

SUBJECT: FIVE BIG WORDS – WORD #1: SIN

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:7. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

INTRODUCTION

In this verse there are five words that are foundational, central and key to the Bible and to the Christian faith.

The five words are:

1. Redemption
2. Blood (His Blood)
3. Forgiveness
4. Sin(s)
5. Grace

So big are these words in their importance:

- That if each reference to them were taken out of the Bible, we would be left with no Bible
- That if you were to do an in-depth study of any one of the five words, the study would cover the entire Bible – from Genesis to Revelation
- That their meaning and effect cannot be completely exhausted
- That they have vast consequences both in time and in eternity

The unfolding of these words begins in Genesis; continues through the Old Testament; comes to a head at Calvary; are mentioned throughout the Epistles; and are either directly spoken about or eluded to in the book of Revelation.

Of the five words, only one of them has appeared previously in the book of Ephesians; prior to the appearing of them all in Ephesians 1:7. That one word is “grace.” Grace is mentioned in verses two and six. But, the introduction of the other four words (redemption, blood, forgiveness and sin) are not mentioned in the epistle until now; here in verse seven.

WORD NO. 1: SIN(S)

Although the word “sin” is not mentioned first in the order of the “five big words,” I have chosen to talk about it first, because *if it had not been for sin, there would be no need for the other four words.*

What is sin?

Sin, simply stated, is transgression and unrighteousness against the will and Word of God. It is disobedience to God.

1 John 3:4. Whoever commiteth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law.

1 John 5:17a. All unrighteousness is sin.

What is sin's nature and its end result?

- It does wrong acts and thinks wrong thoughts
- It disobeys God and departs from the truth
- It falls short or misses the mark of God's divine standard
- It ever seeks to set its will against the will of God
- Sin separates, mars, defiles, stinks, twists, takes, ruins, steals, kills and destroys
- Sin is destructive and deadly
- The end result of sin is death

Romans 6:23a. "For the wages of sin is death."

James 1:14, 15. "But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Where did sin come from and how did it begin?

Sin originated before time began and it originated in heaven through Lucifer; who through pride and rebellion sinned and became the devil and Satan. (It is important to know that sin did not originate with God. God is in no way the author of sin.)

Ezekiel 28:11 – 15. – The origin of sin.

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ¹² Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

¹³ Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

¹⁴ Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁵ Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Isaiah 14:12 – 14 – Sin's conception and birth. ("I will" vs. "God's will.")

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³ For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

God pronounced judgment upon Lucifer/Satan and "cut him down" to the earth.

Isaiah 28:17. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Luke 10:18. Jesus said, "... I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."

And, through Lucifer/Satan sin entered the earth.

How did sin enter the human race? (Through man's disobedience.)

God created man and provided for him all that he needed in the garden of Eden.

Genesis 2:15 – 17. "And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt sure die."

The trail of the devil and of sin picks up in Genesis 3:1 – 6, where Satan deceives Eve and injects sins deadly poison into the human race through Adam's disobedience to God.

Sin entered the human race through Adam's disobedience against the will and Word of God.

Why does everyone sin?

As federal head and progenitor of the human race, Adam's sin was passed on to every person. Adam was our forefather and we inherit his sinful nature simply by being born into the human race.

Because of our sin nature, in Adam, we are sinners; and, because we are sinners we commit personal acts of sin.

Regardless of race, culture, age, nationality, economic status, upbringing, gifts and talents, etc., all have been born into sin.

Romans 5:19a. "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners."

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