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Gathering at 502 Pike Street

Welcome back to our sermon series entitled: **Biblical Life Words: Living by God's Word**

Our Foundational Scripture is: 2 Tim. 3:16-17

¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

We continue to focus on the word: **Sin**. On March 12th we looked at **The Choice to Sin**. Today's Wrap Up for Sunday, March 19th continues with **The Cost of Sin**.

I. LOOK

Now, Let's turn together in God's Word!

Genesis 3:9-12: ⁹ And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? ¹⁰ And he said, I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. ¹¹ And He said, who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? ¹² And the man said, the woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Genesis 3:16-19: ¹⁶ Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. ¹⁷ And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; ¹⁸ Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; ¹⁹ In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Genesis 3:22-24 ²² And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of Us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever: ²³ Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Genesis 4:3-12: ³ And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. ⁴ And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: ⁵ But unto Cain and to his

offering He had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. ⁶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? ⁷ If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. ⁸ And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.⁹ And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? ¹⁰ And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground. ¹¹ And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; ¹² When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

Psalm 32:5: (David, in contrast to Cain) I acknowledge my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Psalm 51:3-4a: (David in contrast to Cain) For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight:

Proverbs 14:9: Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.

Ecclesiastes 7:20: For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

John 8:34: Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

Romans 3:10-12: ¹⁰ As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: ¹¹ There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. ¹² They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Romans 3:23: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death.

II. LEARN:

Note 1: SELECT

Our Focal Passage this week is:

Romans 5:12, 15-17

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so, death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: ¹⁵ But not as the offence, so also is the free Gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the Gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. ¹⁶ And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the Gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free Gift is of many offences unto justification. ¹⁷ For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the Gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Note 2: STUDY

1st Point: Within this one verse, **Romans 5:12**, we are presented with the **Cost of Sin** for all mankind. Remember, **sin** did not exist in the lives of God's created humans until Adam deliberately made the **choice** to rebel against God's command.

2nd Point: The "**one-man**" reference in this verse, of course, refers to Adam. It is worth noting that, as stated in **1 Timothy 2:14**, [**14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.**] Eve was deceived by Satan, while Adam made the deliberate choice to sin against God's expressed will. Paul referred to the inevitable connection between sin and death. Here in **Romans 5:12** he pictures sin and death as entering the world through one man, with the result that death permeated the whole of humankind. It was the opening in the dike that led to the inundation, the poison that entered at one point and penetrated every unit of a person's corporate life. From Adam's first **sin**, all of mankind have sinned because we are sinners, and we are sinners because we have inherited Adam's sin nature."

The old preachers once preached that "sin will take you farther than you want to go, make you stay longer than you want to stay and cost you so much more than you can possibly pay."

3rd Point: Ok, before we move forward in our study, I want to take a look back at an Old Testament illustration of the **cost of sin**. In their chapter entitled, "Evidence That Sin Has Consequences," the McDowells remind us of God's warning to Israel in **Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 28:15-20**:

Deut. 10:12-13: ¹² And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, ¹³ To keep the commandments of the LORD, and His statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

Deut. 28:15-20: ¹⁵ But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: ¹⁶ Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. ¹⁷ Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. ¹⁸ Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. ¹⁹ Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. ²⁰ The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken Me.

McDowell Quote: "The price of sin is high. The Old Testament has this common theme woven throughout. Scripture tells of a people who at times walked in the ways of God. They live out godly relationships and reap the benefits of joy and happiness. Then we learn that they sin—they act self-centered and fail to trust God and His ways. Throughout the history of the nation, this turning from God accelerates, and in spite of the warnings of several prophets, the people do not repent, and they refuse to turn back to God. The result is always the same: pain and

suffering, heartache and ruin, destruction, and death. Death is ultimately the wages of sin, just as God proclaimed to Adam and Eve."

Note 3: SUMMARIZE

Summary 1: Sin did not curse the earth until Adam rebelled against God's explicit will and command. Remember, prior to this initial choice to sin, God's world was perfect and righteous.

Summary 2: The immediate result or cost of that sin and every sin, was a sentence of *physical death, a spiritual separation*—the breaking of the spiritual relationship between God and man, and the sentence of an *eternal death*—eternal separation of man from God.

Summary 3: Anytime... every time the **created** tries to take the place and position of the **Creator** you will have sin and the results of sin; God really was serious about having no other gods before Him. (*Exodus 20:3, Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.*)

Summary 4: *McDowell Quote:* "The problem of sin in the world isn't a sociological, economic, or intellectual problem; it is a spiritual or heart problem." Jesus said in **Matthew 15:19: For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies...**

Summary 5: Yes, in **sin**, man has chosen and still chooses to do his worst, but as we will see next Sunday in our final installment of this short series on **sin**, God has and will still outshine man with His grace: **Romans 5:17: ¹⁷ For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the Gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Next week we'll look at Sin, The Cure for Sin.**

III. LIVE OUT

3 Steps of Action:

Action Step 1: List of the world's sins and apply **Romans 10:9-10**

⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Action Step 2: List the believer's sins and apply **2 Chronicles 7:14**

If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Action Step 3: List your sins and apply **Psalms 32:1-5;**

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

² Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

³ When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

⁴ For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

⁵ I acknowledge my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONCLUSION

Proverbs 28:13

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

INVITATION

*All to Jesus, I surrender; All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.
I surrender all. I surrender all. All to Thee, my Blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*