

## RBC Weekly Meditation 3/21/2020

### Announcements:

- Daily Meditation on God's Word
- Daily Prayer:
  - God/Word
  - Brother's/Sisters
  - Neighbor (Prayer, Care..., Share)
- Weekly Special Time of Worship (Sing, Learn, Pray)
- RBC **Weekly Meditation** (Saturday Afternoon 2:00pm)
- RBC Prayer Requests/Missions Prayer Requests (As they come in to Bob or Dan)
- RBC **Update** (Tuesday @ Noon)
- Today's Notes: (My notes & Children's worksheet)

### My Plan for this Interim Study Series:

- Book Study, "*The Enemy Within: Straight Talk About the Power & Defeat of Sin*" by Kris Lundgaard <sup>1</sup>
- Suggestions of How to Use this Study
  - Personal Study
  - Sunday Morning Home Worship/With a Friend
- Why This Study?
  - COVID-19 a good illustration for the hidden nature of sin...

### Romans 8:10–11

<sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If *the Spirit* of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

- Every Natural Catastrophe is a Call to Repentance (Lk. 13:4–5)
- Our Example of Faith & Repentance

### Today's Meditation

*The Invisible Threat*

### Galatians 5:16–18

<sup>16</sup> But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**

## **Galatians 5:19–24**

<sup>19</sup> Now **the works of the flesh** are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**A. W. Tozer** <sup>ii</sup> *“The Knowledge of the Holy”*

“As a sunbeam perishes when cut off from the sun, so man apart from God would pass back into the void of nothingness from which he first leaped at the creative call.”

“The teaching of Christianity is that man chose to be independent of God and confirmed his choice by deliberately disobeying a divine command. This act violated the relationship that normally existed between God and His creature; it rejected God as the ground of existence and threw man back upon himself. Thereafter he became not a planet revolving around the central Sun, but a sun in his own right, around which everything else must revolve.”

Because man is born a rebel, he is unaware that he is one. His constant assertion of self, as far as he thinks of it at all, appears to him a perfectly normal thing.

“Sin has many manifestations but its essence is one. A moral being, created to worship before the throne of God, sits on the throne of his own selfhood and from that elevated position declares, “I AM.” That is sin in its concentrated essence; yet because it is natural it appears to be good.”

## **Isaiah 53:6**

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

“The witness of the saints has been in full harmony with prophet and apostle, that an inward principle of self lies at the source of human conduct, turning everything men do into evil. To save us completely Christ must reverse the bent of our nature; He must plant a new principle within us so that our subsequent conduct will spring out of a desire to promote the honor of God and the good of our fellow men. The old self-sins must die, and the only instrument by which they can be slain is the cross”

## Matthew 16:24

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and *take up his cross* and **follow me**.

## Acts 2:37–38

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “*Repent and be baptized* every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive *the gift of the Holy Spirit*.

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### Reflection Questions:

1. How aware are you of your own sin?
2. How well equipped do you think you are to battle the sin remaining in your own heart?
3. In what way is this spiritual warfare important in your witness to unbelievers?
4. How deliberately are you engaging this battle against indwelling sin?
5. Take time to pray for yourself and your fellow brothers & sisters at RBC:
  - a. That we would grow to be more like Christ.
  - b. That we would help each other in this fight through prayers and discussion.
  - c. That our growth would help us call unbelievers to the same repentance & faith we have been granted.

### Next Week’s Meditation:

Chapter 1 – evil at my elbow (**Romans 7**)

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<sup>i</sup> **Lundgaard, Kris.** The Enemy Within: Straight Talk About the Power and Defeat of Sin. P&R Publishing. Kindle Edition.

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# Rehoboth Baptist Church

## My Sermon Notes for March 22, 2020

**Sermon Title:** The Invisible Threat

**Scripture:** Galatians 5:16-18

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What is the command at the beginning of these verses?

There are two things in these verses that are against one another. What are they?

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Listen to the sermon for clues about the battle between these two.  
What does it look like? Draw a picture of this battle.

**Do you ever have this battle inside you?**

**If no, why not?** Remember that God the Holy Spirit lives in each person who trusts Jesus as their Savior. Have you trusted Jesus as your Savior? Perhaps you want to talk about this with a believer you trust.

**If yes, these verses are for you.** You are not alone. Remember the command at the beginning. Trust Jesus to help you live each day the way he wants you to.

**Words or ideas you found hard to understand**

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