

The 12 Step “Con” Program

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Text- Rom 5:17- We are willing to accept as fact all that is said about the Adamic nature in us but we are for the most part unwilling to believe all the scriptures have to say about the divine nature in the believer

I. *Psa 51:12-* Restore to me the joy of salvation

A) *Lam 5-* Sin and it's result

1) *Rom 6:23-* Wages of sin **IS death, gift of God **IS** eternal life**

- i. This is present tense when Paul wrote, 25 years after the cross and is not concerning the penalty of sin, but the entirety of Rom 6 is about sin's power

B) *Heb 9:26-* What was put away: sin's penalty, power or presence?

1) Is sin still present, and if so does it still have power?

- i. ***Rom 3:9-*** “All **ARE** under sin”
- ii. ***Rom 6:12-15-*** Don't yield to sin (must still exist)
- iii. ***Rom 7:17-*** “Sin **DWELLETH**”
- iv. ***Rom 14:23-*** “Whatever not in faith **IS** sin”
- v. ***1 Cor 6:18-*** “Flee from sin”
- vi. ***1 Cor 8:12-*** “When ye sin”
- vii. ***1 Cor 15:34-*** “Awake to righteousness and sin not”
- viii. ***1 Tim 5:20-*** Rebuke them that sin”
- ix. ***Heb 3:13-*** “Hardened thru sin”
- x. ***Heb 12:1-*** “Lay aside the sin that does so easily beset us”
- xi. ***James 1:15-*** “Sin **BRINGETH** forth death”
- xii. ***James 2:9-*** “Respect of persons **IS** sin”
- xiii. ***James 4:17-*** To know and do not “**IS** sin”
- xiv. ***1 John 5:17-*** “All unrighteousness **IS** sin”

C) *1 John 1:4 & 5:13-* Purpose of the epistle

1) *1 John 1:4-10-* to say “sin is not an issue today” is a lie. Sin's penalty is not an issue for the believer, but sin's power and presence is

- i. ***Gal 6:1-4-*** “If a man be overtaken in a fault, restore (mend) him....”

2) *Psa 32-* How this is accomplished

- i. Maschil = “instruction” (as in ***2 Tim 3:16 instruction in righteousness***)
- ii. **The 12 Step “Con” Program**
 - a) **Con**ciliation (reconciled to God)
 - b) **Con**donation (forgiveness of sin's penalty)
 - c) **Con**secration (child of God)

- d) Conviction (of sin's power and presence)
 - e) Confiscation (joy and fellowship broken)
 - f) Contrition (Godly sorrow)
 - g) Confession (in exactness)
 - h) Confidence (in God's promise of mercy and grace)
 - i) Contentment (in God's comfort)
 - j) Consultation (in God's guidance)
 - k) Control (under God's dominion)
 - l) Continuance (in God's full joy and fellowship)
1. **Psa 51**- Great example of this in action
 - (a) Do not be deceived into thinking David was in need of salvation from hell, he was already imputed righteous and was God's anointed
 - (b) **John 9:31**- God doesn't hear the prayers of the unrighteous
 - (1) The blind man was talking here and in answer to the claims of the Pharisees that Jesus was a sinner out of the will of God because He kept not the Sabbath in their tradition
 - (2) **1 John 5:14**- The blind man's answer was essentially, "how could this man receive power from God to heal me if He were not acting according to His will?"
 2. **Job 35:12-13**- Every prayer is not heard by God. The lost are not heard outside of salvation and the saved can have fellowship broken as God's chosen son Israel did in Old Testament
 - (a) **Psa 34:15**- "God's ear open to the righteous"
 - (b) **Psa 66:18**- "If I regard iniquity, He will not hear me"
 - (c) **Psa 109:6-7**- "Prayer of the wicked is sin"
 - (d) **Psa 145:18-20**- Lord hears His righteous
 - (e) **Prov 1:24-33**- Lord rejects the prayers of the ungodly
 - (f) **Prov 15:8**- Sacrifice of wicked -vs- prayers of the righteousness
 - (g) **Prov 15:28-29**- "Lord far from wicked, but nigh unto the righteous"
 - (h) **Prov 21:13**- Whoever stops his eyes to the cry of the poor is not heard of God
 - (i) **Prov 28:9**- Turn away from His command and He will not hear you
 - (j) **Isa 1:15**- Lord doesn't hear the prayers of those out of His will
 - (k) **Isa 58:8-10**- If ye turn back, God will hear
 - (l) **Jer 14:11-12**- Israel's prayers became iniquity
 - (m) **Mic 3:4**- God won't hear the disobedient

(n) **Zech 7:11-14**- God quit hearing disobedient Israel

- 3) Now take away **1 John 1:9** and you have removed the means by which one out of His will is brought back into it

D) **Hos 14:1-2**- “Bring with you words”

- 1) Don’t pray to God in generalities or in vague references like “well Lord, I also am a son of Adam.....”
 - i. Meathead condemned Archie as a thief and yet when he was caught stealing, he said “I can’t believe it, I am a victim of the system”
 - ii. Don’t hide sins in prayer like Achan hid the idol in his tent
 - iii. Make a list in the morning: what I know I acknowledge I am by nature and what I admit I am by experience and compare to see how accurate your appraisal is of yourself
- 2) **James 5:14-20**- Sin + Sickness = Prayer
- 3) **John 15:1-11**- Jesus describes what must be done in order for joy to be full: “remain in Him”
- 4) **John 16:24**- Prayer and the fulness of joy

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.