesn't have to be that way if we give them the proper love and understanding they need when they are young. Proverbs 22:6 tells us that we should train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

If we truly love and nurture our children; if we teach them the ways of the Lord; if we show patience and yet instill discipline, when they are still small, they will, likely, grow up to be individuals that we can be proud of and that will please God.

Anyway, the manner with which my friend handled the "hand smudge" problem, prompted me to take pen in hand and write the following poem:

The Handprint

Today I found a hand print,
That I started to wipe away,
But something said "don't do it"
You'll be happy you didn't some day.
That dirty little hand print,
Looks so bad there on the wall,
But what if there were no little child,
To put it there, at all!
Children are so precious,
We love them all so much,
So why get upset,
When we see a smudgy touch?
So innocently was it put there,
As they went about their play,
Able to run, and jump and yell,
And all the other stuff
they can do today.
Tomorrow holds no promise,
For what a child can do,
Or even if he'll be here,
This is a fact that's true.
So cherish the child each day,
Hold them close and hug,
Tell them that you love them,
And cherish that hand print smudge.



Will God Really Punish?

by Charlie Gamble

Sometimes when discussing error with others I am confronted with the question: "Do you think God will really punish someone because of that?"

I have decided to interview some people from the Bible about that but I am having trouble reaching them. Here are the topics along with the last known location of those who were in error:

- Lying: (Acts 5:1-11) Ananias and Sapphira
- Disobedience: (Lev 10:1-2) Nadab and Abihu
- Arrogance: (Acts 12:21-23) Herod
- Worshipping a false god: (I Kings 18:21-40) Prophets of Baal

Actually, I don't need to interview them. I just need to believe this: *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Romans 15:4 (NKJV)*



PRAYER LIST



Hayes Simpson, great nephew of Paul & Maria Ormon remains in Le Bonheur Hospital. He will be having surgery to put in a shunt. They have tried to avoid this but it has to be done. The date of surgery is not known at this time.

Jo Ann Mayer, sister of Roger Clayton has been undergoing tests the past couple weeks. She is at home feeling some better.

Continue to Remember:

Ricky Adams, Wade Chism, Todd Coleman, Liz Collins, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Bill DePriest, Jackie Dodd, Gene Dowdy, Preeble Foster, Ray Franks, Lana Gann, Sonny Gay, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Phillip Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Mayola Holley, Shane Hutton, Carolyn Jernigan, Alfred Jones, Judy Kirk, Perry Leopard, Ernestine McKinney, Harold Russell, Jean Simmons, Anna Claire Stokes, B.A. Stubblefield, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Chris Windham, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Wanda DeLoach, Perrin & Jean Drummond, Laura Mae Harris, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Claudia Senter, Mayner Senter, Miriam Styers, Ione Wall

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Kevin Bradley

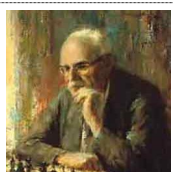


What Must I Do To Be Saved?

- 1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10: 13-17)
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

I've Learned...

Blessed are our enemies, for they often tell us the truth when our friends are flattering us.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- August 12. Bailey Adams
August 13. Ronnie Griggs
August 15. Jessica Garrett
August 19. Kim Clayton
August 20. Phillip Young

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- August 18. Shane & Barbara Crotts
August 21. Roger & Kathy Clayton
August 21. Jerry & Lucille Gibson



AUGUST CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- Area Wide Youth Meeting at the Hillcrest congregation in Baldwyn, Aug. 14th. The van will leave at 5:35.
Senior Bible Bowl will be held Aug. 21, at the Oak Ridge congregation at 2:00p.m. The youth will leave following morning services and eat at the Tupelo Mall before their competition.
Our 3rd Sunday night fellowship will be held Aug. 21st, following evening services. Please bring finger foods and desserts. The adult 3 class will be in charge.
The Youth Devo for this month will be held Aug. 28th, following evening services. Phil & Paige Young will be hosting.
Our 5th Wed. night singing will be held Aug. 31st.

AREA EVENTS

- Chapman Church of Christ will host an Area-Wide Youth Devotional Aug. 14th at 6:00p.m. The guest speaker will be Brad Pounders.
A Gospel Meeting will be held August 21-24, 2016 at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Baldwyn. The guest speaker will be Chad Ramsey. Time: 7:00p.m. each night.

Quote: 'The family, through God's eyes, as SEEN in 2016!' with an illustration of a family.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
 Morning Worship.....10:30
 Evening Worship.....6:00
 Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

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 Lonnie Weaver801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Dean Dillard
 A.M. Prayer.....Richard Adams
 Closing Prayer.....Tyler Weaver
 P.M. Prayer.....Dan Cobb
 ClosingHarold Crowe
 Wed.8/17.....Brad Pounders
 Wed.8/17.....Hunter Jennings
 Usher & Lock.....Randy Wall

OUR RECORD

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 Sunday A.M..... 118
 Sunday P. M.....107
 Wednesday.....99
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THE BIBLE CLASS AND YOU

A golden opportunity occurs here twice a week,
 And those who will not hear its knock
 Are destined to be weak.
 The Book of God is opened wide,
 And placed before our eyes,
 That we might place it in our hearts
 And by it be made wise.
 So come and have a part with us,
 And please do not be late.
 Have your lesson in your hand
 And then participate.
 The passive student cannot learn
 If no effort's made
 To have the lesson in one's mind,
 With groundwork firmly laid.
 So read the Scriptures, fill the blanks,
 And give the Lord a chance
 To teach you truth more thoroughly
 Than one gains by just a glance.

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