

COVERING SINS

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There are two different senses in which sins are spoken of in the Bible as being covered.

Proverbs 28:13: *“He who covers his sins will not prosper...”* The idea here is to try and keep the fact that you’ve sinned from others. But keep it from Whom? If we’re seeking to keep it from God, we should remember that the eyes of the Lord are in every place (Proverbs 15:3). If we seek to keep them from men, they will still be revealed and we will be punished for them (Romans 2:16).

There’s no profit in trying to conceal our sins, but there is great profit in repenting of and confessing them.

“Whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy” (Proverbs 28:13).

James 5:20: *“Let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”* The idea of covering sins in this passage is that they are forgiven, cleansed. If a brother who has sinned comes back to the Lord repenting and confessing, their sins will be covered (Forgiven) (1 John 1:9) and their fellowship with God will be restored. Love demands that we try to restore the erring (1 Peter 4:8; Galatians 6:1).

Are your sins covered in the right sense? 

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God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God’s word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD’S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



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- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men’s Training Class, 3:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men’s Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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KEEP YOURSELF PURE!


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“Keep yourself pure” (1 Timothy 5:22)...

Keep yourself pure Socially. Be very careful about who you “Run with.” Have you ever seen the funny pictures sometimes shown on TV that depict pet owners who bear an amazing resemblance to their pet? Folks have a tendency to become like those they spend the bulk of their time with. Paul wrote, *“Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good morals”* (1 Corinthians 15:33). We cannot withdraw ourselves from the world or worldly people. We cannot always choose the kinds of people we work with, go to school with, or shop alongside of in public, But we can choose who we make our closest friends. Jesus spent time with sinners (Matthew 9:9-13; John 4:4-26), but He spent the bulk of His time with His closest disciples. But you’re thinking “Not me, they won’t influence me.” Remember Paul’s words? *“Do not be deceived.”*

Keep Yourself Pure Sexually. *“Flee also youthful lusts...”* (2 Timothy 2:22). *“Flee sexual immorality”* (1 Corinthians 6:18). Besides all of the good physical reasons to keep yourself sexually pure (Unwanted pregnancy,

Disease, etc.), there is the all important spiritual reason. Fornication is not only a sin against your own body (1 Corinthians 6:18), it’s a sin against God (Genesis 39:8-9). Hearts are broken, dreams are shattered, families are destroyed, disease is rampant, abortion occurrences soar; all because of sexual immorality! Remember, *“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge”* (Hebrews 13:4)

Keep Yourself Pure Spiritually. Keeping yourself pure spiritually involves keeping yourself pure socially and sexually. But there is also the temptation to believe and accept the false doctrine your friends in the world believe and accept because you know your friends in denominationalism are good, honest, moral people, and it’s hard to see them being condemned in the last day. But keep in mind that religious people who are wrong doctrinally will be condemned in the last day (Matthew 7:21; Romans 10:1-3). If we truly love those good people who are in error, the answer to saving them is not to join them in their beliefs, but to teach them out of those beliefs (2 Timothy 2:24-25). 

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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!

WAS JESUS' BODY BROKEN?

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It's always important for us to test all things. We must be certain we are doing Bible things in Bible ways and calling Bible things by Bible names. Sometimes we hear someone speak of "The broken body of Christ" either in prayer or in comments made at the Lord's table. Is this scripturally accurate? Consider a few points...

In the NKJV, 1 Corinthians 11:24 states "and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me.'" Note the statement "My body which is broken for you." The KJV and several other translations speak of the broken body in this verse; however, many versions omit it. There are different theories in textual criticism when it comes to the approximately five thousand manuscripts we have of the New Testament. Some believe if a word or phrase is left out of some of the oldest manuscripts, then said word or phrase shouldn't be in the Bible. Others feel that if the word or phrase appears in the majority of manuscripts, although omitted in some of the oldest, then said word or phrase should be in the Bible. For a large number of scholars, the word broken should be in the verse above, hence it is found in the NKJV, KJV, etc. The ESV footnotes it. It is my judgment that the word belongs there.

But even if the word broken should not be in the verse, there are other things to consider. For example, Matthew 26:26 says "And as they were

eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.'" Notice that the bread was broken when He said it was His body. In this verse, broken bread represented His body.

The concern some have with speaking of Jesus' body as "Broken" comes from John 19:36, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." Contextually, John applied this prophecy to the bones in Jesus' legs. In any case, the prophecy was about Jesus' bones, not the rest of His body. This leads us to the question: Can other parts of the body be spoken of as being broken? I've heard my wife say on occasion "I broke a nail." Had she broke a bone? No. A few years back I bit down on a piece of popcorn and broke a tooth. Had I broken any bones? No. I've heard doctors and others speak of broken blood vessels. Sometimes, when someone injures themselves, someone will say "Did you break the skin?" This leads us to the question...

Was Jesus' body broken? If I'm going to answer this question while satisfying my sense of honesty, I must say yes, Jesus' body was definitely broken. No bones were broken, but we know for a certain that His skin was broken. So, His body was broken open and His blood was shed.

Jesus was offered "As of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:19) in the sense that He was sinless, for we know His body was blemished by thorns, whips and nails.

Don't forget our Gospel Meeting with Danny Allen October 16-21.

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SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

What's Your Poison?

Introduction:

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II. _____

III. _____

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Ben Green
Reading: Isaiah 59:1-2
- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Chris Meade
Serve.....Robert Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table.....John Nelson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Invitation.....Jason Hubbard

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

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