

The Power of the Gospel Over the Power of Sin

Romans 1:16
(Conclusion)

Previously

- The Nature of the Power of Sin
- Sin has Power over Everyone
- The Promise of the Gift of Power
- Implications of the Gift of Power

The Power To Remove Sins

- Consider the implications of the statement!
 - Once we sin, there is no power apart from the Gospel that can remove it.
 - Sin is spiritually and eternally attached to the sinner

Things That Cannot Remove Sins:

- Time
- Forgetfulness
- Changing cultural attitudes toward sin
- Patriarchal offerings
- The Law of Moses
- Money
- Personal strength
- Personal appearance
- Military force
- Influence and fame
- Good deeds
- Faithful family members
- Christian friends
- The end of the world

The Power To Remove Sins

- The blood of Jesus was shed for the remission of our sins
 - Matt. 26:28 - “For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

The Power To Remove Sins

- Remission of sins is to be preached to all
 - Luke 24:45-47 - “And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. 46 Then He said to them, Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

The Power To Remove Sins

■ Remission of sins is acquired by:

– Believing in Jesus

■ Acts 10:42-43 - “And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. 43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”

– Repenting and being baptized

■ Acts 2:38 - “Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

The Power To Remove Sins

- Remission of sins: to remit; involves a dismissal or release; forgiveness
- Bible terms for remission of sins:
 - “Taken away” - John 1:29; Rom. 11:27
 - “Blotted out” - Acts 3:19
 - “Washed away” - Acts 22:16
 - “Covered” - Rom. 4:7
 - “Not imputed” - Rom. 4:8
 - “Set free” - Rom. 6:17-18
 - “Purged” - Heb. 1:3; 2Peter 1:9
 - “Remembered no more” - Heb. 8:12
 - “Justified” - 1Cor. 6:11

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- A legal term used to describe a sinner whose sins have been forgiven is “justified,” which means “not guilty”
 - 1Cor. 6:11 - “And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

The Power To Remove Sins

- Not just the removal of legal guilt, but also of emotional guilt
 - Emotional guilt is a side effect of the legal guilt of sin
 - This is the distinction that trips and traps so many people in sin... they believe that if they have no feeling or awareness of guilt, then they have no legal guilt
 - Some feel emotional guilt even after their legal guilt has been removed by the Gospel

The Power To Remove Sins

- Emotional guilt does include some terrible consequences:
 - Anxiety, depression, fear, and doubt
 - Isa. 48:22 - “There is no peace,’ says the LORD, ‘for the wicked.’”

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- Some may not feel the emotional consequences of legal guilt
 - 1Tim. 1:19-20 - “Having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, 20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.”
 - 1Tim. 4:1-2 - “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.”
- The legal guilt remains, whether or not one feels it

The Power To Remove Sins

- The Gospel has the power to confer a perfect conscience
 - Something the Law of Moses could not do
 - Heb. 9:8-10 - “The Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. 9 It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience-- 10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.”

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 - Heb. 10:1-4 - “For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.”

The Power To Remove Sins

- By the blood of Jesus, it is possible to have a perfect conscience
 - Heb. 9:14 - “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”
 - Heb. 10:22 - “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

The Power To Remove Sins

- The Gospel has the power to confer a perfect conscience
 - Rom. 5:1-2 - “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

For The Un-Saved

- God will take us as we are, if we will:
 - Believe in the power of the Gospel to save us
 - 1Cor. 15:1-3 - “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the Gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures”

For The Un-Saved

- God will take us as we are, if we will:

- Repent of our sins

- Acts 17:30-31 - “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

For The Un-Saved

- God will take us as we are, if we will:
 - Be baptized into Christ for the remission of our sins
 - Matt. 28:19-20
 - Mark 16:15-16
 - Acts 2:38
 - Acts 10:48

- Matt. 28:19-20 - “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
- Mark 16:15-16 - “And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”
- Acts 2:38 - “Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- Acts 10:48 - “And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.”



God, by His grace and through the power of the Gospel, will forgive us of our sins, releasing us from all of the guilt, legal and emotional, of sin.