

Sermon Outline August 28, 2016

"Made Sin for Us" 2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJ)

I. *He (Jesus Christ) knew no sin -*
"Him who knew no sin" 2 Corinthians 5:21
One of the great and essential truths every person in this church needs to know is Jesus Christ NEVER SINNED!

1. *This is the testimony of Scripture –*

A. *Jesus was obedient and righteous though Adam and all his children were disobedient and unrighteous –*

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:19 NKJ)

B. *Though Jesus endured temptation, He never fell to it –*
For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15 NKJ)

C. *His sinlessness qualifies Him as our High Priest –*
Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; (Hebrews 7:25-26 NKJ)

It is interesting when I typed the word "sinlessness" Microsoft Word told me it was not a word. I looked it up and found it in some dictionaries but not in others.

2. *People are dreadfully wrong if they claim that Jesus Christ ever sinned –*

*I have heard people claim this, even pastors (false teachers). The Scripture they usually use is John 2 - **And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business.¹⁵ When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.¹⁶ And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"¹⁷ Then His disciples remembered that***

it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." (John 2:14-17 NKJ)

- A. *What they claim is Jesus' anger was sin.*
- B. *However they are wrong, because it is right to be angry with sin and it is right to be zealous for God's house.*
- C. *If we disagree with God or Christ's anger or wrath it is only because we do not understand what a great evil even what we might regard the smallest sin is!*

Adam's disobedience eating the forbidden fruit plunged the entire human into a state of sin and death, and murder and mayhem began with Adam's first born son Cain, who murdered his brother, and it has not stopped since!

II. *He (Jesus Christ) was made sin for us –*
For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us

- 1. *For us, who is the US? Us, who unlike Christ are SINNERS! We all are*

–
for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23 NKJ)

As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. (Romans 3:10-11 NKJ)

This includes:

- A. *Your pastor*
- B. *All of you*
- C. *Every other human being except for Jesus Christ who ever lived in this world, even righteous Noah got drunk – Genesis 9:20-21; the Apostle Paul himself –*

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. (1 Timothy 1:15 NKJ)

- 2. *What does the "for us" mean? It means for us, for our benefit, for our welfare, for our ultimate good! Jesus Christ's being made sin, was meant as a REMEDY to our sin, it is key to our salvation!*

III. *How is / was Jesus Christ's being made sin a remedy for our sin?*

- 1. *First understand what being "made sin" does and does not mean –*
 - A. *It does not mean Jesus became a sinner or sinful, He was and is always SINLESS! See point I.*

B. *It does mean He took upon Himself the wrath, the shame, the ill treatment, the punishment that every sin and sinner deserves!*

2. *How is Jesus Christ's suffering a remedy for us?*

A. *A righteous God, judge must punish sin –*

And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,⁷ "keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation." (Exodus 34:6-7 NKJ)

Exodus 34:6-7 are interesting verses they speak of God's mercy, grace and forgiveness but they also tell us He by no means clears the guilty ... meaning punishment must be exacted!

Scripture clearly tells us –

And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. (Hebrews 9:22 NKJ)

^{NAS} **Hebrews 9:22 ... , and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. (Hebrews 9:22 NAS)**

For the wages of sin *is* death, ... (Romans 6:23 NKJ)

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, (Hebrews 9:27 NKJ)

B. *How dreadful that punishment can and will be –
Revelation 14:10-11*

• *It is eternal punishment, torment –*

And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; (Revelation 14:11 A)

• *It is without intermission, relief, even the slightest, or rest –
and they have no rest day or night (Revelation 14:11 B)*

C. *Jesus as a man takes upon Himself the punishment man's sins deserve –*

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, (John 3:14 NKJ)

D. *As God's Son, His sacrifice has the merit to save all –*

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.¹⁷ "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (John 3:16-17 NKJ)

So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. ... (Exodus 15:25 NKJ)

IV. *What is the righteousness we have in Christ –*

...that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJ)

1. *It is imputed righteousness –*

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:21-23 NKJ)

2. *It is Holy Spirit infused, inspired and empowered righteousness that grows and should thrive in the lives of the redeemed –*

"For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:20 NKJ)

This righteousness will show itself in:

A. *Real deeds – 2 Corinthians 5:10, Ephesians 2:8-10*

B. *Fear of God – 2 Corinthians 5:11, Psalm 111:10*

C. *Compassion for others and a heart to tell others, persuade them of this remedy – 2 Corinthians 5:11 b we persuade men (2Co 5:11 NKJ)*

D. *Living for Jesus Christ and not SELF –*

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15 NKJ)

E. *A New Creation – 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJ)

B.J. Thomas "What a difference you made in my life..."

David – Psalm 40:2-3

F. *Reconciliation and a ministry of reconciliation, even a title " we are ambassadors for Christ" (2Co 5:20 NKJ)– 2 Corinthians 5:18-20*

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