

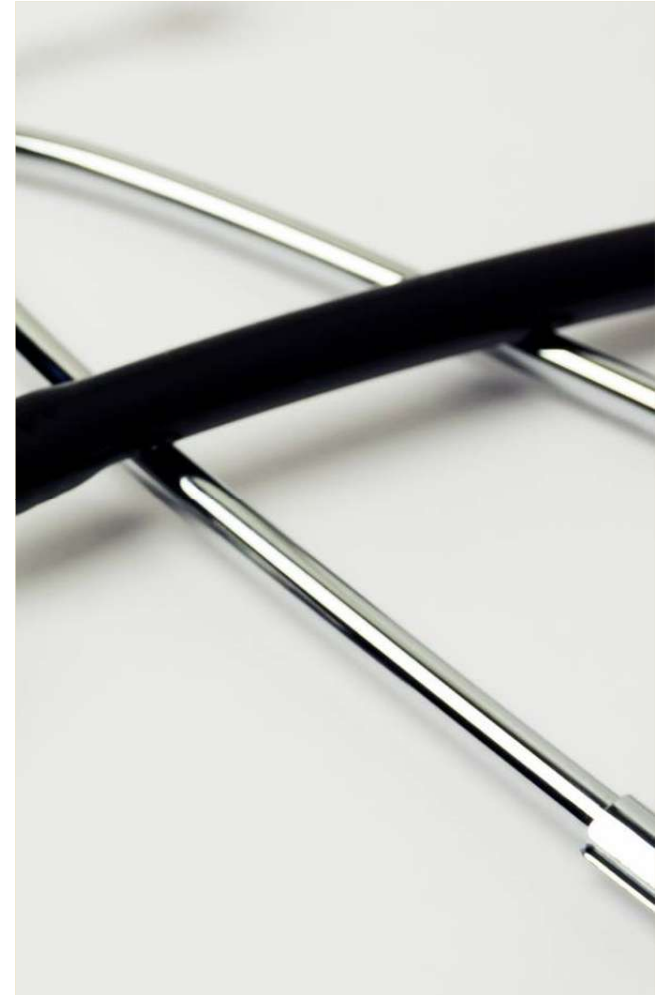


ARE YOU WELL?

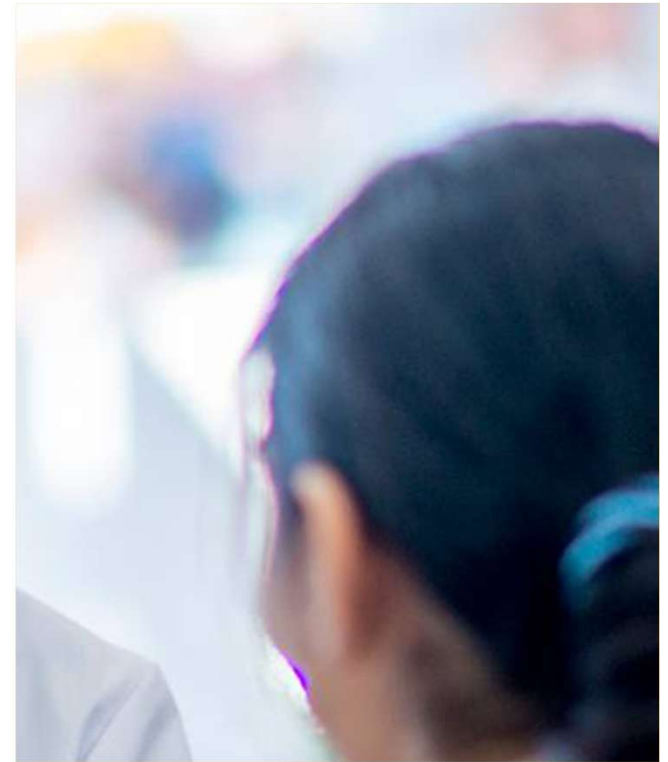


AGENDA

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Separated from God
Servants of Sin
Rejecting the Remedy
Refusing His Prescription



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COULD I BE LOST?

- “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.” (Matt. 7:13 – 14)
- “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels... And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’ (41,46)

I. SEPARATED FROM GOD: WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?

(Isa. 59:1-2) “59:1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And **your sins** have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.”

SEPARATED FROM GOD:

“This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the **kingdom of God**, for which you are also suffering— 6 since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who **do not know God** and on those who **do not obey the gospel** of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,” (2 Thess. 1:5 – 9).

2. SERVANT OF SIN

ROMANS 6:16 - 19

“Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are **slaves of the one whom you obey**, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once **slaves of sin** have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been **set free from sin**, have become **slaves of righteousness**. 19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as **slaves to impurity** and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as **slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.**”

CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS

- I. “No one can serve two masters; for either he will **hate the one** and **love the other**, or else he will be **loyal** to the one and **despise** the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” (Mt. 6:24)

Self Examination: (2 Cor. 13:5)

“**Examine yourselves** as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?; unless indeed you are disqualified.”



3. REJECTING CHRIST: REJECTING THE REMEDY

“This is the person who counts the blood of Christ an unholy (common, light) thing. (**Heb. 10:29**) “Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has **trampled the Son of God** underfoot, counted the **blood of the covenant** by which he was sanctified a common thing, and **insulted the Spirit of grace?**”

“IN CHRIST”

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us **in Christ** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,⁴ even as he chose us **in him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless **before him**. In love⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons **through Jesus Christ**, according to the purpose of **his will**,⁶ to the praise of **his glorious grace**, with which he has blessed us **in the Beloved**.⁷ **In him** we have redemption through **his blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of **his grace**,” (Eph. 1:3 – 7)

HOLDING ON TO CHRIST

“but Christ is **faithful** over God's house as a **son**. And we are his house, **if** indeed **we hold fast our confidence** and our boasting in our hope. ...

12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of **you an evil, unbelieving heart**, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that **none of you** may be **hardened by the deceitfulness of sin**. 14 For we have come to share in Christ, **if** indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.” (Hebrews 3:6 – 15)



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4. REJECTING THE PRESCRIPTION

“If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

Joh 12:48 The one who **rejects me** and does not receive **my words** has a judge; the **word that I have spoken** will judge him on the last day.”



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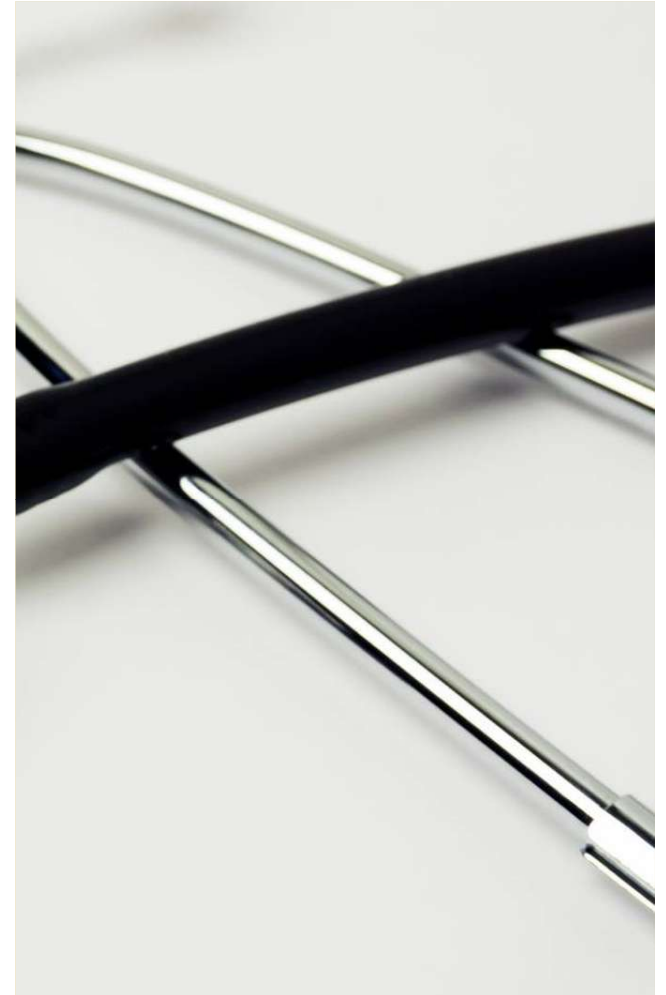
“For it is impossible, in the case of those who have **once been enlightened**, who have **tasted the heavenly gift**, and have **shared in the Holy Spirit**, 5 and have **tasted the goodness of the word of God** and **the powers** of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, **since they are crucifying once again the Son of God** to their own harm and **holding him up to contempt.**”

(Hebrews 6:4 – 6)



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WHAT IF???

(Heb. 10:26 - 31) “For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. ...30 For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”