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Original Sin

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What we're interested in tonight and our topic for tonight is where did original sin in man come from. It's very important to understand about sin, because sin is the one thing that is keeping us away from God in Heaven. So let's take a look at what the Bible says with regard to sin.

Please turn in your Bibles to the book of Romans, Chapter 5, verse 8. This past week we were doing Bible studies with a lot of new people and we gave everyone a new Bible. Since it was all the same exact copy of the Bible, it was easier for me to say turn to page such-and-such.

In the book of Romans, Chapter 5, we're going to begin in verse 8, which says: *⁸But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him... talking about Jesus Christ... ¹⁰For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. ¹¹And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. ¹²Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death*

by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Now, let's have a word of prayer before we continue.

Lord, we sure do thank You for giving us this opportunity with technology to be able to record a show even if the radio station is unable to broadcast right now. We do thank You, Lord, for this opportunity. We pray that we would be a blessing to somebody. In Jesus' name, amen.

Now, I started in verse 8, because... actually verse 12 will be our text verse... but I started in verse 8 because I want to show you a couple of things with regard to this passage. You have to pay very close attention to how God writes His Word, how the Holy Spirit inspired His Word to be written. Every single word and every phrase and the way it's phrased is very significant and very important in the Bible.

What we're looking at here, the first thing I want to point you to is the fact that Jesus Christ is the very center of this entire passage. In verse 8 we see Christ died for us. In verse 9 we see that we'll be saved from wrath through Him, referring back to Jesus Christ. In verse 10 we see we're reconciled to God by the death



of His Son, again Jesus Christ. In verse 11, *And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ*. And then verse 12, of course, starts about sin.

So I wanted to show you, first of all, that the entire passage centers on the object of our faith and the object of salvation, which is none other than Jesus Christ. Again, you'll look in here and you'll look everywhere in the Bible and there is no religion that is mentioned. There is no works or anything else that is going to get us to God. It's that God came to us through Jesus Christ. That's how the entire passage begins in verse 8. *But God commendeth...* or showed; God made an action towards us in His love. So God showed His love toward us before we even sought God... *in that, while we were yet sinners...* while we were already full of sin.

You'll notice now, while we were yet sinners, it's not that I was a good person until I was 20 years old and then one day I committed a sin. It's the fact that we were born with original sin. Even while we were vile creatures full of original sin, Christ still died for us.

[Ms. Ypille:] Pastor, I have a question, because, in terms of being bad and good, there are dual camps. One camp believes that we are fundamentally good. Human beings are fundamentally good. What can you say about that? There are many people that would insist, "No, I'm basically a good person."

What does the other camp say?

[Ms. Ypille:] The other camp, the ones that have read the Bible.

With regard to that camp that says we are all fundamentally good, I can spend exactly 30 seconds to completely refute that. Whether people want to believe the Bible or not, it's completely up to them, but here's what the Bible says regarding the camp that believes that we're all fundamentally good.

Romans 3:10 says, *There is none righteous, no, not one*. Are we all fundamentally good, or is there none righteous, no, not one? You choose who are and what you want to believe; I will stick with the Bible. The Bible says that nobody is fundamentally good.

Now, God showed His love toward us while we were yet sinners. In other words, the Bible is saying, while we were already broken and hopeless in our original sin, Christ died for us. And it comes full circle by the time you get to verse 12. This passage is kind of like a full circle. It says, *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned*. So, in one man... that's something we have to study here in just a moment... By one man sin entered into the world.

Earlier, I asked you a question. How many people were on the Earth at the time of Adam and Eve's sin.

[Ms. Ypille:] I had said two.

Two, right. The only people on the Earth were Adam and Eve. The only man, therefore, was Adam. Adam is the father of all mankind. Adam was the only one that was directly created by God, and all of the rest have been born by father and mother except for one who



had no human father, and that, of course, is Jesus Christ.

Now, let me ask you some simple questions. These are the types of questions that I would ask children, like, five, six, seven years old, to help them think. Jesus did say that when you come to Him you should come to Him as a little child, and we all have a lot of baggage and things that we do or don't want to believe. God says put your baggage and your pride aside and come to Him as a child, so I'm going to ask a very basic question that I would ask a child.

If two kitty cats get together and they make babies, what species... what kind of babies will those be?

[Ms. Ypille:] Cats.

If two doggies get together and they make babies, what will those be?

[Ms. Ypille:] Dogs.

Dogs, okay. We could go on with probably anything like that. If two sinless people get together and make babies, what will those babies be?

[Ms. Ypille:] Sinless.

Sinless. But if two people who are sinners get together and make a baby, what kind of baby will that be?

[Ms. Ypille:] A sinful baby.

Adam and Eve were created perfect without sin; correct? Until they sinned. Then they became what?

[Ms. Ypille:] Sinful people.

Correct. So when they had babies, what is the only kind of babies that they could possibly have?

[Ms. Ypille:] Those that have sins.

Sins; correct. Original sin is called "original sin" because it originated with the father and mother of our race. You and I were born with that. It's the type of species that we are. So it's not so much that we were innocent at one time, although by act we were innocent, but by nature no one is innocent.

For example, and I use this example all the time. I oftentimes ask the children this, and I also ask the adults this. Have you ever lied? Be honest now, because if you say no, I already know that you're a liar and I won't believe you. Usually we'll get a chuckle out of that. But here's the question. Did anyone have to teach you to lie? I don't know of any person ever, including myself, who ever had to learn how to lie. Now, there are people who learn how to be better liars than others, but nobody has to learn how to lie. That is something that comes naturally. By the time a child is three or four years old, they have already usually done something wrong and either they deny what they did wrong or they will try to cover up what they did, or any combination of those things.

[Ms. Ypille:] Or embellish something.

Exactly. Correct. I remember myself... I have reasonably clear memories. I don't remember whether I was three or four or maybe even five, but I do remember I was about that young. And I remember embellishing stories. I



sure do, and they were great embellishments that I thought somebody would believe me. I look back on that now and it's like, nobody would believe what I said. But at the time....

So no one had to teach me how to do that. That came naturally. Why? Because I was born a sinner.

Original sin comes from the original parents, and here's what it says in verse 12: *Wherefore, [because of this,] as by one man [referring to Adam,] sin entered into the world...* That's how sin got here. That's how original sin came, from Adam. So nobody can deny they're a sinner. There are many people who say that they are not as bad as this or this or that. And what they do is they compare themselves to others. For example, they might say, "I told a lie, but I've never killed anyone." Or, "I've committed some sins, but I'm not as bad as Saddam Hussein was."

[Ms. Ypille:] I have stolen ten pesos, but not one million pesos. They classify.

But the Bible says, and we can see it all over the place here, sin is not classified; it is not diminished; it is not compared to other people or to other sins; it is just sin. It says here, *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world...* Not big sin or little sin or white lies or black lies but just plain sin. And then here's the problem with that. It says... *and death by sin...* How did death get to the Earth? By sin. God gave a commandment to Adam and Eve. Here's where they sinned, and we'll take a look at that in a minute, but He said, "There's a tree that I've planted here. It's the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." He says, "Look at all these other types of trees." Now, we don't know how many, probably hundreds or even

thousands of different kinds of delicious fruit trees. God says, "Of all these trees you may freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you may not eat... you shall not eat, and the day that you do, you shall surely die."

One commandment. And, of course, we'll get to that story in just a moment, but we know what happened there. Adam and Eve ate of the very tree that God told them not to eat, and God's promise came true. They died spiritually. The physical death would eventually come.

[Ms. Ypille:] Their bodies started to die.

Correct. Adam only lived to be 930 years old. It's probably a pretty sure indication or conclusion that Adam and Eve would have lived forever had they not sinned. It's deterioration of the DNA, the deterioration of the body, the rot, basically is what it is, began the moment sin came in and corrupted it.

So here's what we've got. As far as by one man sin entered the world and death by sin and so death, here we go going into the species, passed upon how many men? All men, for that all have sinned. That destroys the camp that you were talking about that says all people are fundamentally good. It says, no, all have sinned.

It's a big problem, because if you go to the next chapter, Chapter 6, verse 23, which we'll get there a little bit later, it says, *For the wages of sin is death*. And we have to also classify what that death means. Also wages. What's the word for wages?



[Ms. Ypille:] In that context it's the exchange.

The exchange, correct. So the premium, the exchange for sin is death. That's the only conclusion it can come to.

But now, let's go back to this original sin, and some people may have a question, and they say, "Well, what about a person who... they haven't really done... How can God send a person like my grandmother? My grandmother always went to church and my grandmother always tried to help everybody and my grandmother was good and my grandmother this and my grandmother that. Are you telling me my grandmother didn't go to Heaven? That my grandmother is in Hell?"

Well, let me tell you what the Bible says. Let's turn over to the book of John, Chapter 3, verse 18. It says, *He that believeth on him...* and if you have any doubt of who that "Him" is, just read the previous chapter, the previous verses; it's all about Jesus Christ. It's all about the Son of God. *He that believeth on him* [Jesus Christ] *is not condemned...* Praise the Lord... *but he that believeth not...* Look at this... *is condemned already...* It's not that they're going to be condemned. It's that they're condemned already. Why?... *because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

To believe in the name of the only begotten Son of God means to trust Him only, 100%, for salvation. Grandma may have been a good person, but the problem with Grandma usually is that Grandma is trusting in her religious works and the fact that she's tried to be a good person. She's trusting that to get to Heaven. She's trusting her good works to outweigh her

bad works, and it doesn't work that way. She's condemned already if she did not receive Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. Where does it say you have to receive Jesus Christ?

Well, in John 1:12: *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*

In Acts 4:12, it says: *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

In this chapter here, in John 3, earlier in verse 3, He says *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.* So, Jesus Christ is saying you can't even see the kingdom of God unless you're born again, much less enter. So here's the problem. Because of original sin, we are condemned already. Did you notice that? We are condemned already.

Now, let's go back and look at that original sin and we'll find that original sin all the way back in the book of Genesis Chapter 3. Making sense so far, Ms. Ypille?

[Ms. Ypille:] Absolutely. I've been just putting myself in other people's shoes, as well, because all their lives... mine, too, me, too, when I was younger until even in my late twenties, until I got saved, really. I believed that I could become good just by myself. I just had to be good, and that indeed what I am fundamentally is bad. I honestly thought in my heart that I was fundamentally good because what I did, compared to the politicians that steal up to



25 million pesos, that was nothing, or so I thought.

With me, it was a little bit the same but the difference with me before I got saved and everything, I knew I was bad, but my mistake was thinking that God would somehow overlook it.

So let's take a look at Genesis Chapter 3. This is the account of what happened here. We're going to take a look at that to find out how the original sin came to be.

At this point in Genesis 3:1, the only two people on the face of the Earth are Adam and Eve, and this is what it says. *¹Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

Now, notice very subtly the first thing that the serpent... which by the way is Satan. Satan went in there and somehow he indwelt a serpent. The first thing that he does is to put doubt in the mind of Eve with regard to the word of God. There are many religions today who put doubt in the minds of the people by saying that the Word of God is not for you to study by yourself, by saying that the Word of God is not enough; you also have to listen to the church leaders or the church traditions.

[Ms. Ypille:] Or that the Word of God will make you crazy.

Or that the Word of God will make you crazy. "Yea, hath God said?" If you're listening to that, you're listening to the very voice of Satan himself.

²And the woman said unto the serpent...

There's her mistake. She shouldn't have been talking to Satan. That's her first mistake. She said... *We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: ³But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*

That's her second mistake. You see that phrase "neither shall ye touch it"? She made that up. She added it to the word of God.

[Ms. Ypille:] Embellished.

Yes. God didn't say that. Some may argue that that was the first sin because that was already a lie. So where was the sin? Eating from the fruit? Or telling that lie? That's a lie.

[Ms. Ypille:] Indeed. Because the commandment of God was not to eat, I suppose this one is not sin yet.

She technically did not violate any commandment. Very good. But she did embellish it, which is a lie. She plainly stated it. So there you go. You can already see the seeds of sin just about to pop out. Okay, now verse 4.

⁴And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die. So he goes from putting doubt to the words of God to outright denying the word of God, and that's a big problem today. People, religions, organizations deny the word of God.

[Ms. Ypille:] Do you know, Pastor, this also comes subtly. It doesn't require another person to tell you. You yourself are the person. The human being that's not saved



can tell the lie to themselves or deny the Word of God to themselves, because for example, these people that say, “God is good. I have a brother and even though he does bad things, God will not send that person to Hell.”

Ye shall not surely die.

[Ms. Ypille:] Denying the Word of God and in turn deceiving themselves.

Absolutely, and the frustrating part for someone like me who knows what the Bible says... the frustrating part is when I know what the Bible says and I even quote scripture to somebody like that and they still insist that what they’re saying is true. So not only are they denying the Word of God; they refuse to even hear what it says, and even if they hear what it says, they refuse to believe what the very Word of God says.

[Ms. Ypille:] And in those kinds of things that they say, the sin is in many levels, because not only do they deny the Word of God and lie to themselves, they are making an idol in their heads, and that’s the god that won’t condemn. But they believe their own lies in their minds which really already equal them making an idol.

That’s it, idols in the minds. An idol doesn’t necessarily have to be a painting or a statue or anything like that. It’s whatever we make up in our mind and believe in.

Okay, let’s continue with Genesis Chapter 3. Satan denies God’s word altogether and he says, *Ye shall not surely die.* ⁵*For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods,*

knowing good and evil. So he’s making quite a tempting offer here. The thing about Satan is that he will tell some truth, half-truths, and he’ll mix it with the lies, which makes the whole thing a lie.

It’s kind of like a drug. That’s how kids get drawn into drugs, because people will say, “Oh, just one time. It’ll make you feel so good. It’s just one time,” which is technically good, but drugs do make people feel good. I can’t sit here and deny that.

I’ve had... I forgot what it was... Versed, or something like that when they were pulling a tooth, and, man, I came out of there saying, “Oh, I can understand how people get addicted to Versed.” That was the nicest feeling I ever had in my life. So I’m not going to sit here and try to be a hypocrite and deny that a lot of drugs make people feel good.

I used to be a drunkard, and the reason I drank is because I could escape. It felt good for just a few hours to be able to escape my life of sin and everything that I was doing. I could fool myself and numb myself with the alcohol, thinking that everything was cool.

So I’m not going to sit here and deny that it doesn’t feel good. “Oh, it’s bad. Drugs are bad,” and all that stuff. But the thing is, there is a little bit of truth, but that truth is contained within a massive container of terribleness or horror, if you will.

So he’s saying here, “You’ll be as gods.” Well, it’s kind of technically true because that’s what God knew that they didn’t know. He knew the difference between good and evil, but it was completely irrelevant. It doesn’t matter that they might have some extra knowledge that



they didn't have before. What matters was that they were about to disobey the very commandment of God.

⁶And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food... There's the lust of the flesh... and that it was pleasant to the eyes... There's the lust of the eyes... and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her... "To make one wise," there's the pride of life. And then she gave to her husband. So where was her husband? We don't know if he was standing right next to her. I really seriously doubt it, or she may have walked over somewhere and found him and gave it, and it says... *and he did eat.*

I've got to pause here to give some information, because there are always objections from people and I try to anticipate as much as I can. The question may come up right here at the end of verse 6. It says she gave also to her husband with her and he did eat. A couple of questions here.

First of all, was he standing next to her? Or was he somewhere else and she had to go find him? The answer is we don't know. It says "her husband with her," so the implication seems to be that he might have been with her there but it doesn't make sense that he would have been standing right next to her while she's talking to the serpent because he, I'm sure, would have been able to counter the serpent because Adam himself was the one who received the commandment from God directly. So we don't know.

Here's another question. It says "and he did eat." The question is, did he know that the fruit he was eating was the forbidden fruit? Or

did he not know? Did he just take something that she handed him and started eating it? The answer to that question most positively would be he had to have known in order for it to be of sin, or else, why would it be sin if he didn't know what kind of fruit he was eating?

[Ms. Ypille:] Also, it's mentioned in the New Testament that Adam did sin a transgression.

Correct, correct, exactly, but why would that sin... Actually, it said the woman was in the transgression because she was deceived. But why would he be the sinner if he didn't know what kind of fruit he was eating? Because you hear objections like this all the time.

⁷And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. So here, they ate. Both of them ate. Now why did Adam eat of the fruit? We don't know exactly why he did it. It doesn't matter why he did it. There's all kinds of theories. He loved his wife so much that he didn't want her to experience death and go to Hell while he was going to be alive if he had said no. So he loved her so much.

[Ms. Ypille:] Adam said, because of the woman. It's in the Bible, as well, when Adam said he saw his wife eat of it.

No, that's something somebody made up in a textbook. That's why I'm trying to get to.

[Ms. Ypille:] Okay, sorry, sorry.

Those are things that men wrote. We've got to be very careful. You've got to be very, very careful to know what the Bible says versus



what commentaries say. There are commentaries out there that say that the reason Adam ate is because he loved his wife so much that he knew she was going to die, because in the day thou eatest thereof thou shall surely die, and he didn't want to be alone without her so he ate, too. That isn't anywhere in the Bible, but that's the case. That's a theory, but we don't know. Maybe Adam also experienced a private life and decided that he didn't want to be left out. We don't know. We've got to be very, very careful not to read anything into the scripture what the scripture doesn't say, and it's not implied anywhere. So we've got to be very, very careful.

That's a good example. That happens all the time. As a pastor, I'm asked all the time by different people what about this and what does the Bible say about that? And by the grace of God most of the time off the top of my head I can answer and say, no, here's what the Bible says and here's what the Bible does not say. For the times when I can't think of anything off the top of my head, I have my handy Bible app in my phone that I can look up words and things like that. But, no, nowhere in the Bible does it imply a reason why Adam sinned.

It says here, ⁷*And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked...* Oh, they were naked. Why did God make them naked? Why would they need clothes? They're the only two people in the world. They're in nature. They're perfect. There are no mosquitoes biting them. There's no sunburning.

[Ms. Ypille:] Also, too, Pastor, another theory. They are covered with the glory, the Shekinah glory.

Again, theories from commentaries. The Bible is very silent. The Bible does not say. It says here in verse 7 the eyes of them were opened, meaning they realized something now that they didn't realize before. They knew that they were naked, so they were always naked. Now, whether they were covered with the Shekinah glory, which is the glory of God, kind of like a light glory, I don't know. The Bible doesn't say anywhere. We have to be very careful to distinguish what the Bible actually says and what we think happened.

So it says they knew they were naked. Then it says, *They sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.* So, in other words, they realized, "Oh, something's different. Something's wrong. I feel wrong. We need to cover up." Isn't it true, that's the same pattern man has always wanted to cover up his sin?

Now, let's stop there for just a moment in verse 7. I want to refer you back to John Chapter 3. We were looking at verse 18 a little bit earlier. We were looking at John 3:18: *He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

Look at verse 19: *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

Now look at verse 20: *For every one that doeth evil... What?... hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.* This is why Adam and Eve covered themselves. When God comes around, I'm sure that He was probably brighter than the sun; I don't know, but I know that the Bible



says God is light. I can only imagine what a beautiful sight it was and how bright everything was.

Did you ever meet somebody that has a really, really nice personality and is always smiling? We have a saying that when that person walks into a room they light up the room. Imagine God walking in.

Now, it says here that *everyone that doeth evil... verse 20... hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved...* found out. So Adam and Eve committed sin, and for some reason that sin let them realize that they were naked. They were uncovered, so they wanted to cover themselves with fig leaves because they knew when God came around and everything was lit up, they were going to be exposed for the changed creatures that they now were.

Verse 21: *But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*

So here's what happens. Adam and Eve covered themselves in fig leaves to cover the fact that they had committed sin. They didn't want to come to the light in sin and the fig leaves represent man's first attempt at religion. What does religion try to do, Ms. Ypille?

[Ms. Ypille:] Religion is always defined as man's way to God and it's usually something that one does to appease or try to appease, so they think, God.

So religion tries to cover up what man cannot cover up. Not only what man cannot cover up. Something that cannot be covered up.

Something that must be taken away, and that is sin. So what is the only thing that can take away sin? It's the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, let's get into a couple of other things here. Let's go back to the book of Romans, but this time we're going to go to Chapter 6 and we're going to look at verse 23.

Romans 6:23 says: *For the wages of sin... the premium, the exchange of sin... is death...* Now let's take a look at that death. What kind of death?

"Well, I'm not really worried about death, Pastor, because everybody's going to die one day; right?"

Yes, everybody's going to die. Physical death is definitely a result of sin, but if it were just that, then there would be no problem if it were just physical death. Right? Because everybody's going to die one day. No big deal; right? A lot of people aren't even afraid of death anymore. Let's take a look at what is the death that's being spoken about in the Bible.

So hold onto your place in Romans 6:23 and now join me in the last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation, Chapter 20. Let's take a look at what the Bible says. We're going to get a brief glimpse of Judgment Day. There's a lot of information with regard to Judgment Day, but I want to just take a look at a couple of things here.

I want to look at verses 14 and 15. This is the very end of Judgment Day. It says: *¹⁴And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the... What?*

[Ms. Ypille:] The second death.



Second death. ¹⁵And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

How do you suppose a person has their name written in the book of life? By doing good works?

[Ms. Ypille:] No, by having Jesus save them.

Absolutely, by Jesus Christ only. Look at what it says at the end of verse 14. It says “death and Hell.” So people aren’t afraid of death? Okay, there’s death. Some people joke about Hell and say, “Oh, I’m gonna party with all my friends in Hell.” Okay, there’s Hell. Both of them were cast into the lake of fire.

Now what does it say about the lake of fire? If we go back up to verse 10, let’s find out where Satan himself will end up. It says in verse 10: *And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.* Does that sound like a nice party to you? And it says at the end of that verse, *This is the second death.*

If we go back to Romans 6:23: *The wages of sin is death...* That is the death that it’s talking about, whether you want to think it’s the first death or the second death. The first death was cast into the second death; okay? So the wages of sin is the lake of fire. It’s Hell. It’s forever and ever. There’s not going to be any escape out of there.

However, here we come and we see the grace of God again. It says, *For the wages of sin is*

death: but the gift of God is eternal life... And this gift is... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remember a minute or two ago I asked how do you suppose someone has their name written into the book of life? The only way to have your name written in the book of life is through Jesus Christ. Notice, not saint Mary, not Holy Father, not Felix Manalo, not a religion, not a church, not an organization, not money, not works, not yourself; through only Jesus Christ our Lord. Not through Mary to Jesus Christ; through Jesus Christ.

So the wages of sin is the second death. You say, “Well, it doesn’t say second death.” Okay, the wages of sin is death. What happens to death? It’s cast into the lake of fire. What is the lake of fire called? The second death.

So, if you want to play that game, dear listener, go for it. I don’t recommend that you do, but here’s the thing. We are all born with original sin. The Bible says, *For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.* The Bible says, *There is none righteous, no, not one.* The Bible says, *For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life...* That’s Heaven... *through Jesus Christ our Lord*, because the Bible says, *God commendeth his love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

The book of Ephesians, Chapter 2, verse 8-9, says, *For by grace...* It’s the only way that you’re saved, not because you did good works. ⁸*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:* ⁹*Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

And finally, one of the most beautiful promises in the Bible is found in Romans 10:13. It says,



For whosoever... That's anybody... shall call upon the name of the Lord... And here's the promise... shall be saved.

That “call upon the name of the Lord” phrase in that verse, it's not talking about some vague lord, some general god. It's talking about Jesus Christ. If you read the entirety of the book of Romans, Chapter 10, in fact the entirety of the book of Romans, you'll find the name of Jesus Christ written in there so many times I don't remember how many times. The object of our faith, the only way of salvation, dear listener, is through Jesus Christ. The Bible says, if you call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, you shall be saved, not upon the name of a religion.

Let's go back to the book of Acts, Chapter 4, verse 12. *Neither is there salvation in any other... No church, no organization, no self, no money, no works, no other name, no saint this or saint that.*

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

And that name is Jesus Christ. One more time, what did Jesus say about Himself in John 14:6? He said, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

Dear listener, you now know where your sin came from. I hope you realize after tonight's show that you stand guilty before God and without excuse. We all will be condemned without Jesus Christ. It's not that we will be condemned for what we have done. The Bible says as we read earlier, we are condemned already. But if you receive Jesus Christ, if you take Him as your personal Saviour, if you trust Him and Him alone as your personal Saviour, the Bible promises you shall be saved.