



Worldly Corruption in the Church

James 4:1-10

- 1) Christians are saved from the *penalty* of sin, not the *presence* of it
- 2) Sin's presence can entice and overwhelm us. In the church, Christians...
 - a) Long for worldly pleasures (4:1)
 - b) Quarrel & fight among themselves (4:2)
 - c) Commit heinous sins both mentally & physically (4:2, 4)
 - d) Pray selfishly (4:3)
 - e) Commit spiritual adultery (4:4)
 - f) Entertain devilish ideas & notions (4:7)
- 3) Unfaithfulness to Christ is spiritual adultery (4:4)
 - a) God is rightly jealous for His own (Ex. 20:5; 34:14; Zech. 8:2)
 - b) By God's grace, repentance restores us to Him (4:6)
 - i) Humble yourself & repent of sin (4:6, 8-10)
 - ii) Be subject to God alone, not the world (4:7)
 - iii) Resist the devil (4:7)
 - iv) Draw near to God (4:8)
- 4) God reacts to our actions (4:4-10)
 - a) He is the enemy of those who love the world (4)
 - b) He is jealous when we stray (5)
 - c) He gives grace when we deserve death (6)
 - d) He comes near to us when we draw near to Him (8)
 - e) He exalts us when we humble ourselves (10)