

THE POWER OF SIN: Part 4

The Death Grip of Your Sin

- **Jesus didn't rescue Judas from his sin of greed (thievery/covetousness) which had a death grip on him.**
- **Why Judas wouldn't get free of his sin, even though he was with Jesus for 3 years.**
 - Because he loved money

John 12:1-6 KJV Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. (2) There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. (3) Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. (4) Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, (5) Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? (6) This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

What is the message concerning The Death Grip of Your Sin:

- ‡ Close proximity with Christ won't break the Death Grip of Your Sin
- ‡ Being called by Jesus won't break the Death Grip of Your Sin
- ‡ Fellowship with other believers won't break the Death Grip of Your Sin
- ‡ Hearing the teachings of the gospel won't break the Death Grip of Your Sin
- ‡ Working in the gospel ministry won't break the Death Grip of Your Sin

THE WARNINGS THAT ADDRESSES YOUR SINS

Num 32:23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure **your sin will find you out**

Jhn 9:41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but **now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth**

1 Timothy 5:24 GW The sins of some people are obvious, going ahead of them to judgment. **The sins of others follow them there.**

Your Sin is Personal | Your Sin gains control | Your Sin don't die | Your Sin will kill you

The keeping of the money, was entrusted to Judas; and it appears to have been his natural inclination toward greed to have received this appointment. It shows us that every person is tried according to his/her inner lusts. This is the object of trial – to bring out a person's inner character; and every person will find opportunity to do evil according to his/her inner disposition, if he/she is inclined, to it.

James 1:13-15 KJV Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: (14) But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. (15) Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

YOUR SIN:

Hardens the heart against the LORD | Desensitizes the conscience – reprobate mind

Desires to destroy the soul | Wants to control your will

Sins of the flesh and Sins of the heart

Galatians 5:19-21 KJV Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, (20) Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, (21) Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Mark 7:20-23 KJV And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. (21) For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, (22) Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: (23) All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

HOW TO BREAK THE DEATH-GRIP OF SIN

- Confession of sin, Forsaking from sin

Pro 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

- ‡ Confession is for believers
- ‡ Confession allows believers to experience cleansing, break the stronghold of sin, and maintain spiritual integrity.
- ‡ Confession is necessary to maintain ongoing fellowship with God
- ‡ Confession of sin is part of "making war" on sinful tendencies, allowing believers to acknowledge, take accountability for, and stop hiding, their sin.
- ‡ Confession transforms the believer, allowing them to move from a guilty conscience to one of joy and renewed closeness with God.
- ‡ Confession grants us access to the grace and mercy of GOD to help us be delivered from our sins.