

Sermon Notes: 05.21.2017 The Burden of Sin & The Burden of Sins

Power in the Blood

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood

There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the blood of the Lamb
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In the precious blood of the Lamb

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“Sin” is what was unleashed in the Fall

Think of it in terms of the Law of Sin & Death

Before Adam and Eve Sinned in the Garden of Eden, They lived in freedom – They were without Sin

Sin is the condition we inherited from that first rebellion – we all became sinners by nature

Ephesians 2:1-3 And **you were dead in your trespasses and sins**, **2** in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. **3** Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, **and were by nature children of wrath**, even as the rest.

We are not sinners because we sin – We sin because we are sinners

We inherited a nature that lives (walks) according to:

The course of this world –

the whole **1 John 5:19** We know that we are of God, and that world lies in *the power* of the evil one.

The prince of the power of the air

The spirit that now works in “the sons of disobedience”

There is a battle going on in which we wrestle

Because we are “under sin” we:

Live “In” the lusts of our flesh

Indulge the desires of the flesh and of the mind

Are by nature “children of wrath”

The only way to be free from this “Burden of Sin” is found in Christ – We need to be saved from it

Ephesians 2:4-9 **But God**, being **rich in mercy**, because of **His great love** with which He loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)**, **6** **and raised us up with Him**, and **seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**, **7** so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** **For by grace you have been saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of God**; **9** not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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We are no longer without hope and without God in the world

Ephesians 2:12 *remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

We are brought near

Ephesians 2:13-14a But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been **brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace,**

We are “Of” God’s household

Ephesians 2:19 So then **you are no longer strangers and aliens,** but you are fellow citizens with the saints, **and are of God’s household,**