

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**Announcements**

Mark Davis

**Song Leader**

Daniel Allgor

**Lord's Supper**

Jack Calvert Cole Meador

Rodney Ellis

**Prayers**

Bryan Garlock Clay Morris

**SUNDAY EVENING**

**Announcements**

**Scripture Reading**

**Song Leader**

**Lord's Supper**

**Prayers**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**Song Leader**

Clay Morris

**Prayers**

Jon Barry Jack Calvert

(Also on Zoom)

**Mark 9:24 Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief."**

Even though we believe, we always need the Lord's help with our remaining unbelief and to strengthen our faith.

**ABOUT US**

**Elders**

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Jon Barry Bill Brittenham  
Mike Davis Clay Morris

**Evangelist**

Bryan Garlock

**SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday**

Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.  
Worship .....10:15 A.M.  
~~Worship .....6:00 P.M.~~

**Monday (Zoom)**

Bible Study .....7:00 P.M

**Wednesday**

Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

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**GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION**

- Hear** the word of truth ..... Romans 10:13-17
- Believe** the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24
- Repent** from all sins .... Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38
- Confess** the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10
- Be Baptized** in His name ..... Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12
- Walk** in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death ..... Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10



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**Toxic Remedies For Sin #1**

Mark Pape

When we are ailing with sickness or disease, we are usually willing to take any and all necessary steps to be cured. This may include the foulest tasting medicine, or treatments which may have undesirable side effects. However, no one knowingly accepts treatment for their ailment if they know it will not affect their problem positively, or even worse, cause them harm. It is sad that the same reasoning is not used regarding the cure for sin. Some folks are seen using "toxic remedies" for their sin. Not only will these "so called" remedies do nothing to alleviate the sin in their life, or it's stain on their soul, but always has harmful side effects on the individual's attitude toward sin. It has been said, "Someone, somewhere, has tried to excuse or justify every sin under the works of the flesh that Gal.5:19-21 talks about. Satan's subversive tactics have succeeded in minimizing sin so that people who

commit such things are not responsible for their actions!!"

**"My Good Outweighs My Bad"** is a toxic remedy Christians take, deluding themselves into thinking this is how God judges them. For example, some folks' reasoning goes something like this; "I" go to church 3 times a week, "I" attend meetings, "I" don't bother anybody, "I" help the needy, "I" teach others, "I" work on the building "I" teach Bible class. However, they fail to remember they are still persisting in sin. Certainly the Lord "keeps a record," but not for the purpose of weighing good against evil by a system of weights and measures. Those of Matt. 7:21-24 discovered their iniquity was not overlooked at the expense of their good works. The Ephesian church had done well, but the Lord promised to remove the "candlestick" without repentance. Rev. 2:1-7. This attitude toward sin can be summed up in one word, "indifference." In the minds of some, sin

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas** and **Francine Davis**.

Please remember **Cathy** and **Sonny Monaghan** and **Pete Rowland** in your prayers.

**Bible Study: 9:30 AM (and Zoom)**

**Services: 10:15 AM (and Zoom)**

**Monday Class: 7:00 PM (Zoom)**

**Wednesday: 7:00 PM (and Zoom)**

simply doesn't matter, especially if I am "basically a good person." But God says otherwise, "...if he trusts to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousness shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he has committed, he shall die for it." (Eze. 33:13b). Can we not see how our own cures are toxic, not offering cure, but spiritual death?

**Thinking Ourselves Better Than, or Belittling Others** is a toxic delusion too. These are the folks who whitewash themselves by blackening others. Who do you want for a standard? I esteem friends and brethren for their good attributes and might like to improve things in my life that I see in theirs. But no mortal is good enough or bad enough to change my sin, or be my standard. The Lord overthrows this reasoning in Lk.18:10-14. Two men went up to pray. One rehearsed his righteousness before God and went so far as to thank God he

was not like the man beside him. This self-righteous man was not justified for exalting himself, but discovered his cure produced the opposite result, he was abased. The sin of another does not diminish the charges against me for my sin. Our God does not grade on the curve and further states, "*The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turns from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sins.*" (Eze. 33:12b) Again, we see how our own cures are toxic, resulting in spiritual death.

We need to remember that, "...*there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account.*" (Heb. 4:13)

### Toxic Treatment for Sin part II

Mark Pape

As was mentioned last week, when we are ailing from sickness or disease, we are usually willing to take any and all necessary steps to be cured. This may include the foulest tasting medicine, or treatments which may have undesirable side effects. It is sad that folks won't take the same measure to eradicate their sin. Some folks are seen using "toxic treatment" for their sin. Not only will these so-called treatments do nothing to alleviate the sin in their life, but in many cases have harmful side effects on the individual's attitude about sin

**Hiding Our Sin** is probably the all-time favorite toxic remedy. The first to use this "toxic remedy" were Adam and Eve. The

Bible states they "...*hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees.*" (Gen. 3:8.) How foolish to think we can hide ourselves from Him who said "*neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.*" (Heb. 4:13.) God is not as near sighted as our neighbors who may be easily deceived. David went to the extreme of premeditated murder to cover the sin of fornication with Bathsheba in 2 Sam.11. It went neither unnoticed nor unpunished by God. The same may be said of Ananias and Saphira in Acts 5: These examples alone should establish in our hearts that this toxic treatment will not cure sin, only serve to make it worse, resulting in spiritual death.

The story of Achan is a reminder that you cannot cover sin. And, that there will be consequences, not only for the sinner but for others. Because Achan unlawfully took spoils at the battle of Jericho, the next battle at Ai was a disaster. 36 men needlessly died because the Lord was not with Joshua, and would not be with him any longer until the accursed spoils were removed from among God's people. After Achan's confession and apparent repentance, "...*Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them to the Valley of Achor. And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The Lord will trouble you this day." So all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them*

*with stones.*" (Josh 7:24-25) Oh the suffering that our sin can bring on others. The Proverb writer observed that, "*He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy.*" (Pro. 28:13) We should praise the God Of Forgiveness, and thank Him because He forgives us when we confess our secret sins!

Most folks know and believe that God does not turn His head because sin is hidden, yet their actions make a different statement. Serious physical illnesses and its consequences do not go away because we hide or ignore them. Neither does sin go away until The Great Physician's cures and puts the problem in remission. Are you hiding sin from others because you know they would condemn your actions? You might be surprised to know what others know about your sin. You may be deceiving others, but even if no one else knows, the Judge you will stand before in eternity does.

Have you received the remission of your sins? If not, the cure for sin is found by coming to Jesus with humility and trust, and taking His prescription for your sin sickness. When you meet the terms of pardon, Jesus will treat your conditions with His blood, (Heb. 9:14) and heal you by His stripes. (Isa. 53:5) Think about it.

**Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

Think about what David says.

Do you agree?

Are you absolutely convinced it's true?

Do you live your life by this truth?