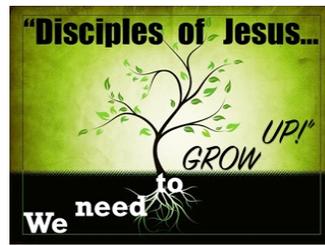


“Disciples of Jesus ... We need to GROW UP!”



Part 9: “SIN ... the ‘Inconvenient Truth’”

Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 3:9-20

Introduction: “Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned” (Romans 5:12).

“It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).

Sin and judgment are part of God’s plan to reveal Himself to His children through the Savior He sent!

God is totally in control of EVERYTHING that is happening in your life and in the world today (Romans 8:28).

I. The reality of SIN as part of God’s plan ...

Genesis 3:1-7: “ ... she took of its fruit and ate , and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate ” (vs. 6).

Question: “If God is not in control HERE , at the beginning ... is He in control NOW ??”

SIN = transgression , disobedience, rebellion !

Question: “Did God know Adam and Eve would sin?”

Question: “ WHEN did God know Adam and Eve would sin?”

Genesis 3 happened because God determined to reveal Himself to a chosen few and because He determined to include sin and evil in His plan.

We are sinners by birth and sinners by choice and God knew we would be so BEFORE He created Adam and Eve.

Ephesians 1:3-4: “ ... even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world ... ” (vs. 4).

God ordained that He would use evil to reveal Himself to those whom He would save by His amazing grace and love in Christ.

Genesis 3:14-15: “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel ” (vs. 15).

God gave Adam and Eve a free will to choose and they chose disobedience, thus losing the freedom of choice for themselves and for all who would come after them.

God wants those who receive His grace to know His holiness, justice, mercy, compassion, patience (etc.) AND His love in Christ ...

... and it was for THAT reason that God determines, by an act of HIS free will to use sin and evil for His own purposes!

II. The reality of JUDGMENT as part of God’s plan ...

Genesis 2:17: “ ... in the day that you eat of it you shall surely DIE .”

God’s judgment, like sin, was planned and ordained by God in order to reveal to His children His holiness, justice and love.

Romans 3:19-20: “ ... that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God ” (vs. 19).

The false teaching that “God hates sin , but loves the sinner ” is leading many to hell by giving a false assurance that all is well.

John 16:8-11: “And when He (the Holy Spirit) comes, He will convict the world concerning sin , righteousness and judgment ” (vs. 8).

III. The reality of SALVATION as part of God’s plan ...

God’s plan to send His Son Jesus Christ into the world to save those whom He would chose was not and is not “ Plan B !”

If all this is not part of God’s plan from the beginning you are left with two opposing forces ... either of whom may win.

The error of the church today is in believing God is TRYING to save everyone, but is powerless to overcome the will of sinful people!

John 10:15,28-29: “I lay down my life for the sheep ... I give them eternal life, and they will never perish ... ” (vss. 15,28).

Acts 13:48: “ ... and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed .”