

## **Sermon Notes Nov 01, 2009 – Woody Davis**

### ***Sin's Effect***

When I study the scriptures and look at certain passages, books or chapters it leads me to ask questions. These questions are how I allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to me what He wants to reveal in and through His Word.

What effect does Sin have on me?

What exactly is Sin?

Do I care about the Sin's of the world?

**THINK ABOUT IT - How does Sin effect you? In other words do you care if you sin against God and the people you love or not?**

So when did I start to take account of the issue of Sin?

I practiced sin because that was who I was.

### ***The Scorpion and the Frog***

It's like the story of the scorpion who wanted to get to the other side of the river. The frog hopping along minding his own business came upon the scorpion and was asked by the scorpion

“Do you think you can give me a ride on your back across the stream?”

The frog answered “No way. You're a scorpion and will sting me when you get on my back and I'll die.”

Of course I won't sting you we would both die if I stung you while we were crossing the stream. I give you my word I won't sting you.”

The frog thought about this and saw the logic in the scorpions reasoning and said “OK hop on.” (no pun intended)

While they were half way across the river can you guess what happened? Right. The scorpion stung the frog. The Frog, who was about to die said “why would you do that, now we will both die.”

The scorpion answered – “it was my nature.”

Sin was my nature – It was who I was. I could care less what sins I committed because it was my nature.

Every time I tried to change I would step right back to my lying ways.

Let's look at sin as a biblical truth and try and stop it on our own – Romans 7:14-24

The more I try to change the more I sting people.

**Sins committed are just fruit or the out crop of a more inward thing.**

### ***Sin – a Definition:***

Sin is a condition that is onset by birth, maintaining that the host is the center of the universe and when this condition grows it produces fruit that damages everything around it including the host – ultimately leading to death. It is a terminal incurable illness. It is a pandemic!

Rom 3:23 “**All have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God.**”

### ***Two issues***

1 – It is Widespread and indiscriminant – everyone has had or has this terminal condition.

2 – There needs to be a cure for this condition or the whole world system is doomed.

Rom 5:12 – 14

The problem is genetics – Adam our forefather sinned for the first time and thereby causing his children to carry the condition of sin in their own lives.

There is one thing we need to come to grips with is that Sin not only is a terminal condition it is a hard task master that Romans says we are slaves to. Rom 6:16

We need to realize the sliding slope to this condition – our friends, neighbors, co-workers and families are living in a terminal condition that no matter how hard they work at it they can't get free from the life of sin. It kills, it destroys it holds in bondage all that are oppressed.

### ***The Cure:***

Of course we know that there is only one source for freedom from this Condition and that is through the Lord Jesus. But in reality most everyone tries as hard as they can, once they see the damaging effect of this Sin to cure all by themselves. Most see that this is a futile task.

Romans a great explanation of the source of the cure for the condition of Sin. The Apostle Paul explains it in a great way. Rom 5:15 -17

### ***The Responsibility***

What is the responsibility of the recipient of the gift? – To Receive. Receiving is a hard thing to do. Rom 10:8-13

There is another responsible party in this whole deal; Christians who know the truth.  
Rom 10: 14 - 15

Jesus is a free gift – The Bible says that all who call on His Name will be saved.

But just as important are those who have benefited from the Gift. We have experienced the most awesome transformation in the world – **it's why God created caterpillars.**

A caterpillar is the ugliest insect known. (at least to me) It is slimy and squishy, very vulnerable but there comes a time in it's life that it builds a cocoon and undergoes a transformation that is unexplainable. And the result is a beautiful butterfly that is actually recreated from a earthbound bug to a flying art form.

A guy comes up to Jesus and says “what must I do to be saved?” Jesus said “Unless you are Born Again you will not experience the Kingdom of God”

The born again Christian is a totally recreated being that has literally been transformed from a dead man walking - to a life giver.

You say “A Life Giver?” Yes – you have the Giver of Life residing in you. You experience His abundant Life on a daily basis.

**Let's not keep that a secret.**