

# FORGIVENESS, FORGIVEN, FORGIVING | "WRONG DIAGNOSIS" | LESSON 1

## I INTRO SERIES

- ① Start a new series on the Biblical doctrine of "forgiveness"
- ② In this series we will study points of "forgiveness"
  - ① Why do we need forgiveness?
  - ② The good news of forgiveness!
  - ③ What it is
  - ④ God, ready to forgive
  - ⑤ Forgiven
  - ⑥ The Freedom of "forgiveness"
  - ⑦ The Power of "forgiveness"
  - ⑧ And, how to forgive to forgive others or how to be forgiving

## II Preview

- ① Wrong Diagnosis
  - ② Why do we need forgiveness
    - The ~~god~~ "spirit of the world"

## III LESSON

- ① Wrong Diagnosis
  - 1 Cor. 2:6-12 princes - wise, scribe  
1:20 - disputer
  - ② wisdom of world vs. wisdom of God
  - ③ :11 - spirit of man | :12 - spirit of the world

- Bad news, so much, individual to larger scale, because of SIN
- A cancer - <sup>as word</sup> the spirit of man, the spirit of the world (2Tim. 2:11)
- The world's response → explain it away

• Man today attempts to escape blame instead of being forgiven

• Means of escape (contemporary)

① Human failing is a disease

↳ Drunkards & drug addicts - clinics for chemical dependencies

↳ Children habitually defy authority escape condemnation by being labeled "hyperactive or ADD"

↳ Gluttons simply have an eating disorder

↳ Men that throw away ~~the~~ his family should be understood - he is "addicted to sex"

• Everything wrong with humanity is explained away as an illness (so "science" tells us)

• Disorders:

APA  
Amer. Psychiatric Ass.

book of diagnosis

① Conduct Disorder

② Oppositional Defiant Disorder

③ Histrionic Personality Disorder

④ Antisocial Personality Disorder

• Such diagnosis influence parents to refuse punishment for the children's misbehavior

• The "spirit of the world" with its "oppositions of science falsely so called" (1 Tim. 6:20) adopted the disease-model approach.

• More addictions are being discovered each day

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- Everyone becoming locked into their own addictive worlds with other addicts like ourselves

- The fact that these things are increasing, guided under science (~~always~~ <sup>ever learning</sup> ~~coming~~) never coming to the knowledge of the truth) hasn't solved the problem the Bible calls "Sin".

- Instead we are desperately sick and not responsible for wrong behavior. ~~LGBTQ~~ (questioning)

- The even more difficult thing is that this modeling, science, approach ~~causes~~ makes it those who really have some physical infirmity confused w/ those that have a spiritual one.

- A thick layer of darkness upon the truth

- It is a money-maker encouraging extensive and costly treatment that may last years. (Market <sup>psychologize life</sup> ~~make~~ problem out of difficulties)

- Couch sessions are substitutes for prayer with no sound authority to remedy, ~~test~~

- ③ acceptable to have problem w/o remedy
- ④ offer psychological salvation

- Recovery is a life long program

### Wrong Diagnosis / Wrong Prescription

- Disease-model therapy feeds the very problem it is supposed to treat
- lightens the sense of guilt (people are victims helplessly bound to their affliction).

- Instead of sin & evil we have illness

- ↳ consequence we have therapy & understanding

- ↳ responsibility → a personality driven by impulses

Ps. 38:1-8  
Ps. 51:1-17 (4)

- Rather, in <sup>physically</sup>stead of "I am sick" → "I have sinned." I am spiritually sick
- The offence is a serious one against a holy, <sup>just God</sup> omniscient,
- Guilt isn't to be soothed but is the sensor of one's sin
  - The world explains it away, damaging man's conscience
  - No remedy at all, but escalates <sup>sins & evil</sup>wickedness & eternal damnation
- Guilt is spiritual as pain is the physical
  - ↳ sin and needs confrontation
  - ↳ problem

• ~~Do~~ Forsaking guilt is to damage the soul <sup>in</sup> ~~to give~~ a vain humility before man, but <sup>in truth</sup> unrelenting pride before God

• Proverbs 28:13

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

• The Pharisees had this spirit in them

• MARK 5:31-32

the diagnoses of the world today allows one to justify their unrep+ and really be  
 instead of the biblical diagnosis of man's sickness IS SIN

• Romans 3:19-20

• we are to acknowledge our sin

• Jesus Christ is the remedy

• call sinners to repentance

④ Conclusion:

Next lesson will examine the liberating remedy to this proper diagnosis.