

<u>Times of Services</u>	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship	7:00 p.m. Bible Study
<u>Other Study and Worship Opportunities</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pines/Cady Hills Bible Study -Sun. & Thurs. at 7:00 p.m. • Young Bible Scholars --To be announced. • Lady's Bible Classes at YMCA – To be announced. • Sunday Sermon is recorded and placed on Darrell Powell's Facebook page and can be viewed later when posted. • Third Sunday Neighborhood Bible Study – 3:30 p.m. TBA • Third Sunday – Trinity Care Home Service - 1:30 p.m. (NEW) 	
<u>News and Notes</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer Requests: Doug Wheeler, Steve and Lynette Coburn, Mike Butler, Lee Gallop, and the Andy Elliott Family. • Sick: Lee Gallop was recently hospitalized for gallbladder surgery and is recuperating at home now. Lynette Coburn is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Steve Coburn is recovering from eye surgery. Jim Ratcliff is being treated for heart issues. Patsy Chunn and Crysta Burleson recently had COVID. • The Andy Elliott family suffered a house fire June 12 and lost most everything in the fire. Please continue to do what you can for them as they settle into their new home. 	
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Sin Is Always Against God

“How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?”
(Genesis 39:9).

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE GREATEST MOTIVATION TO AVOID SIN? For most people, it would be the prospect of terrible things happening to them in this life as a consequence of their sin. (“If I steal drugs from the hospital and get caught, my nursing license will be revoked.”) A thing may be wrong in principle and should be avoided simply because it is wrong, but most of the time we are more concerned about the consequences of getting caught.

But Joseph had the right idea in Genesis 39:9. Tempted to indulge in sin with his employer’s wife, he not only said no, but he said no for the very highest reason: *“How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?”* He was a young man at the time of this story, but even at that age he understood that sin is always against God. Yes, it may damage other people horribly, and yes, we may damage ourselves with consequences that follow us for the rest of our lives — but with or without those consequences, sin is always a dishonor to the love of the God who made us.

We may see ourselves as being nice people. We may treat our friends and loved ones well, avoiding most of the obvious things that would have bad consequences in our relationships. Our good reputation and the love of so many who know us may testify to the fact that we are decent people for whom sin is not a major problem.

But sin is a problem we are all involved in (Romans 3:23). When we recognize that sin is a violation (even privately) of what we know to be God's will, it is clear that we are not innocent — not a single one of us. And if the gospel is about the forgiveness of our sins and the restoration of a right relationship with God, it is also clear that we all need the gospel. We can't be forgiven without it.

The temporal consequences of sin are certainly serious, and I, of all people, would not advise you to disregard those. But the eternal consequences are far greater. And the fact that, as Joseph knew, sin is always against God should weigh more heavily in our thinking than any social consideration. Separation from God is the worst of the worst things that can happen. And the best of the best news is that in the gospel God is willing to bring us back to Him.

"Sin is essentially a departure from God" (Martin Luther).

Gary Henry — WordPoints.com (7/20/2022)

Don't Deny What You Are Meant to Be

God made human beings in His image. That image is shattered by sin. Not gone, but damaged. Not beyond repair, but in need of reshaping. We cannot do it on our own.

Jesus, the exact representation and image of God, came to do what we cannot. Jesus emptied Himself to die for us. In suffering and death, His visage, His image was marred more than any man.

*"Just as many were astonished at you, My people,
So His appearance was marred more than any man
And His form more than the sons of men."* (Isaiah 52:14)

Through the shattering of His visage, Jesus shows us what sin does to the image of God in us. By looking at Jesus on the cross, we see the effects of sin. We see the demonstrated horror of what sin does to us spiritually.

Yet through His resurrection, Jesus leads the way in new life. The result of Jesus suffering His own shattered visage on our behalf and being raised again is that we may be *"renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created"* (Colossians 3:10; Romans 8:29).

If we are remade and conformed to His image again now, then we will also be transformed *"into conformity with the body of His glory"* (Philippians 3:21).

You are made in God's image. Sin has hurt you deeply, but it need not be permanently. Let Jesus remake you again so that you will conform to His image. He died for you to make that happen.

Don't deny what you are meant to be.

Doy Moyer, 10-10-21 Facebook Post