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February – Mark 9:30-10:12

Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. ³¹ For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.” ³² But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him. ³³ Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. ³⁵ And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”

³⁸ Now John answered Him, saying, “Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us.” ³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. ⁴⁰ For he who is not against us is on our side. ⁴¹ For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward. ⁴² “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— ⁴⁴ where ‘Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— ⁴⁶ where ‘Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire— ⁴⁸ where ‘Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹ “For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.”

¹⁰ Then He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again. ² The Pharisees came and asked Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” testing Him. ³ And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴ They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her.” ⁵ And Jesus answered and said to them, “Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. ⁶ But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh’; so

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then they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate. ¹⁰ In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. ¹¹ So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. ¹² And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

OKAY HERE'S MY TEACHING COMMENTARY

Three times Jesus warns about the danger of sin that leads to the eternal punishment of hell. Jesus described hell as eternal punishment where "Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched." Some Bible scholars interpret "their worm does not die" to mean a constant gnawing away of the sinners conscience in hell because of unrepentant sin and the decision to reject the salvation of Jesus Christ when they had the opportunity under the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus said if our hand or foot or eye causes us to sin we should cut that member of our body off we can't take that literally. Why is this? Because sin is first a matter of the mind and heart. Sin comes as a suggestion or a thought to transgress against the Commandments and Word of God. Second, sin is a choice we make with our will to yield to temptation. Third, sin manifests through our body. Because sin is a matter of the heart you can't get rid of it by cutting off a part of your body. So, what did Jesus mean? He was saying don't allow sin in your life but deal with it by cutting it out through repentance. In other words, don't make excuses like:

- This is just the way I am
- I'm just human
- My sins are already forgiven so it really doesn't matter if I live in sin now
- Everyone is doing it so I'm sure God will understand

No, sin is a serious matter! So serious that if people don't deal with it, sin will ultimately lead them to the eternal punishment of hell. According to Jesus, Hell is a real place prepared for Satan and his fallen angels not people but multitudes will follow the Devil in his sinful rebellion and receive the same condemnation of hell. Matthew 25 41, 46 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'" These are Jesus words and I'm not going to twist them and try and explain away the reality of the eternal punishment and suffering of sinners in hell!!!

This is a direct warning from the Son of God to deal with sin in every person's life! Many deny the existence of hell while others preach that Christians can live in all kinds of immoral sins, I'm talking about the obvious sins that are listed in the Word of God that keep people from going Heaven. You mean that's really in the Bible? Yes and the Lord Jesus Christ makes it crystal

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clear that those that commit certain sins are not going to be entering into the holy city in Heaven. Jesus says in Revelation 22:12-17 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last." ¹⁴Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵But **outside** *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. ¹⁶"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things **in the churches**. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." ¹⁷And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts **come**. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

I think it's interesting that just like Jesus warned in Mark 9 that we should cut sin out of our lives 3 times he also gives 3 invitations to come and take the water of life freely which obviously means the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ! Again this is the Lord Jesus Christ speaking with all authority. Question; to who was the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ written to? It was obviously written first to God's people. Second, unbelievers may read it and respond to the gracious invitation of Jesus Christ to be saved. The good news is Jesus already died on the cross for everyone's sins and salvation is a gift, you can't earn it through good works but if you're saved your life will show it by producing the fruits of righteousness and holiness which is an ongoing process in every believer's life.

Preachers that twist the truth about the danger of sin teaching that it's OK to live in sin as a Christian only echo the voice of Satan that lied to Adam and Eve in the garden about eating the forbidden fruit saying you won't really die when God commanded them not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil warning in the day you eat of it you will surely die. The Apostle Paul warned the Ephesian Christian's to not be deceived about living in sin Ephesians 5:5-7 "For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive **you** with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them."

In light these verses I would not think for a minute that you can live an ungodly sinful lifestyle breaking the clear commandments of God and escape the eternal flames of hell whether you confess to be a Christian or not. Don't misunderstand me, this has nothing to do with being saved by grace because that's how everyone is saved. However if someone confesses to be saved without repentance from their sins according to the Bible they're only deceiving themselves. Jesus said in Luke 13 there is no salvation without repentance and repentance means changing your mind about sin, stopping it and producing good fruit!

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WHAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE?

- Sin is sin friends. Don't allow yourselves to be deceived about sin.
- In Mark 9 Jesus warned 3 times about the danger of allowing sin to live in your life.
- In Revelation 22 Jesus gave 3 invitations to be saved!
- If you want to make sure you're going to heaven and not to hell take responsibility for your sins and cut them out through sincere repentance and make sure you live a life of holiness to God. (Hebrews 12:15, 1 Peter 1:13-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:22-24)
- If you fall which every Christian will do, don't run from God run to him! Remember how the prodigal son in Luke 15 returned and was restored to his father, through confession of sin and repentance.
- 1 John 1:9 Says if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

This is your brother in Christ, Nick Boork saying thanks for listening to the One Year Bible Club and let's fulfill the Great Commission of Christ together until He comes!

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