

## Conclusion:

“The test of my Sanctification is the length of time it takes me to get to the Cross when God shows me what the Problem is!” -- Charles Higgins



### “Sin Can Never Enter There”

1. Heaven is a holy place,  
Filled with glory and with grace—  
Sin can never enter there;  
All within its gates are pure,  
From defilement kept secure—  
Sin can never enter there.

#### Chorus:

Sin can never enter there,  
Sin can never enter there;  
So if at the judgment bar  
Sinful spots your soul shall mar,  
*You* can never enter there.

2. If you hope to dwell at last,  
When your life on earth is past,  
In that home so bright and fair,  
You must here be cleansed from sin,  
Have the life of Christ within—  
Sin can never enter there.

3. You may live in sin below,  
Heaven’s grace refuse to know,  
But you cannot enter there;  
It will stop you at the door,  
Bar you out forevermore—  
Sin can never enter there.
4. If you cling to sin till death,  
When you draw your latest breath,  
You will sink in dark despair  
To the regions of the lost,  
Thus to prove at awful cost,  
Sin can never enter there.

#### Sources:

- The Gospel Trumpet Company, *Hymnal of the Church of God*, 1953

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### Sermon Outline

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### “Cleansing the Heart From Sin”

#### I John 1: 8 – 9, Amplified Version

<sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin – (refusing to admit that we are sinners) – we delude and lead ourselves astray, and the Truth [ which the Gospel presents] is not in us – does not dwell in our hearts.

<sup>9</sup> If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises] and will forgive our sins (dismiss our lawlessness) and continuously (cleanse us) from all unrighteousness – everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action.”

#### Introduction:

#### Jesus told the Pharisees and Religious Leaders in Matthew 23:23 – 28

<sup>23</sup> “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices – mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law – justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. <sup>24</sup> You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel. <sup>25</sup> “Woe to

you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, your hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

<sup>26</sup> Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

<sup>27</sup> “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean.

<sup>28</sup> In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.”

### Isaiah 1:18

“ ‘Come now, let us reason together,’ says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; as crimson, they shall be like wool.’ ”

**KEY:** God’s solution to Sin, speaks not of covering up but of cleansing.

**KEY:** Sin is not a “thing” but an attitude of rebellion hindering our relationship with God.

I John 1: 8 – 9 – Read

### I. Christians May Have a Problem of Relationship.

I John 1:6 “If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the, darkness, we lie and do not have the truth.”

**KEY:** Unconfessed sin destroys that fellowship.

John wants us to confront ourselves with the reality of sin in our hearts.

- A. Some won’t face it.
- B. Some deny the fact of Sin.
- C. Some simply refuse responsibility for their sin.
- D. Others remain smugly static.

**KEY:** The old sin nature though hidden for a while always reveals itself.

### II. God promises Restoration

I John 1: 9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins.”

Confess = means to say the same thing about it that God says about it. He’s right about me.

Confessing is agreeing with God that we have Sin in our life.

**KEY:** The Lord is faithful to forgive sin if and when we confess it to Him.

### JESUS MAKES GOD ACCESSIBLE!

“With one arm Jesus reaches into the loving heart of the Father and with the other, He reaches into the broken heart of a lost humanity.”

-- Dr. H. Orton Wiley

### III. Jesus Provides Righteousness

**KEY:** An act of sin is something we can control ... But the fact of sin in our nature controls us.

- A. For the “Act of Sin” John prescribes God’s forgiveness.
- B. For the “Fact of Sin”, the tendency to rebel. John tell of God’s cleansing.

Verse 9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins.”

Purify or cleanse is in the New Testament Greek tense that describes a Completed Action.

**KEY:** It takes a transformation ... a divinely changed nature.

Sanctification is the word for this transformation of the inner nature meaning “set apart for pure and Holy Living.”

I Thessalonians 4:3 “This is the will of God, even your sanctification.”

**KEY:** Jesus leads the Christian believer into a deeper relationship with Him through the experience of entire Sanctification.

Purge = to free from all impurities.