

# The World's Most Dangerous Doctrine

Total Forgiveness and the  
Confession of Sins—Part Two

# Last Week in Review

- Under the Law Israel was required to confess their sins to God.
  - Psalms 32:5—Individual Confession of Sins
  - Daniel 9—Corporate Confession of sins for the entire nation of Israel.
- Sin affected Israel relationship with God to the point that God would not even hear their prayers until their sins were properly confessed.
- Physical ceremonies and sacrifices accompanied the confession of sins under the Law.

# Last Week in Review

- In Pauline theology believers in the shed blood of Jesus Christ receive the total and complete forgiveness of all their sins.
  - Ephesians 1:7
  - Ephesians 4:32
  - Colossians 1:14
  - Colossians 2:13—all our trespasses have already been forgiven in Christ.
- Jesus Christ took care of everything that was wrong with us at the cross.

# Last Week in Review

- We also discussed the popular doctrine of Parental Forgiveness.
- Many believers believe that the believer's relationship with God is eternal based upon the cross. However, sin in the life of the believer can cause a loss of fellowship with God.
- Parental Forgiveness—placed into the family of God which you can never be taken out of; however, sin causes a break in your fellowship with God.
- Therefore, we need to confess our sins so that forgiveness can be granted and fellowship restored.

# What About I John 1:9?

- I John 1:9 is most common verse used by the support of Parental Forgiveness to teach the keeping of short accounts and the confession of sins.
- Last week we concluded the following:
  - All our sins have already been forgiven.
  - It is impossible to confess all your sins to God.
  - The confession of sins does not bring victory over sin. Rather it focuses the believers attention on the problem instead of the solution.
- So then what is I John 1:9 really about?

# Who Wrote I John?

- The book was written by John the Apostle.
- Matthew 10:2—John was one of the 12 Apostles that Christ choose to minister to the nation of Israel during his earthly ministry.
- Matthew 10:5-7—For the beginning John has a limited ministry and commission to Israel only and then to Israel first.
- Galatians 2:9—John agrees that he would not go to the gentiles but would limit his ministry to the nation of Israel.
- From beginning to end, John's entire ministry was focused on Israel first.

# Where Does I John Fit Dispnesationally?

- The subject matter of the book pertains to the time when the Anti-Christ is on the earth.
- I John 2:13—the term wicked one is used to refer to the Anti-Christ during the time of the tribulation.
- Revelation 12:10-12—these people overcome the beast when he is cast out of heaven.
- Revelation 2:9—There are some people who say they are Jews but are not.
- I John is going to be important to the believing remnant because it will help them answer the question of who is really a Jew.

# Doctrinal Survey of I John

- I John 2:11—Notice there are two things that are true of this person:
  - They hate their brother
  - Because they hate their brother they are in darkness
- I John 3:15—Notice what is true of this person:
  - He also hates his brother
  - Because he hates his brother he is walking in darkness based upon I John 2:11
  - Because he hates his brother he is a murder.
  - He does not have eternal life abiding in him because he hates his brother, walks in darkness, and is a murder. He is an unsaved person.

# Doctrinal Survey of I John

- I John 1:6—Once again this person is walking in darkness
  - What do we know about those who walk in darkness?
  - They are unsaved in the book of I John
- I John 1:5—There is no darkness in God at all He is the light
  - Notice in verses 6, 8, 10 these people are making a claim only it is a false claim.
  - I John 2:21-22—the lie here is a specific lie. It deals with how Jesus is.
  - I John 4:20—what do we know about the person who lies and hates his brother? He is not a saved guy.
  - Revelation 2:2—once again there are some people who are claiming they are Jews but they are liars.

# Doctrinal Survey of I John

- I John 1:7—the one who walks in the light is a saved person.
  - The blood of Christ has cleansed them from all iniquity.
- I John 1:8—once again someone is making the claim that they don't have sin.
  - Again this person is a liar, unsaved, and not a possessor of eternal life.
  - I John 2:4—he is a liar and therefore unsaved.
  - In Israel there were always believing and unbelieving people living side by side.
  - I John 3:18-19—these people are in the truth. My little children are those who are saved.

# Doctrinal Survey of I John

- So the context of I John 1:9 is dealing with unsaved Jews during the tribulation period who are falsely claiming to members of the believing remnant.
- I John 1:9—Is a salvation verse for those living during the tribulation.
- If you are saved today you have already been cleansed from all unrighteousness. How many times can this happen to you?
- This verse has absolutely nothing to do with the fabricated doctrine of Parental Forgiveness.

# Grace Our Teacher

- Titus 2:11-13—Grace is the only teacher that can instruct us how to have the victory over sin.
- If following the Law and confessing sin could have brought victory over sin Israel would not have needed a Messiah.
- Keeping short accounts and confessing your sins keeps you focused on the problem.
- Believers need to stop focuses on the problem and start applying the solution.

# Grace Our Teacher

- Only when we view ourselves the same way God does will we experience the victory in our Christ lives.
  - Saved—from eternal punishment
  - Forgiven—of all our sin
  - Justified—possessor of God's very righteousness
  - Indwelt and Sealed—by the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption
  - Complete—perfect and complete lacking nothing
  - Seated—with Christ in the heavenly places
  - Joint Heir—all that is Christ's is ours
  - More Than Conquerors

# What Should I Do When I Sin?

- **Just Grace It!**
- Apply the cross and move on.