

Unintentional Sins

If anyone sins, doing any of the things that by the LORD's commandments ought not to be done, though he did not know it, then realizes his guilt, he shall bear his iniquity. Leviticus 5:17

There are several references to sins committed "unintentionally" in the book of Leviticus (4:2, 13, 22, 27; 5:15, 18; 22:14). The Bible obviously makes a distinction between sins committed intentionally and those done in ignorance. For example, there is a difference between premeditated murder and manslaughter and God assigns the death penalty for the former and not necessarily the latter (Numbers 35). Does this mean that unintentional transgressions are okay with God? No, they are not. First of all, they are called "sins." They resulted in guilt and required sacrifice. Though ignorance would result in a lesser penalty according to the Law, it was no excuse for breaking the Law. It was (and is) sin.

All of this underscores our need for grace even more. God is holy. He is light and in Him is no darkness at all. How often do we commit sins and not even know how we have offended and lived in violation of our Creator's perfect standards of holiness? We know when we are rebellious. We know when we willfully break God's commands. Do we know how often we sin unintentionally? It is much more than we could ever know.

God's grace is not to be viewed as a license to sin (Rom 6:1; Acts 17:30), but aren't we thankful our God patiently waits for us to repent (2 Pet 3:9)? More than that, aren't we thankful this grace and patience was on display on the cross where our Lord prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"? Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! (Psalm 139:23-24) ~David Maxson

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Jesus, The Man of Vision

The incredible Jesus could look at a person and see an unimaginable potential the person himself never saw. He looked at an outspoken, impetuous Peter and saw a rock capable of opening the doors to God's eternal kingdom. He looked at the demon-possessed Mary Magdalene and saw a woman capable of incredible love and commitment. He looked at the murderous Saul of Tarsus and saw a Christian spokesman whose message could redirect religious history. He looked at the adulterous Samaritan woman and saw a person who would drink the living water – and bring others to the fountain.

Jesus saw the most unlikely things in the most unlikely people. In eleven men, He saw the means of informing the world about the crucified, resurrected Son of God. And what unlikely men they were! They were fishermen, a despised tax collector, a political/religious fanatic, and other equally undistinguished men from a rural area.

Jesus' vision for people did not arise from their exceptional abilities, their unique talents, or their insightful wisdom. Rarely were they people of exceptional education, experience, nor were they well-traveled. In each case, the potential Jesus saw and the vision He had arose from a single factor: their ability to trust God.

None of these people had to become what Jesus saw. They were quite capable of continuing lives of fishing, demon-possession, adultery, tax-collecting, persecution, and fanaticism. Yet, they were equally capable of being powerful tools in the hand of God. Because they would respond to love and grace, because they would accept forgiveness, because they would live for eternal purposes, they became all Jesus envisioned them being.

It is unlikely any of them realized just how powerfully and extensively God was using them. When the leadership of Jerusalem church turned on Peter for preaching to the Gentiles, when Paul sat in prison urging Timothy to continue Paul's ministry, when the apostles watched severe persecution slow their work and thin their ranks, they could not have realized God would be using their example and message 2,000 years later.

Jesus sees your potential just as clearly as He saw theirs. That potential does not rest on your incredible talents, ability, or wisdom. It rests on your willingness to trust God and live for something beyond the here and now. If you can believe in Jesus' vision., if you can trust His power to bring your life to its full potential, Jesus will use your life in ways which exceed imagination. But that power rests in Jesus – not in you.

~David Chadwell

Profane Worship or Proper Worship

“Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. So, fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord” (Leviticus 10:1-2).

Does it matter how we worship God? As long as our intent is to engage in the worship of God, does God care what we do in worship or how we conduct ourselves during worship?

The Biblical account of what happened to Nadab and Abihu clearly shows that it does matter how we worship God. As the opening verses above indicate, fire went out from the Lord and devoured Aaron’s sons, Nadab and Abihu, and they died before the Lord. Why did this happen to them? They had “offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them” (Leviticus 10:1-2). It is important for us to consider the question: “Why did God have Moses record these events for us?”

It is interesting to note immediately preceding these events, Aaron and his sons, including Nadab and Abihu, had been consecrated to serve the Lord as priests. They had witnessed God’s glory as fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering they had made upon the altar after their consecration (Leviticus 9:24). In fact, there were still portions of these sacrifices that had been offered (Leviticus 9:1-24) that had yet to be eaten by Aaron and his sons (Leviticus 10:12-20).

Now, another fire came out from the Lord and devoured Nadab and Abihu because they offered profane fire before the Lord. Moses then tells Aaron, “This is what the Lord spoke, saying: ‘By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified’” (Leviticus 10:3). There is some question about whether or not Nadab and Abihu were intoxicated when they offered this “strange fire” (cf. Leviticus 10:8-11); nevertheless, regardless of “why” they did this, Nadab and Abihu did do it. They engaged in worship of God that clearly did not please God!

In an age in which everyone seems to do as he or she pleases, sometimes we think we can worship God anyway we please. Some forget that the object of worship is God. We are to strive to please Him by our worship and not please ourselves. Throughout the Scriptures, for example, Cain’s failure to offer the sacrifice God had prescribed (Genesis 4:3-5; Hebrews 11:4) or Uzza’s death because he touched the ark of God which he had not been authorized to do (1 Chronicles 13:9-10), we see that God expects those who come to worship Him are to worship Him according to what pleases Him, not what pleases them! God takes seriously how we approach him in worship and so should we!

In the church I attend our worship service to God involves our engaging in singing (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16), praying (Acts 2:42), giving (1 Corinthians 16:1-2), preaching (Acts 2:42), and weekly observance of the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7) out of grateful hearts praising God (Acts 2:47). While some may view this as a very simplistic worship service, from the above Scriptures, we know the early Christians engaged in these acts of worship and pleased God. We worship God in this way out of respect for His Word and because we desire to please Him!

I am reminded of Jesus’ warning to those of His day, “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men” (Matthew 15:8-9). Today, when I am worshipping God, I will strive to make sure that I am worshipping Him according to His Will, not mine!

“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

~Daily Devo, SV Church of Christ

Keep These Dates in Mind

Since we have entered into this time of uncertainty with those in the government asking us to keep our assemblies to a minimum and to use caution and discretion as we meet, any activities that may be planned will be announced in a timely fashion a week before they are planned to happen and will be put out on the call multiplier.

Sandy Gray has volunteered to put out an informational email during the week to update the church of immediate prayer needs or information that needs to be disseminated before/in-between our scheduled meeting times. If you wish to be on this list, please contact her and give her your email information.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Gary Koci 2/1 Leland & Marilyn Davis 2/8 Ron Stephens 2/14 Linda Bills 2/14 Joe Botts 2/15 Al Lindsay 2/16 Wanda Danley 2/16 Jim Preston 2/22	Josh Mendoza 2/27 Stephanie Leger 2/28
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Bible Studies

Adult Bible Classes Sunday a - Judges Sunday p - Romans Wed p - John	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class Thursday 10:00 a
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Ongoing Health issues: Pansy Caywood, Shirley Childers, Marilyn Davis, Sandy Gray, Fran Henniger, Linda Lafferty, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Lupe Mendoza, Shannon Mendoza,, Tami Pennington, Eunice Petros, Helen Pierce Michael Stimson



In Our Prayers

Marilyn Davis had surgery on her hip and came through it well. She is now in rehab and will be there for quite some time.

Bonnie Johnson is having tests done on her heart. Pray that all is well.

Bill & Linda Lafferty’s daughter-in-law has essentially recovered. Thank you all for your continued prayers.

(43)You have heard it said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. (44)But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, (45)so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. (46)For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? (47)And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? (48)You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matt. 5:43-48)

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children’s Home

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Peru Ministry

Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry

Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.
“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.” (Proverbs 19:17)