

Crossover Ministries Scriptures from 5/20/07 Sermon

“Facing the Giant Named SIN” Dealing with Sin in a Sinless Society (part 3) The Ideal in Place of the Real

1. We Must Face the Real, If We Want to Be the Ideal

Matthew 23:28 (New International Version)

28 In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

Romans 12:2 (New Living Translation)

2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is.

Nugget: The real you will never become the ideal you, if you are to ashamed to put God first!

Transition: The real, as I understand it, is the sinful nature we have inherited by our descent from Adam. The word calls this the Old man—this is the rebel that is inside you, this is the man, the real that must go...

2. The Old must become The New

Matthew 3:10 (New International Version)

10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

Transition: To deal with the problem of Sin in humanity, we must go below the surface to the root. What is our root?

Rebellion: Isaiah 53:6 says “All are like sheep we have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

Our root problem is rebellion against God and God deals with rebellion in only one way He executes it. Execution is God's solution!

Romans 6:6-7 (New King James Version)

6...Our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

Nugget: Paul is not speaking of your past sins. He is dealing with the rebel inside you now. In order to be freed from slavery to sin, we must do more than receive forgiveness for our past sins; we must deal with the rebel inside.

If not he will still live inside us, however the person who has died with Christ has been freed from Sin—the Greek uses the word justified.

Nugget: Once you have paid the final penalty, there is no more penalty to pay. The law can demand nothing more from you after you are dead.

Romans 6:8-11 (New Living Translation)

8And since we died with Christ, we know we will also share His new life. 9We are sure of this because Christ rose from the dead, and He will never die again. Death no longer has any power over Him. 10He died once to defeat sin, and now He lives for the glory of God. 11So you should consider yourselves dead to sin and able to live for the glory of God through Christ Jesus.

3. Confession over Storytelling

Ephesians 4:22-25 (New King James Version)

22...put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. 25Therefore, putting away lying, let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

Ephesians 4:22-25 (New Living Translation)

22throw off your old evil nature and your former way of life, which is rotten through and through, full of lust and deception. 23Instead, there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes. 24You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness—righteous, holy, and true. 25 So put away all falsehood and “tell your neighbor the truth” because we belong to each other.

Nugget: This does not happen when we are saved; it is something we need to do after we are saved. It happens only after we have acknowledged the truth about ourselves, that is the real nature of the old man in us

Nugget: In every human life there are two opposing forces at work: deception and truth; deception produces corruption, truth produces righteousness!

Nugget: Corruption is irreversible. It can be slowed down but there is now way to turn it back. (I.e. Peach & the refrigerator)

Transition: Many Churches are like refrigerators. They do not change corruption; they just slow it down. The only way to change a person is to make him or her a new creation. God put s the old to death and in his place the comes forth a new creation

4. Claiming the New Creation—the IDEAL

1 Peter 1:23 (New International Version)

23For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

Nugget: The nature of the seed determines the nature of the life that comes out of it. If you are born as a natural person of corruptible seed, you will have a corruptible life—a life subject to the process of corruption. If you are born again of incorruptible seed, however you will enjoy incorruptible life, because it is impossible for incorruptible seed to produce a corruptible life

1 John 5:4 (New King James Version)

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world.

Whatever you do, do not try to make the old man behave in a religious way—let the real become the ideal and live as you were created to live in the will of God free from the giant named SIN!