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I. EXCEEDING SINFULNESS OF SIN Rom. 7:13 v.11

Sin in individuals

Sin in Groups- Churches fellowship broken.

Sin in Nations

Sin is a reality.

Death row in prison- say long row of small cells, Little square hole for light, as one is put to death they move up, closer to death, end room, chair, an seats for witnesses.

Summers- first pastorate, mother ask him to speak to her high school boy, said would at five O'clock- in another part of town & did not reach his home that afternoon. next A.M. on his way over to make the visit, woman met him on the way said the boy is dead-went fishing late aftern & boat turned over. Then had to preach funeral-what could he use for confort etc.- often he said the words "I will require his blood at your hands"...

II. EXCEEDING RICHES OF GRACE Eph. 2:5-8 v.12

Free- unmerited favor.

III. EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF GODS POWER Eph. 1:19 v.13

Eph.1:3-6 What God did for redemption  
1:7-12 What X does  
1:1 What H.S. Does- to put Gods seal upon us.

Who has power to regenerate the Soul ? V.13

1. NOT OF BLOOD OR NATURAL BIRTH.

1 Peter 1:23

You may inherit many natural characteristics from your parents.

One woman told preacher- why I have two bro. preachers. & my father a class leader, uncle a good man Rel. runs in our family--You dont hope to get into heaven on their coat tails.. you must be born again.

2. Not of will OF THE FLESH.

Can not make yourself a xtian by any self determination

I might say I am going to be a member of the royal of England- go to tailor and get dressed up-give my self a title- but never be member of royal family- must be born in the flesh

you have no more power to make yourself a child of god then I have to make myself a member of the royal family of England.

3. NOT OF MAN.

No man on earth can make a xtian of you by anything he can do for you--

Means- told of steps in Home where they had covered with slats- and in one place a round piece of glass covered a spot of blood- according to the priest that was some of the blood of X- these steps had been taken out of pillots hall. People by scores climbed up on their knees to this spot & kiss the glass were suppose to be forgiven of sins for several months How deceiving---

Four men wanted to join a certain church--

1st. man stood to his feet said, my mother & father were members here for yrs. I would like to feel that I was a member of the church my mother belonged to.

2nd. man I havent been all I should have been- but last new years I turned over a new leaf, & think if I join church I can keep the resolutions.

3rd. man said i use to attend church- I would like to be lined up with this church-- one man said may I ask a question- have you e ver been born again- pastor said I object I do not want the bro to ans that question.

4th. My wife has been a member here for yrs. you know my life poor sinner-I was going down into sin- on my way to the water front to end it all the other day a salvation army worker with group on st. having an open air meeting singing- Oh precious is the flow  
Thats makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus..

I listened & those words went right into my soul- Then I wondered if there was hope for me-- I prayed O God if there is hope save me tonight- X took me- made me a new creature

THE ONE DIVINE WAY

What can this spiritual power do ?

John Hambleton said" There are five letters to our English word Jesus- and they mean-" Jesus Exactly Suits Us Sinners."

Can transform us from sin to Children of God. Sons.

Summers- revival- visit home- back door slamed man went out cursing church, pastor, & visiting preacher. etc-- 2 yrs. later back to preach again, big man came up to him said you dont know me- no- I'm the man who cursed etc.. what are you doing here then- Jesus was all that he could say- Summers stayed in his home one night- he got down the bible didnt ask the preacher to read but he read-1J3:1 Then they dropped to their knees & he prayed himself asking Gods blessings on the church, pastor & visiting preacher---

Why such a change- One word Jesus-