

THE TRUTH ABOUT “SAFE SIN”

According to the name I scribbled on the page, the two quotes that follow are from the pen of Mike Jackson. He says:

I like coming up with oxymorons. These are expressions or statements which are apparently self-contradictory but make a point nonetheless. Some examples are: ‘cruel kindness,’ heavy lightness.’ And some on the lighter note include: ‘clean dirt,’ and ‘tough love.’ As a rule these words just don’t go together.

Well, today I shall add another one to the list – ‘safe sin.’ Please let me explain. These are ‘good’ sins (there is another one). Acceptable sins – sins that are laughed about! If put to a vote, these would be removed from the list of sins altogether ...

It is obvious that the world in which we live would like nothing better than to vote certain “sins” out of the realm of sinfulness! Our government evidently decided long ago that it would become the expert on sin, and now it informs us about the so-called “*social ills*” of society. The psychologists and sociologists have influenced most folks more than the Bible, thus, sin has now become a *disorder*, a *disease*, a *fault* of one’s own heredity, etc. Never mind that the inspired Word of God says in 1 John 3:4 that sin is “*lawlessness*” (ASV) or “*transgression of the law*” (KJV)! It does not matter with most that they must ignore the fact that the Bible declares, “*the wages of sin is death*” (Rom. 6:23). And, since someone or something can always be conveniently blamed for one’s acts and condition, it would be unthinkable to think – “*the soul that sinneth, it shall die*” (Ezek. 18:20). Since, according to worldly wisdom on human behavior,

changes must continually occur in the way folks think and act, it would be a total surprise to learn that the Bible states, “*For ever, O Jehovah, Thy word is settled in heaven*” (Psa. 119:89). In other words, sin has **always** been just that, sin – and **always** will be! Nothing that man can do or say will change this Biblical truth. At the great Day of Judgment, every soul will be reminded that Christ compassionately warned, “*He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day*” (John 12:48).

The world has indeed done a number on most people’s thinking. How many people do you know who simply smile upon hearing a filthy joke? What about one eagerly listening to another tell of their sinful encounter? How often do you hear of someone referring to a person’s sinful action as “cute?” Or, one may exclaim, “It’s just the way that boys/girls are today.” Another boldly declares, “We are living in the 2000’s, not the 30’s or 40’s.” Someone else says, “Society has changed,” as if such an explanation makes sin acceptable today. The wisdom of the world would have one believe that the passage of time changes everything. Such is the devil’s lie, and there is no truth in what Satan says (John 8:44). God never changes (Mal. 3:6), and His words/truths will never “*pass away*” (Mark 13:31).

From the beginning of time, sin has been the problem of man. (Gen. 3:1-19, 22-24). It is sin that separates one from God. Isaiah recorded, “*Behold, Jehovah's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear*” (59:1-2). Sin will not change, and neither will the truth that sin separates one from God change! People who commit the sins that this

world has deemed to be “normal” and “acceptable behavior,” glamorous and exciting, will one day learn “*that they who practise such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God*” (Gal. 5:21).

Listen carefully – no matter what one chooses to believe, there is no such thing as “safe sin!” The high price of sin is the devil’s best-kept secret! Sin is **always** costly, but the devil will attempt to disguise the high price that one will pay for sinful living. Yes, one can **live in sin!** The apostle Paul notes, “*Put to death therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry; for which things' sake cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience: wherein ye also once walked, when ye lived in these things*” (Col. 3:5-7).

One will do well to never forget that God’s word is true (John 17:17). God’s Word also “*abideth for ever*” (1 Pet. 1:25). Jesus Christ, the One who came to save the world (Luke 19:10), will at His next coming judge the world (Rom. 2:16). At that great day, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess, “*Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*” (Phil. 2:10-11).

Keep in mind there is no “safe sin,” and all will one day **not** be accountable to worldly wisdom, but all will “*give account to him that is ready to judge the living and the dead*” (1 Pet. 4:5).

Marvin L. Weir from Bonham Beacon

Spring Gospel Meeting

“Grave and Eternal Matters”

April 26-30, 2009

Randy Carr of Belle, MO

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Sunday: Verna Hanson; Taylor Nemechek.

Wednesday: Janice Carter

Millie Robertson is scheduled for surgery April 22.

Those battling cancer: Ledgia Campbell, Vic Cuney; Betty James and Cleo Stone. Please remember these in your prayers.

HOME BOUND

Kathleen Camp is in Room 101 at the Royal Terrace Nursing Home in Olathe. Marion Stone is at home. Barbara James' Aunt, Evelyn Marquardt is at the Sweet Life of Rosehill in Shawnee. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

OUT OF TOWN

Chris Edwards is in Cheyenne, WY visiting his brother Joshua this week. Tom Tucker and his daughter, Mary, are visiting relatives in New Jersey for the next three weeks. Trent and Leah Thrasher are visiting relatives in Belle, MO this weekend. Steve and Robin Brown were away on business on Wednesday night.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

Our Monthly Men's Business meeting will be held this Sunday, April 12 following our AM worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

There are several Gospel Meetings and a Youth Rally in our area over the next few weeks. See the flyers in the foyer for details and take advantage of these opportunities to hear the Word!

ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 47; Sunday PM, 27; Wednesday PM, 28.

Sentence Sermon

It is a fine thing to have your own way...provided you have accepted God's way as your own.

Those To Serve

April 12, 2009

BUILDING AND COMMUNION..... Brown

MORNING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Trent Thrasher
SONG LEADER..... Joel Nelson
OPENING PRAYER Chris Edwards
PRESIDE..... Steve Brown
ASSIST..... Jared Nelson
ASSIST..... Steven Schleif
CLOSING PRAYER..... Jeff Nemechek

EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER John Cody Carter
CLOSING PRAYER..... George Thomas
LORD'S SUPPER..... Steve Brown

WEDNESDAY 15th

SONG LEADER..... Jared Nelson
INVITATION John Cody Carter

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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