

Some Things Sinners Should Know

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Introduction.

- I. Very often articles appear in the newspapers and magazines in regard to some things we should know about ourselves, the things we buy and the world around us.
- II. Today I would like to speak on “Some Things Sinners Should Know.”
 - A. It is imperative that preachers and teachers of God’s word proclaim these facts to the world lost in sin. (Jn. 8:32).
 - B. Jesus teaches knowing the truth leads to salvation. It is essential that we know and obey the truth of God.
- I. **The Love Of God** - The first thing sinners should know is the love of God. (Jn. 3:14-16; Rom.5:8; 1 Jn. 4:10, 19).
 - A. Once I read about a **little boy who had been from one orphanage to another**, through seven institutions. The board was meeting about his case when they saw him creep by the window, climb a little fence, jump the hedge and pin a note on a tree outside the institution grounds. This was, of course, a violation of the rules. They sent someone to apprehend the boy and the note. They would sharply reprimand him and use this as a reason for moving him on. But then one read the note and passed it to all the others until all their head were hung low in shame. The note was scribbled with crayon and it simply said, “Whoever finds this, I love you.”
 1. Many today are wandering aimlessly in a lonely world. They are searching for comfort, consolation, joy and peace. They are searching for someone who really understands and cares for them.
 2. **The real message of God’s word is**, “Whoever finds this: I understand you, I want to help you, I love you.” This is the real message of the cross. God is saying, “Whoever finds this cross, I gave My precious, perfect Son to die for your sins.”
 - B. The **tremendous, the incomparable love** of God ought to be known by every sinner. God sent His His only Son, His precious Son into the world to die for our sins.
 1. God gave His Son on the cross for all men, even the chief of sinners. Regardless of the depths of sin and shame a man my plunge to, God is able and willing to forgive him if he will come to His Son and surrender his life to Him and keep His commandments.
 2. God says. (Isa. 1:18).
 3. In Micah the 7th chapter we have these words.

MIC 7:18 Who is a God like Thee, who pardons iniquity And passes over the rebellious act of the

remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in unchanging love.

MIC 7:19 He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, Thou wilt cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea. (Mic. 7:18, 19).

- a. God promises He will pardon our iniquities and cast them into the depths of the sea if we turn from our sins and obey Him.
 - b. The **ocean covers approximately 72% of the earth's surface** to an average depth of 11,500 feet. The average depth is over 2 miles deep. Off the island of Guam, Nero Deep, the ocean is nearly 32,000 feet deep which is over 6 miles deep. If Mount Everest were dropped into **Nero Deep**, the water would still cover it by half a mile.
 - c. These facts, about the tremendous depths of the ocean, make more vivid the promises of God in Micah. God will cast our sins into the depths of the sea where they are gone forever and will never never be held against us again.
 - d. What a tremendous promise!
4. This **great love of God** should melt our hearts and motivate us to leave the depths and misery of sin and commit our lives to God and His Son. This **great love of God** should compel us to love Him back with all of our being.

II. **The High Cost Of Sin** - The second thing sinners should know is the high cost of sin.

- A. Sometime back a **church of 3,500 members** had a "church trial" and eliminated a young male teacher from their teaching roster because he taught things that displeased the parents and teenagers under his supervision. What did he teach? What awful thing did he say? Why he taught that sin is a real thing, that young people could sin, and that all sinners will pay for their folly in this life and in the life to come.
- B. It is very popular today to minimize sin and pass it off as some minor thing or something that really does not exist. But the Bible teaches sin is real and deadly.
 1. Sin **brings temporary pleasures** in this life, but it also brings miseries in this life. (Gal. 6:7, 8).
 - a. Paul declares that we will reap what we sow. If we sow a life of sin we will reap a life of heartache and misery.
 - b. If I had a thousand years to preach this sermon, I could not begin to tell you all the misery and suffering and heartaches that sin has produced in the lives of men.
 2. Sin also has **eternal consequences**.
 - a. This high cost of sin is described in Romans 6:23. See Revelation 20:14.
 - b. Those who serve Satan will spend eternity in hell with their master, Satan. They shall hear

Jesus say in that last day. (Matt. 25:41).

- c. **Hell is an awful place.** The wicked will burn and cry out with great pain, but no mercy, no help will be given them. Hell is forever. There is no hope of escape.

III. **The Remedy For Sin** - The third thing sinners should know is the remedy for sin.

A. There is no human remedy. All human remedies fail. All human efforts combined cannot atone for even one sin; much less the billions of sins that mankind has committed.

B. **There is just one remedy for sin.** The remedy for sin is Jesus and His blood.

C. Nothing can take away sin but the blood of Jesus. (Jn. 1:29; Matt. 26:28; Heb. 9:22).

1. These scriptures set forth the fact that salvation is through the blood of Christ.

2. Those who trust in fame, wealth, education, power will be condemned. Only those who come to Christ and let Him wash them with His blood will be saved.

D. The question arises, “**How does a person obtain the blessings of Christ’s blood?**” The answer to this vital question is clearly set forth in the word of God.

1. The Bible tells us that **salvation is a matter of grace.** We cannot earn salvation. (Rom. 6:23).

2. The Bible teaches, that though we cannot earn salvation ,we **must act.** (Acts 2:40).

3. The Bible teaches one **must believe in Christ.** (Matt. 16:16; Jn. 8:24).

4. The Bible teaches one **must repent,** turn from sin. (Acts 3:19).

5. The Bible says one must **confess Christ,** acknowledge before men that Jesus is God’s Son and Savior. (Matt. 10:32, 33).

6. The Bible teaches one **must be baptized.** (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16).

7. It is only when a person has taken all of these steps that the blood of Christ washed His sins away.

8. Christ will not save those who refused to do the will of the Father. (Matt. 7:21).

IV. **Remedy For Sin Must Not Be Delayed** - The fourth thing sinners should know is the remedy for sin must not be delayed.

A. **Delay is dangerous.**

1. Life is uncertain. It can end at any moment.

2. Salvation is too important to put off obeying Christ.

B. Those outside of Christ are without hope. It is not enough to be almost in Christ. We must be in Christ and living for Him to be saved.

Conclusion.

- I. Sometime ago a **judge in a San Francisco court sentenced a man** to 30 days in jail for contempt of court. The man cried out, "Please don't give me 30 days, judge. I will crawl on my knees to you, but please don't sentence me to 30 days." The judge replied, "I don't want you to crawl on your knees. I just want you to stand up and be a man."
- II. This man was willing to crawl on his knees to avoid a mere 30 days in jail. How much more should we be willing to do to avoid the eternal hell. Jesus does not ask those lost in sin to get on their knees and crawl to him to be saved. He just asks that we stop serving Satan and come to Him. He asks that we come to Him and receive the salvation He has provided for us.
- III. **You have the opportunity now to respond to Jesus.** You have the opportunity now to commit your life to the One who died for you. You have the opportunity now to be saved by the Savior of the world. Come now as we sing.