

DECLARATION OF GUILT

THE SIN THAT CRUCIFIED JESUS CHRIST
WAS THE ABSENCE OF THE CONFESSION OF SIN

“Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.” John 12:42-43

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The churches of Germany and the “Stuttgart Declaration of Guilt” coming from the results of WWII: “Through us, infinite wrong was brought to many peoples and countries. That which we often testified to in our communities, we express now in the name of the whole church: We did fight for long years in the name of Jesus Christ against the mentality that found its awful expression in the National Socialist regime of violence; but we accuse ourselves of not standing to our beliefs more courageously, for not praying more faithfully, for not believing more joyously, and for not loving more ardently.” So declared the many members of the various churches in Germany for the crimes that they allowed to be committed and go on during WWII. The lack of this declaration and or confession is leading to the destruction of Christianity in America and the Baptist church is paying a heavy toll. Sins confession is gone.

That sin more than any other hung Jesus Christ on the Cross: The Absence of Confession of Sin and our own Declaration of Guilt is missing from our churches today and is the reason for an Apostate church. Confession of sin is absent in our churches today and that is because it’s ceased from the individual member as a whole. We come together every Sunday morning and the word SIN is hardly, if ever, mentioned. Sin has been lost in our church pews and from our pulpits it’s silent. The majority of Christians live as if they don’t sin anymore and the few that do acknowledge sin have been fed the lie that they can live above sin. Thus, there’s no confession of sin any longer in the church. Confession and Sin have moved out and the snakes, Pharisees, hypocrites and all kinds of foul birds of the air have moved in. We know we are vile wicked sinners. I’m for real and I kid you not, evil spirits are having a hay day in our assemblies. I’ve said numerous times before that “more people are going to hell from the church pew than they are from the bars and night clubs in town.” I always tell people that “I’m going to preach at the gates of hell and the doors of our churches.” The greatest mission field today is inside our dead churches. And the reason this is so is there is no “CONFESSION OF SIN” in our churches nowadays and the Church Age is winding down. Pastors and Christians have convinced themselves that they can’t sin any longer because of their positions. The fact is we love the praise of men as well as of God and this is exactly what the Scriptures say stops the flow of the confession of sin before men John 12:42-43.

We have been so sadistically preached to that we don’t even understand what sin is. We think sin is what we practice and do like smoking, drinking, card playing, adultery and fornicating. As wrong as they are they are but the fruit of a sinful nature. Sin is your nature, your heart the real you. Sin is not who you are but more so what you are. You could be the best person in the world and still die and go to hell without Jesus Christ. Sins are not only commissions but omissions also. Jesus tells us, “He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, it is sin.” We know we are all guilty but still, confession has left us, taken leave and lost in our churches.

I know you don't like the way I preach or in this case the way I write but the truth needs to be heard. People are dying and going to hell and most Christians don't care. Human nature doesn't like the truth about its self. For a long time our church services and the way we worship God has made me sick. God is about fed up with it, too. I can see the angels in heaven in tears and God Himself mad as fire for He's coming back in a flame of fire taking vengeance on them who know not God. Man's most deep-rooted and subtle sin is the subtle sin of pride: self-esteem and self-respect and our minds have been so corrupted that we don't realize it. Our churches are full of vipers and dead men's bones while our pulpits are occupied with dead heads and goats. He's mad! Haven't you read Jesus' command?

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" Matt. 6:24.

And you cannot have the praise of God and the praise of men, either, it's one or the other. Jesus warned not to think more of ourselves than we should. Look at our pride, coldness, sensuality, worldliness, and fruitlessness. Weeks, months and years pass and we never see anyone saved, I mean really saved confessing their sin. It's lost and we've become whited sepulchers, clean on the outside but full of dead men's bones. With our mouths, we speak great swelling words but our hearts are far from Him. Christians, preachers deceived by their own hearts confession-less. Beware of the man that doesn't know his own heart. Bewail the man who refuses to acknowledge the sinfulness of his own heart. Where have all the confessions gone? The best example of this in all of Holy Scripture is found in Psalms 51 where David confession of sin was acceptable to God, true repentance. The key is openness before men.

The means, the key to the reality of the whole of Scriptures is the openness of the men, of the characters God chose to tell us about in the Bible. We know of God's most intimate dealings with them, their sins and failures every bit as much as their successes. How do we know the details of Abraham's false step with Hagar? How is it we know of Jacob's tricks with Isaac and Esau, of Moses' private act of disobedience concerning speaking to the rock? How is it we know of Elijah's flight and God's secret rebuke, and of the inner history of Jonah? How did the disciples know the inside story of Jesus' temptations to record for us? It was only because they were all transparent and opened before their contemporaries. They lived in the light with each other as with God. The confession of sin was in.

All through history men have turned in their fears and sorrows and doubts to the Psalms. Why? Because they are the heart experiences of men in fear and doubt, and guilt, and soul-hunger, describing how they had felt and how God met them.

Why was David's repentance acceptable to God, and yet Saul's, for a much less apparently carnal sin of failing to slaughter all the Amalekites, unacceptable? The reason is plain. Both kings, when faced respectively by the accusing finger of the prophets Nathan and Samuel admitted their guilt before God, and said, "I have sinned" 1 Samuel 15:24 and 2 Samuel 12:13; but Saul's repentance was demonstrated to be insincere because he desired that his sin be hidden from the people 1 Samuel 15:30, whereas the proof of David's utter brokenness and repentance was that he told the whole world in Psalms 51 what a sinner he was and that his only hope was in God's mercy. Openness before man is the genuine proof of sincerity before God, even as righteousness before man and love to man are the genuine proofs of righteousness before God, and love to God.

Hiding the truth about ourselves before men pretending to be better than we really are, is the supreme sin which Jesus drove home to the Pharisees, the sin of hypocrisy and was the direct cause of their crucifying Him. It was not the open harlot or publican, but the religious men who pretended to be holy, and covered their inward condition, which drove Jesus to the cross rather than have the truth about themselves exposed anymore. The first sin in the early church was the hidden sin of Ananias and Sapphira. I've said it before and I'm sure will say it again. Human nature has not changed in 2000 years. If Jesus Christ would come

back to the earth and not in the clouds and allow a man to; it would be the church religious crowd that would try to crucify Him all over again. The church crowd today is just like the Jewish crowd in Jesus time. I know too many preachers guilty as hell and yet they still won't repent. Mark it down God knows who they are too.

Mark this down, I couldn't be any more solemn, the absence of the confession of sin in our churches and in our lives is destroying Christianity and is the downfall and extinction of our Baptist way of life. We must restore confession in its sincerity and own up to our sin, admit out guilt and start immediately! God help us!

The Absence of Confession of Sin makes God a liar and throws out the following verses of the Bible:

"For if, we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." 1 Cor. 11:31

"Confess your faults one to another..." James 5:16

"If we confess our sins..." 1 John 1:9

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." 1 John 1:10

Now that you've read my Declaration of Guilt, how about you are you guilty? I'm guilty and I know it. Lord forgive me, help me!

"And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:11

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