



What Must
I DO TO BE
Saved?

Sermon  SNAPSHOTS

THE PROBLEM OF SIN

Genesis 3:1-7 reveals the first sin committed by mankind – i.e., the introduction of sin into our world. Before we can talk about “What must I do to be saved,” we must address that which we are being saved FROM! Indeed, the problem of sin is the reason the Bible was written in the first place. If we understand the problem of sin, then we will better appreciate God's solution for sin - and be more likely to accept it!

The definition of sin

- Broadly, sin is "transgression of the law" (1John 3:4, KJV)
- Law can be transgressed by o-mission of a duty (Genesis 2:15)
- Law can be transgressed by co-mmission (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-3)
- Also, ANY violation of personal conviction is sin (Romans 14:22)

The causes of sin

- Not a "genetic trait," but a choice to do indulge our "own lusts" (James 1:13-15)
- We chose to indulge the lusts of our flesh, our eyes, or our pride (1John 2:15-17)
- The serpent [Satan] tempted Eve in this manner (Genesis 3:6, "food...eyes...wise")
- He also tempted Jesus Himself in the same manner (Luke 4:1-4, 5-8, 9-11)

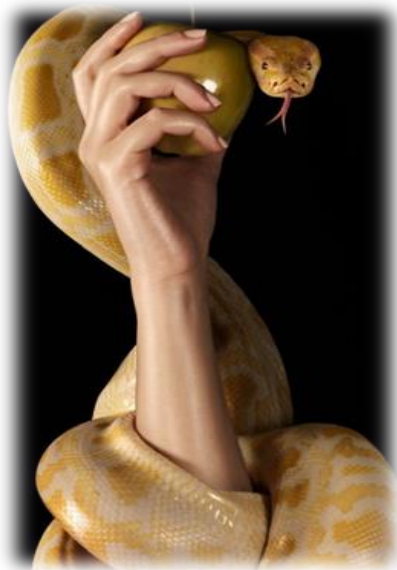
The penalties of sin

- Serpent's penalty (Genesis 3:14-15): Cursed; promised defeat by seed of woman (Galatians 4:4; Romans 16:20)
- Woman's penalty (Genesis 3:16): pain in childbirth; her place of subjection vindicated (1Timothy 2:11-f)
- Man's penalty (Genesis 3:17-19): cursed ground; labor, disease, decay, and physical death introduced
- Ultimate penalty (3:22-24): expulsion symbolized spiritual death that day (2:17) – which will ultimately terminate in eternal death, or separation from God in Hell (Romans 6:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)

The solution of sin

- God is the offended party, thus HE must set the "terms of reconciliation" for man!
- Justice says: man is unable to provide any payment other than his own death! (Romans 6:23)
- But God wants to forgive us! This demands that HE pay a price in order to “let it go”
- We'll speak more of this later; but for now, just know that Jesus died for you! (John 3:16)

From the beginning, we're introduced to man's greatest problem, which is sin. Let's be sure to understand the dreadful consequences of sin. Then, let's accept God's solution, so we can be blessed with forgiveness!



WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

In Acts 16:25-30, that was the question the Philippian Jailor asked & it's still a good question today! We know God gave His Son to make salvation possible (John 3:16).

But this sermon will focus on what we must do to become His disciples (Matthew 28:19). So, what must we learn? And what must I do to be saved?

I must learn to accept responsibility for sin

- Contrary to the claims of Calvinism, sin is not inherited! (Ezekiel 18:20)
- Rather, it is a deliberate choice; an act of the will (John 8:44; James 1:12-16)
- So, sin is tantamount to rebellion against God, demanding death (Romans 5:12)
- Failure to accept responsibility = no motivation to be saved! (Acts 2:37)

I must learn some things about our Savior

- He is GOD; and that He acted to save us by coming in the flesh (John 1:1, 10-14)
- He lived a perfect life, which qualified Him to die on our behalf (1 Peter 1:18-19)
- His perfect life also serves as an example to every one of us! (1 Peter 2:21-23)
- That after His death, He arose, and ascended to be our King (1 Peter 3:18-22)

I must learn how to submit to His holy will

- I must cease depending upon self, and TRUST in Christ (1 Timothy 4:10; 6:17)
- I must cease my ungodly lifestyle, and REPENT of my sin (Acts 17:30-31)
- I must cease my denial of truth, and CONFESS Him as Lord (Romans 10:9)
- I must yield to His authority and "BE BAPTIZED" for remission (Acts 2:38)

I must learn how to continue in His service

- By joining with other saints to work in a local church (Acts 9:26-28; 1 Thess 1:1-4)
- By assembling with those saints in order to worship God (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 14:15; 16:2)
- By striving for the day when those saints can be properly organized (Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3)
- By living in such a manner that my lifestyle will glorify God (Colossians 3)

In broad terms, this is what I, you, and everyone else must do to be saved! While this is a brief summary, it is fairly comprehensive. It covers our initial conversion and subsequent efforts for the Lord. Now that you know what you must do, the REAL question is: "Have you done it yet?" If not, may we help you obey?

--Lanny Smith



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