

City Church Network - Tuesday Fellowship

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Overcoming Sin

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Bible passages examined:

- Psalm 103:8-13 (taken sin as far as east is from west)
- Isaiah 1:18 (sins are white as snow)
- Romans 8:1,15-16,31-39 (no condemnation; not made us for slavery but for adoption as sons; more than conquerors; nothing can separate us from God's love)
- Galatians 5:1 (made for freedom; don't fall back into slavery)
- Romans 7:17 (sin is separate from our identity)
- Zechariah 3:1-5 (shame dynamic; Satan's weapon)
- Exodus 28:2,40 (we are clothed with glory and beauty)
- Psalm 18:34 (warfare psalm)
- I John 1:9 (confess sin specifically, particularly, confidently, historically)
- Colossians 3:1-3; Romans 8:5-10 (set mind on things above / spirit)
- Psalm 139:23-24 (Search my heart and know if there is any unrighteous way in me)
- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (grace is sufficient for sin and weakness; do not fear the consequences of your sin and your weakness; boast about them! They have no power that exceeds the power of God's grace!)

Thoughts and ideas shared after reading the passages above:

- In order to be a courageous and effective warrior against indwelling sin, we must always remember that we are sons and daughters, walking in freedom and confidence in our blood-bought once-and-for-all forgiveness.
- How does God see me? Does He see my sin? No! Does my sin still grieve Him? In a sense, no! In another sense, it still does cause momentary separation, but not in my union with Him, only in my experience of communion with Him. It muddies the "windshield" of my spiritual eyes. Repentance enables my spiritual windshield to be clean so that I can once again behold the beauty of God's loving gaze toward me.
- Can Satan accuse us before God? No! His accusations are baseless, because of what Jesus has done for us.
 - Shame dynamic - Not based on the truth
 - Fear, doubt, and shame are Satan's tools
- Don't condemn yourself! Speak confidently as a son, not as an orphan.
- Know besetting sins; you can conquer sins you know about!
- Ask God to reveal them to you
- Temptation is not the same thing as sin.
- Weakness is not the same thing as sin.
- Do not fear the consequences of your sin and weakness; God's grace exceeds the power of your sin and weakness!

