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Which Sins Do We Preach Against the Most?

“For all that is in the world — the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life — is not from the Father but is from the world” (1 John 2:16).

SOME SINS OPENLY FLY THE FLAG OF CORRUPTION AND REBELLION, WHILE OTHERS DO THEIR DAMAGE MORE PRIVATELY. Sins like pride and greed, for example, are every bit as destructive as sexual immorality (if not more so), but those of us who preach don't preach against them nearly as often. We ought to ponder why this is so.

Sins come in all shapes and sizes. They are all equal in that they will separate us from God, and that fact should make us treat every sin, even the “least” of them, as a deadly serious matter. But in other ways, sins may be different. Some are oriented toward God while others are more in the direction of other people. Some we confine to our hearts while others erupt into outward action. Some have greater temporal consequences attached to them than others.

Admit it or not, all of us prioritize sins. If you're a parent, there are some sins you would be more greatly concerned about if you saw

Times of Services

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Other Study and Worship Opportunities

- 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.
- Second Sunday Neighborhood Bible Study – 3:30 p.m. TBA
- Third Sunday – Trinity Care Home Service - 1:30 p.m. (NEW)
- Fourth Sunday Song Service following 10:00 a.m. sermon
- Sept. 4-9, Gospel Meeting at Sturgis with Darrell Powell
- Sept. 25-30, Our Gospel Meeting with Jim Allen

News and Notes

- **Prayer Requests:** Doug Wheeler, Steve and Lynette Coburn, Mike Butler, Lee Gallop, and the Andy Elliott Family. Ernest Roberts, evangelist on Island of Grenada is in poor health and his wife has been hospitalized 21 days with a stroke. 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.
- **Sick:** Lee Gallop was recently had gallbladder surgery. Lynette Coburn is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Steve Coburn is recovering from eye surgery. Jim Ratcliff is being treated for heart issues. Randy Vibrock is recovering from a broken wrist. Mike Lavender is recovering from hand surgery.
- **Baptism:** Taylor Stroup was baptized on August 13. We rejoice in his obedience to the Gospel. Welcome him to our family.

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them beginning to take root in your children's lives. Such a prioritization of sins can hardly be avoided, I think. My concern is not that we view some sins as more serious — it's that we get our priorities from the popular culture. Our "righteous indignation" is determined not by the scale of values in the Scriptures but by the ever-changing dictums of social stigma, political correctness, and modern psychology. *So the problem is not that we have a list but that our ranking of the most dangerous sins didn't come from Jesus.*

Looking into our own hearts, what do we see? Whatever mistakes we might make in our concern for others, we certainly don't want to underestimate the danger of the sins that beset us personally. So what would alarm you most if you took an honest look inside and saw different kinds of sin in your heart?

In heaven there will be no marriage and in hell, no fornication. But in heaven there certainly will be love and in hell, hatred. *Even now, hatred will take you closer to hell than fornication will.* Sexual sin is an abomination and it will damn your soul, but if things like pride, anger, and selfishness are in your heart, you are already farther down the road to hell than if lasciviousness was your only problem.

"The sins of the bedroom are not the only ones. The sins of the boardroom should be just as much a matter of concern" (Richard Harries).

Gary Henry — WordPoints.com + AreYouaChristian.com, 8/13/22

**Sturgis Gospel Meeting Sept. 4-9, 7 p.m. M-F
with Darrell Powell**

**REMEMBER OUR GOSPEL MEETING, SEPT. 25-30
with Jim Allen, Baldwin, MS**

Question: Does the Bible tell us when Christ's second coming will occur?

Answer: Numerous highly publicized failed predictions of Christ's return have caused many to ask that question. Based upon Scripture, there are two things of which we can be certain:

1. Christ is coming again.

John 14:2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

Acts 1:11 "..., "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

1Thess 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

2Pet 3:4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

2Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

2. We have not been told when that will occur.

Mt 24:36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

Mt 24:42 "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming."

Leonard White, *What Saith the Scripture?*, p. 50