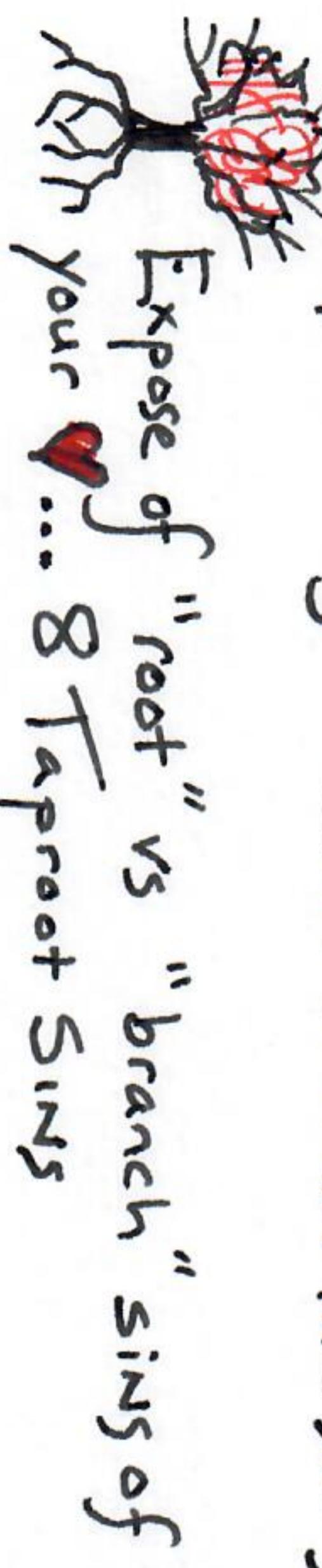


Today we begin Sin beneath the Sin series.



Expose of "root" vs "branch" sins of  
your heart... & Taproot Sins

⇒ Really? Why? Karl Menninger's

Whatever Became of Sin story

→ Although the vocabulary of sin has been rejected as irrelevant to modern society, the reality of sin remains indisputable.

G.K. Chesterton ► The disappearance of language of sin from society + church one of the most serious issues we face!

## Why? 3 Reasons

① REASON #1 = The knowledge of sin in the presence of Jesus is the door to salvation.

☰ Peter's story ► faithful Jew experiences his sinfulness in presence of Jesus and miraculous catch story

Point?

= The sense I am a sinner is of essence, a condition of saving faith in Jesus.

☒ in context of discipleship Cf. Levi's call, 5:27

☒ in presence of Jesus Def. of sinner not done bad things but, in contrast to holy ☸, I'm bad, lost, at my core, my nature

But Jesus not present today so not possible, right?

No, resurrected Jesus present in creation, conscience, Holy Spirit conviction, preaching of Word! Examples

→ Church must restore language of sin + expectation of sense of sin as essential to faith in Jesus. Like Peter... has penny dropped!

② Reason #2: The knowledge of sin in the presence of Jesus is the "road to Character" David Brooks

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Pay attention to the story: both Peter 5:10-11 and Levi 5:27-31 are called "summoned" by Christ ▶ Journey w. Jesus "summoned" U Turn/Repentance

Prerequisite?

"I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance"

How does this work? Put a couple of ways:

1. D. Brooks "crooked timber" vs. "Big Me"

approach works for people who are not X'tians

2. Effective to see + address "root sins"  
vs. just pruning branches



3. Proven, it works! Peter, Levi, John Bunyan,  
Jonathan Edwards ▷ vs. Pharisees

You? I'll help you look deep into **↙** + see root sins!  
"But," you say, "I'm afraid of what I'll find!"

③ REASON #3 = JESUS will forgive your sins  
and heal you of your sinful nature

☰☰ Jesus is ready, willing + able ▷ Has  
authority

☒ Restores Leper

☒ Forgives + Heals Paralyzed Man

**Application**

Whatever Became of Sin

1. You + I are gambling our life on diagnosis of  
human problem + predicament Right Diagnosis

Vital for Real Healing

2. Ø Has Come to forgive sins + heal sinners Good

Infection ▷ Get to Him + Get others to Him