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“WALKING AND TALKING” PART 2

I JOHN 1 VS 7, 9

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REVIEW: LAST WEEK WE LEARNED THAT WE ALL MUST DEAL WITH OUR SINS IF WE ARE TO ENJOY THE “**LIFE THAT IS REAL**” SO FAR JOHN HAS EXPLAINED THE FIRST OF THREE APPROACHES TO SIN. BASED ON OUR STUDY AND THE SCRIPTURES WE SHOULD ALL AGREE THAT WE SHOULD NOT TRY TO:

I. **COVER OUR SINS** (1 JOHN 1: 5-6, 8, 10; 2:4) SCRIPTURE TELLS US THAT WHEN WE DO THIS WE WILL NOT PROSPER (**PROV 28:13**).

AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THE LETTER WE WILL FIND THE NEXT APPROACH TO SIN IN (1 JOHN 1 V: 7, 9)

II. **CONFESS OUR SINS** - JOHN GAVE TWO INTERESTING TITLES TO JESUS CHRIST 1 JOHN 2 : 1-2 “**ADVOCATE**” AND “**PROPITIATION**”; IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND THESE TWO TITLES BECAUSE THEY STAND FOR TWO MINISTRIES THAT ONLY THE LORD HIMSELF PERFORMS.

DEFINITIONS

PROPITIATION - THE **SATISFYING OF GOD’S HOLY LAW** (CAREFUL WHEN YOU LOOK THIS WORD UP IN THE DICTIONARY YOU MAY GET THE WRONG IDEA OF ITS MEANING. THE DICTIONARY TELLS US THAT, “**TO PROPITIATE**” MEANS TO “**APPEASE SOMEONE WHO IS ANGRY**”, IF YOU APPLY THIS TO CHRIST, YOU GET AN HORRIBLE PICTURE OF AN ANGRY GOD WHO IS ABOUT TO DESTROY THE WORLD, AND A LOVING SAVIOR GIVING HIMSELF TO APPEASE THE IRATE GOD AND THIS IS NOT THE BIBLE PICTURE OF SALVATION! CERTAINLY GOD IS ANGRY AT SIN; AFTER ALL HE IS INFINITELY HOLY. BUT THE BIBLE REASSURES US THAT “**GOD SO LOVED (1 JOHN 3: 16) NOT HATED THE WORLD**”.

GOD IS:

A. **LIGHT** - SO HE CAN NOT CLOSE HIS EYES TO SIN (**1 JOHN 1: 5**)

B. **LOVE** - SO HE WANTS TO SAVE SINNERS (**1 JOHN 4: 8**)

QUESTION – SO THEN, HOW CAN A HOLY GOD UPHOLD HIS OWN JUSTICE AND STILL FORGIVE SINNERS?

ANSWER:

1. **THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST** - AT THE CROSS, GOD IN HOLINESS JUDGED SIN. GOD IN HIS LOVE OFFERS JESUS CHRIST TO THE WORLD AS SAVIOR. GOD WAS JUST THAT HE PUNISHES SIN, BUT HE WAS LOVING THAT HE OFFERS FREE FORGIVENESS THROUGH WHAT JESUS DID AT CALVARY (**JOHN 14: 10 – ROMANS 3: 23-26.**)

NOTE: CHRIST IS THE SACRIFICE FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD, BUT HE IS ONLY THE ADVOCATE FOR BELIEVERS. THAT BRINGS US TO OUR NEXT DEFINITION:

ADVOCATE - ONE CALLED ALONG SIDE THE WORD **ADVOCATE** USED TO BE APPLIED TO LAWYERS, THE WORD JOHN USED IS THE SAME WORD THAT JESUS USED WHEN HE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (**JOHN 14: 16, 16; 15:26**) WHEN A MAN WAS SUMMONED TO COURT, HE **TOOK AN ADVOCATE (LAWYER) WITH HIM TO STAND AT HIS SIDE AND PLEAD HIS CASE.**

QUESTION: WHAT WAS JESUS' EARTHLY MINISTRY?

ANSWER – GIVING HIS LIFE AS A SACRIFICE FOR SIN

QUESTION: WHAT MINISTRY IS JESUS STILL PERFORMING TODAY?

ANSWER: HIGH PRIEST HE REPRESENTS US BEFORE GOD'S THRONE

- A. **HE SYMPATHIZES WITH OUR WEAKNESS**
- B. **HE SYMPATHIZES WITH OUR TEMPTATION**
- C. **HE MINISTERS UNTO US GRACE**

SCRIPTURES (**HEB 4: 15-16; 7: 23-28**)

NOTE: AS OUR ADVOCATE HE HELPS US WHEN WE SIN. BUT THE WAY WE ACCESS THAT HELP IS BY:

CONFESSING OUR SIN TO GOD BECAUSE OF CHRIST'S ADVOCACY GOD FORGIVES US

HERE IS THE PICTURE: JESUS CHRIST IS CALLED OUR ADVOCATE. HE REPRESENTS BELIEVERS BEFORE GOD'S THRONE, AND THE MERITS OF HIS SACRIFICE MAKE POSSIBLE THE FORGIVENESS OF THE BELIEVERS' SIN.

HOW?

DEATH - HE SATISFIED THE JUSTICE OF GOD (THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH)

LIVES FOR US AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND - HE CAN APPLY HIS SACRIFICE TO OUR NEEDS DAY BY DAY.

NOTE: ALL HE ASKS IS THAT WHEN WE HAVE FAILED, WE CONFESS OUR SINS. THAT BRINGS US TO OUR NEXT DEFINITION

“CONFESS” “TO SAY THE SAME THING ABOUT” LITERALLY MEANS – TO SAY THE SAME THING ABOUT IT THAT GOD SAYS ABOUT IT

TRUE CONFESSION IS NAMING SIN – CALLING IT BY ITS NAME WHAT GOD CALLS IT, HATRED, ENVY, JEALOUSY, LUST, DECEIT OR WHATEVER IT MAY BE.

- A. **HONEST WITH OURSELVES** B. **HONEST WITH GOD** C. **HONEST WITH OTHERS**

GOD'S PROMISE WHEN WE TRULY CONFESS OUR SIN

1. **HE WILL FORGIVE US** - (I JOHN 1 VS 9) BUT WE SHOULD NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PROMISE AND MAKE IT EASY TO DISOBEY GOD.
2. **CLEANSE** - 2 SIDES TO THIS PROMISE OF CLEANSING
 - A. **JUDICIAL** - THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, SHED ON THE CROSS, DELIVERS US FROM THE GUILT OF SIN AND GIVES US A RIGHT STANDING CALLED: (**JUSTIFICATION**)
 - B. **PERSONAL** - INWARDLY, DAVID PRAYED – **PSALM 51: 10...** **“CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART”** WHEN OUR CONFESSION IS SINCERE GOD DOES A CLEANSING WORK (**I JOHN 1:9**) WHERE AND HOW?
 1. **IN OUR HEARTS**
 2. **BY HIS SPIRIT**
 3. **THROUGH HIS WORD** (**JOHN 15: 3**)

CLOSE: THE GREAT MISTAKE KING DAVID MADE WAS TRYING TO COVER HIS SINS INSTEAD OF CONFESSING THEM. FOR PERHAPS A WHOLE YEAR HE LIVED IN DECEIT AND DEFEAT. WHEN SHOULD WE CONFESS OUR SIN? AS SOON AS WE DISCOVER IT! HE THAT COVERETH HIS SINS SHALL NOT PROSPER; BUT WHOSOEVER CONFESSETH AND FORSAKETH THEM SHALL HAVE MERCY (**PROV 28:13**) BY WALKING IN THE LIGHT WE ARE ABLE TO SEE THE “DIRT” IN OUR LIVES AND DEAL WITH IT IMMEDIATELY.