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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

The Measurement of Sin

Imagine this morning you looked on the front of your newspaper and you see a big article saying "John Doe arrested for first degree murder"! You are shocked! You actually know this person. Now your thoughts and feelings towards this person have changed. He or she are not worthy to be in my presence (you say to yourself) . You take the article in the next office to show your colleagues. On one of the desk in the office, you notice a nice writing pen; you take it with no intentions of returning it. After everyone has finish talking about the article, you return to your desk.

My brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit has instructed me to talk to you about this thing we call "measuring sin". The fact is there is no such thing!! God visualizes all sin as equal. In the above paragraph, both are wrong in God's eyes. He looks at both situations as a serious matter. Someone will say, "You can't bring the person who was murdered back, an ink pen is easy to replace. Have you forgotten who told Lazarus to get up? Have you meditated on **Luke1:37**? As for the ink pen, was it yours to take in the first place? Now God is not cold. He sympathizes with the one who took the other persons life as well as the one who lost it. He sympathizes with both cases because one has murdered and one is stealing. Both are sins!

My brothers and sisters, do you really believe you are better than others? The bible tells us that we are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags (**Isaiah 64:6**). God makes it clear in **Romans 12:17-21**, that we should not have an attitude of revenge. He makes it clear that He will deal with the murderer, the thief and whoever else is breaking His commands. In other words only God can say, "He's the perfect one".

Galatians 6:1-3 instructs us how we are to handle that brother or sister in sin. Remember, the negative way you think of one is the way God may think of you. Just follow the instructions of the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul in **Romans 3:10-18** reminds us that none of us are righteous, no not one! The fact of the matter is this, we should pray and encourage what is right and best in the sight of God. God is aware that there are those who take advantage of His grace and He will deal with them accordingly. He is simply telling me to tell you to stop measuring sin! If you are wrong, you are wrong!

SCRIPTURE READING

GALATIANS 5:16-18

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God has given us His Word to direct us so that our believing will be right. When our believing is correct, our thinking will be right. When our thinking is correct, our talking will be right. When our talking is correct, we will not be moved by circumstances of any sort. When our talking is correct, our doing will be right. When our believing, thinking, talking is according to the Word of God and we have the proper corresponding action (doing), we will receive according to our faith.

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