



WELCOME TO THE FATHER'S VOICE SEMINAR

SESSION 3

INTRODUCTION

- we are here for **YOU** to build the body of Christ
- therefore, very **IMPORTANT** to **BRING BIBLES!!**
- **WRITE, make notes** as you will come to **new understanding** of things!!
- **PLEASE** make the decision **NOW** to complete all the sessions

What to expect in this session?

- 'sin' is a personal matter
- sin is not necessarily what we think it is
- there is a difference between *sin* and *righteousness* and *holiness*

DECLARATIONS – please repeat out loud

- I am ready to receive
- my heart is open to receive the Word of God
- my spiritual eyes are open
- my spiritual ears are open
- I now open my soul to receive the Word of God in Spirit and Truth
- my spirit receives, my spirit receives

SESSION 3

What did we come to do? WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! (equipping you for YOUR ministry, to give you tools)

During **Sessions 1 and 2** we saw that Paul was trying to convey a very special message about the revelation of "*Christ in him*" that he received directly from God.

He wants the churches to understand this as he saw that they became less intimate with Christ.

In this session let's continue to see what Paul discovered.

Many Christians today fall into the “trap” of sin, then loose hope, and then give up. **Many are “caught up” in this place of captivity.** It is very important that we understand this concept as, once you understand it, it **cannot have a stronghold on you anymore – you are more than a conquerer.**

So, let's look at this topic: SIN

Paul also touched on this topic (*no detail in this session*)

Question: **what is sin???**

Sinner: Greek = hamartolos: an archer term for missing the mark, or a traveler leaving the familiar road and taking twisted paths to cause him to lose his way.

Also – devoted to sin by choice; **thoughts, words and deeds in contrary with the Word of God.**

It remains **our responsibility** to help others wandering away:

(MSG) James 5:19 “My dear friends, if you know people who have wandered off from God's truth, don't write them off. Go after them. Get them back.”

Let's look at some examples of sin and according to the Word;

Question: is it sin to cut your hair? (*a few people to say what they think*)

- i. Samson's hair – lost his strength because he has cut his hair. Do you think he lost his strength for cutting his hair??
- ii. No, it was about **disobedience** – NOT cutting his hair!

THAT means that; to Samson it WAS sin to cut his hair. In other people's case not. If God did not tell them to cut their hair then they are not disobedient. So it is personal. What things are God telling you to do / not to do??

iii. **Unbelief** (Rom 14:23and **whatever is not of faith is sin**)

*this is a very strong statement and must have got you to think about it. The verse does not say "some things not done in faith is sin, no, instead it is saying **ALL** not done in faith = sin. This is a hard reality. This means that my whole life, all I do, everything done – MUST be 'faith based' otherwise I am not in right standing with how He wants us to live.

Let's look at how Jesus explained this topic;

Joh 16:6 (Jesus is talking): But your hearts are full of sorrow because I have said these things. *(Jesus only spoke Spirit and Truth – never considered other people's opinions)*

Joh 16:7 But **what I am saying is true**: My going is for your good: for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

Joh 16:8 And He (Holy Spirit), when He comes, will; i) make the world **conscious of sin**, ii) and of **righteousness**, iii) and of **being judged**: *(note these three components)*

Then He started to explain each one:

Joh 16:9 Of **sin**, because they have **not faith** in Me; *(no faith in Christ = sin)*

Joh 16:10 Of **righteousness**, because I go to the Father and you will see me no more; *(Jesus became our righteousness, by His resurrection we received His righteousness as a gift – we are in right standing before the Father)*

Joh 16:11 Of being **judged**, because the ruler of this world (satan) **has been** judged.

Joh 16:12 I have still much to say to you, but you are not strong enough for it now. *(Jesus whilst explaining it to them, came to the conclusion that they do not fully understand Him (are not ready), and some things He speaks of*

the future events still to happen, and they are still without the Holy Spirit)

Joh 16:13 However, when He, the Spirit of true knowledge, has come, **He will be your guide into all true knowledge**: for His words will not come from Himself, but whatever has come to His hearing, that He will **say** (*So Holy Spirit speaks*): and He will **make clear to you the things to come**. (*things in the future*)

(*Holy Spirit will help you/be your help - in your faith)

Remember: In **John 19:30**, "...and He (Jesus) cried out, **it is FINISHED!** He completed His mission to fulfill the Law. He also dealt with the **power of sin and death** over us.

Therefore, if anyone is IN Christ, he has fulfilled the Law and are we not under the Law anymore. The result of this being; we are dead to sin and according to the Word it has no power over us.

This also means that sin is a very personal matter. It is all about your personal relationship with your Father. That means, if you move 'outside' of the perimeters He has made you, outside of your purpose, it could be sin. If God told YOU to stop doing specific things, (and not to another) only YOU are in the wrong even if you both overstep on that same thing. (Disobedience)

Example: To **cut your hair** is not necessarily sin, but for **Samson** it was! He was disobedient to a specific instruction from God.

In summary:

Rom 14:23 says ".....whatever is **not of faith is sin.**"

Joh 16:9 says: "About sin, because **they do not believe in Me** [trust in, rely on, and adhere to Me]"

sin = one devoted to this (wrong) lifestyle BY CHOICE.

The ONLY power sin has is the power I give it. It is about MY choices.

Rom 6:14 For sin may not have rule over you: because you are not under law, but under **grace**.

Eph 2:5 even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved),

Eph 2:6 and **raised us up** together, and **made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**,

Eph 2:7 that in the ages to come He might **show** the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus

The lesson Paul teaches us is one of **faith**. We also need to believe that Christ has died on a cross for all sin. He did it for everyone, not only specific people. Together with that, He rose again from the dead also overcoming death and the power thereof.

If I am born again and a new creation in Christ, then He has sent me the Holy Spirit to reside in me and to manifest the same powers through Christ.

Let's summarize what we've learned in Session 3

1. Give the definition of sin – to miss the
2. According to the Word, give 2 examples of sin
3. Are we still under the Law of Moses?
4. Can sin have dominion over me? (Rom 6:14)
5. If I do not believe in what the Word of God say, is it a sin? (Rom 14:23)
6. Am I sitting in high places with Jesus (next to the Father)? Can it be?

Eph 2:6

IN SUMMARY:

- We came here as your guests to assist and help YOU
- We DO NOT want to start any new or other movement
- We live our passion – so that all can know Christ better
- We are focusing on the body of Christ, to equip the saints and to bring
UNITY

