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Scripture: Isa 59:1-2

Iniquity

1. Iniquity vs Sin

A. Isa 59:2 doesn't say your sins separated you from God it says your iniquities have separated you

1) Your sin has hid his face from you that he will not hear

2) Many times we confess our sins and I know he forgave it because he said he would

A) I still don't feel close to him

3) Why? Because we confessed our sins (action) but there's still this thing called iniquity that separates us

B. We lump sin and iniquity as being the same thing

1) We know what Sin is:

A) **1Jn 3:4** Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.**

B) **Jas 4:17** Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

C) **Rom 14:23** And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: **for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.**

C. Difference between Iniquity and Sin

1) **Turn** Exo 34:9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it *is* a stiffnecked people; and **pardon our iniquity and our sin**, and take us for thine inheritance.

2) **Job 33:9** I am clean without transgression, I *am* innocent; **neither *is there* iniquity in me.**

3) **Psa 38:18** For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

4) **Psa 51:2** Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

5) **Psa 51:9** Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

6) **Psa 85:2** Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

7) **Pro 5:22** His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

8) **Jer 5:25** Your iniquities have turned away these *things*, and your sins have withholden good *things* from you.

9) **Jer 31:34** And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: **for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**

10) Rom 4:6-7

11) Heb 8:12

12) Heb 10:17

D. Sins and Iniquities are mentioned together in 72 verses in the word of God

E. Iniquities in singular and plural form are mentioned 334 times in the Word of God

1) But yet we just kind of always threw it in together meaning the same thing as sin

2. #1 Iniquity is a Condition of the heart

A. **Turn Job 33:9** I am clean without transgression, I *am* innocent; neither *is there* iniquity in me.

B. **Psa 66:18** If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:

C. **Mat 23:28** Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

D. Iniquity is a heart that is not right with God

1) **Psa 78:37** For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant. **Psa 78:38** But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity,

3. #2 Iniquity will effect your Love

A. **Mat 24:12** And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

B. Iniquity will effect your love for:

- 1) House of God
- 2) Word of God
- 3) Toward the man of God
- 4) Toward the people of God
- 5) Toward lost people

C. Mean to be Wax Cold

- 1) Hot bowel of soup
 - A) Blowing on it to cool it down a bit
- 2) Jesus in revelations calls it Luke warm
 - A) If I was to ask you tonight is your heart hot after God, I

believe some might say:

(1) Church Member: "well I don't know that I could really say I am hot after God"

(A) Preacher: "well are you cold and you just don't care?"

(2) Church Member: "well no no I wouldn't say I'm cold either"

(3) That's what Luke warm is

3) LISTEN THE MORE I'M RIGHT WITH GOD THE MORE I LOVE THE HOUSE OF GOD, THE WORD OF GOD, AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD!!!

A) Do you remember when you first got saved?

B) Man I remember...

(1) I remember being on fire for the Lord I'm not kidding you the pastor just about had to kick me out of the building. Why? Because I wanted to be busy doing for the Lord Amen I was excited about it

4) You know We may come to Church because we know we're suppose to

A) We may read our Bible because we know we're suppose to

B) We may go through all the motions because we know were suppose to

5) I like it when I got saved and I read my Bible and it was like God was sitting right next to me

6) I like it when I knelt down to pray and it was just like God put his arm around me, like he was right there

4. #3 Iniquity Separates us from God

A. ILLUSTRATION: It's like the old story of the man and his wife. And when they first get married they are sitting right next to each other all close you know. As there driving down the road it looks like a two headed man they are sitting so close together. And one day the man's driving and the wife is sitting the other side and the wife says "you know honey we don't sit as close as we used to" the man driving said "well I haven't moved"

1) But your iniquities have separated between you and your God and you sins have hid his face

A) So we confess our sins and we know he forgave us because he said he would

B) Just being honest there's times I confess my sin and I know he forgave me because he said he would, but I still don't feel that closeness

5. #4 It's our Iniquity that leads us to Sin

A. **Psa 32:5** I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the **iniquity of my sin**. Selah.

1) David said the reason I sin is because I allowed my heart to get distanced

2) What happens is we confess our sins but we find ourselves committing the same sin over and over again because we have not dealt with what caused our sin

3) That's why David says in Psalm 51 "against thee and thee only have I sinned"

A) Now what a minute:

(1) Bathsheba

(2) Uriah

(3) Ahithophel - David's Counselor (tried to warn him)

B) And so how can he say "against thee and thee only"

(1) Because he isn't dealing with his sin, he's dealing with his iniquity

C) What he's saying is "God the reason I messed up is that I let my heart get cold towards you against thee and thee only have I sinned if I wouldn't of let my heart get cold"

4) What we need to do is get our heart right so that it will prevent the sin

6. #5 Refusal to confess our Iniquity will kill our Prayer Life

A. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:"

1) That Means this:

A) I know my heart is not right

B) I know it's not what it ought to be

C) I just don't care

D) I don't want to get it right

E) I don't want to be close to God

F) I don't want to be on fire for him

G) he said if you know your heart is in that condition and you regard it, you don't want to get it right, there's comes a place where he says "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me"

H) Isa 43:24 "...thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities."

(1) God is saying: "I'm tired of my people being cold hearted"

(A) I have loved them with an unbelievable love.

1. I have provided them with salvation, the Bible, Holy Spirit, The Church, I'm coming again for them.

2. Seems pretty one sided to me

3. "I'M TIRED OF MY PEOPLE BEING COLD HEARTED" you have wearied me with your iniquities

7. #6 It's our iniquity that's visited upon our children

A. You ever heard the saying "God will visit the sins of the fathers on the children of the 3rd and 4th generation"

1) It never says that

2) He says visit the iniquities of the fathers upon the children of the 3rd and 4th generation

B. It's not my sin that's passed down to my children and grandchildren it's the condition of my heart

C. Anyone who has been around ministry any length of time as met another who will say: I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY ARE MY CHILDREN ARE INVOLVED IN THESE BAD THINGS, I NEVER DID ANY OF THAT!!! It's not your sin that's passed down it's the condi-

tion of your heart. I don't want my children or my grandchildren to have a cold heart towards God, there's no telling where that will lead them.

D. **Exo 20:5** Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; **Exo 20:6** And **shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me,** and keep my commandments.

1) Which means this regardless as to what's happened up the line if you will love me with everything you got you can break that bad crop that's coming down

2) If you won't man up and do it for your own sake you ought to do it for your children and your grandchildren

8. #7 He came to forgive our sins and our iniquities

A. **Heb 10:17** And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

B. **2Turn Isa 53:4** Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. **Isa 53:5** But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. **Isa**

53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and **the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

C. **2Turn** Tit 2:13-15 **Tit 2:13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; **Tit 2:14** Who gave himself for us, **that he might redeem us from all iniquity,** and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. **Tit 2:15** These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.