

3 SIN beneath the sins Why?

2 REASONS

1. Case = SIN is the real problem of mankind
Jesus is the only solution **PRIDE**
2. Growth in holiness by repentance from
your root sins **David Brooks**

ROOT SIN	SOLUTION	HOLINESS
UNBELIEF	Faith in Jesus	TRUST IN GOD
FEAR	Faith in Jesus	COURAGE
SHAME	Faith in Jesus	CONFIDENT SONSHIP
IDENTITY w/O GOD	Faith in Jesus	IDENTITY IN JESUS
RELIGION	Faith in Jesus	REJOICING FAITH
PRIDE	Faith in Jesus	DEPENDENT HUMILITY

➔ THE GREATEST (IN BAD) SIN
C.S. Lewis

Really, why?

① THE SINFULNESS OF PRIDE

1. It is self-trust, self-confidence
"trusted in themselves" 18:9
American virtue! What's so bad?
2. It separates itself from others vs. 11
3. It is essentially comparative "I thank you that I am not like other men" vs. 11
C.S. Lewis
4. It is a spiritual vs. "fleshly" sin vs. 11
C.S. Lewis... sin of devil
5. It will bring down the proud Spiritual Law: "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled..." vs. 14
6. Bars the door to heaven... self-imposed
18:17 "shall not enter it"

↖ Whew! That's good, I'm a follower, a disciple of Jesus! Not so quickly, See Disciple's Pride

▶ Barring babies [low status] from Jesus

Their/our reasoning examples = subtle pride

➡➡➡ Be ruthless. Do you see its sinfulness? IN you?

② THE VIRTUE OF HUMILITY

☰☰ Jesus sets forth a new exemplar/model
Baby... such belongs the kingdom of θ

Characteristics of Childlikeness, not
Childishness

- ☑ Dependence vs. Independence
- ☑ Trust vs. cautious, calculating
- ☑ Wonderment vs. cynical
- ☑ Receiving vs. earning + demanding
- ☑ UNCONDITIONAL love vs. conditions

Challenges

"Humility, humility, humility" Augustine

1. Stop looking at those w. \$, power, status etc. as models, start looking @ babies
2. Strong case for babies of believers to be baptized and members of church *John Calvin*

How? Enter Kingdom of Heaven as a Child?

= BY FAITH IN JESUS, absolute dependence on him, utter rest in His work + Father's arms

My kids... Essence of Fatherhood, Daughterhood, Sonhood