

The response of our heart to sin Pt 1 a lost man

This is our first teaching on a new topic – the response of our heart to sin. In this study we establish three points– (i) when the Lord Jesus was on earth He was the light and reproveth sin, (ii) when Jesus was taken up to heaven His Father sent the Holy Spirit to reprove the world of sin, and (iii) when we preach Christ–crucified we shine the light of the glorious gospel that the lost would know of their sin.

It is from our search of the scripture that we establish our three points–

1. When the Lord Jesus was on earth He was the light and reproveth sin
 “And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (Jn.8: 11, 12).

2. Jesus foretold that when he is gone the Father will send the Holy Ghost who will reprove the world of sin, righteousness and judgment
 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (Jn.14: 26), c.f.: Jn.16: 8– “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment”.

3. When we preach Christ we shine the light of the glorious gospel that the lost would know their sin

“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (2 Cor.4: 4).

Illustration

One of the greatest gospel messages ever delivered was by Jonathan Edwards – titled– “In the hands of an angry God”. And the majority of the message is about our sin. I have heard that John Wesley would spend a week in a town just preaching on sin. Hence why preachers often include the ten commandments in their message, because until we have a knowledge of our sin we have no need for a Saviour.

Question of the scriptures

1) What if a person continues to reject the gospel, the light?

Answer from the scriptures

i) If a person continue to reject the gospel of Christ–crucified, they sin which–
 Harden their hearts to God

“But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Heb.3: 13).

For those who love not the truth that they be saved God sends them strong delusion
 “ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie” (2 Thes.2: 10 & 11).

For those who continue to harden their heart – they are without remedy, and will be suddenly destroyed

“He, that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy” (Prov.29: 1).