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## Original Sin?

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AM Worship Svc. 10:00 a.m.  
PM Worship Svc. 5:00 p.m.\*  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
(Attended Nursery at all svcs.)

\*No 5:00 p.m. service on the third Sunday of the month

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Even though neither of the classes taught at the Bible Correspondence Center in Seoul this month connected with the topic of original sin, there were several in-depth discussions with the students on that very topic. As it turns out, there is at least one preacher among churches of Christ in South Korea who has begun pushing that teaching. As a quick reminder: the idea of original sin is the concept that all humans inherit Adam's sin and are therefore of depraved nature.

One key passage used by those who proclaim this doctrine is Romans 5:12-17. Admittedly, there are some ideas that are not easy to grasp in that section of Scripture. But, it is quite interesting to me that the very first verse in that paragraph, verse 12, destroys the concept of inherited sin. Paul wrote that death came into the world through the sin of Adam, and death then spreads to all people "because all sinned." Whatever else is made of the rest of that paragraph, it must be reconciled with the beginning statement that we are guilty because of our own sin. It is improper, then, to try to make us guilty because of Adam's sin. (See also Ezek. 18:20; 1 Jn. 3:7-10).

*See you Sunday, saved by grace... David*

## **Love the Brotherhood**

David South

You know how it is. With the internet making it so easy to disseminate information, one can find almost anything on almost any topic. Thus, one must be careful what she or he takes seriously. With that being said, I am still a bit disappointed at what appears to me to be a lot of brotherhood bashing that shows up in the social media. I think I understand the intent. One might see what appears to be weaknesses in the teachings or practices of some congregations. One might want to help those congregations improve. I believe that is the intent of the writings under consideration in this article. With the ease of communication these days, it seems noble for Christians to help each other think through important topics. What troubles me is that such suggestions sometimes come across as brotherhood bashing. I sometimes get the impression from what is written that our brotherhood has not/cannot do anything right.

One reason this troubles me is that the Scriptures urge us to “Love the brotherhood” (1 Pet. 2:17). Whenever I get the chance to travel, I enjoy assembling with other congregations. It is uplifting and encouraging to worship with those of like faith – even when you have never before met them. While none of us is perfect, the brotherhood is filled with good, sincere, Jesus-following congregations. Is there room for improvement? Absolutely. It seems to me, though, that one can make suggestions for that improvement without bemoaning how “bad” the brotherhood is. From passages like 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, I draw the conclusion that to love the brotherhood includes believing the best about the brotherhood. My experience also has taught me that it is correct to believe the best about the brotherhood. I feel compelled to repeat that this is not to say that the brotherhood is flawless. There is room for improvement, especially as we try to reach a changing culture with the eternal gospel. I can deeply appreciate what those before me have done and what those beside me are trying to do while recognizing that I and those around me ought to seek to improve our service to Jesus. Please continue to offer suggestions for improvement. Please do not bash the brotherhood in the process. Love the brotherhood enough to urge proper changes. Love the brotherhood enough to urge those changes in proper ways. Let us confront mistakes with so much love that it is clear to all that we are operating out of love and not disgust.

Flawed people make for flawed congregations. A flawless Savior makes for forgiven congregations filled with forgiven people. People are not always lovable. Neither are they always unlovable. Congregations are not always lovable – nor always unlovable. Our Savior loves us always. He confronts us for error and demands change, all while loving us. Let us love the brotherhood always. Let us confront one another for error and demand change, all while loving each other.

To repeat, “Love the brotherhood.”

## OUR PRAYER LIST

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## TO SERVE JANUARY 28, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Dan Amar
Opening Prayer	Stan Adams
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation	Robert & Pat King
Serve Communion: Knox Greer, Charlie Bryson, Riley Hubbert, Ron Hinton, Charles Mars, Bill Seward, Jacob Maynard, Bill Estes	
Pick Up Cards	Chase Dacus & Creede Criswell
AM Closing Prayer	Thomas Williams
Nursery	Kerry Mitchell

## Sunday Evening Worship

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Bob Karr
PM Sermon	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Charlie Bryson
PM Nursery	Regina Brittain

## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Ron and Diane Hinton in the recent loss of Diane's father, Daniel Rokitka. Funeral service was held on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Former members who recently passed away are James Roy Smith, Mary Helen Sartain and Don Agnew. We extend our sympathy to those families as well.

## NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Mrs. Minnie Gray, mother of our Marti McClendon. Mrs. Gray lives with her daughter at 2264 Forest Hill Irene Road N, Cordova, TN 38016. Mrs. Gray, we are so glad to have you worshipping here at Woodland Hills with us.

## 2018 TORCH MISSION TRIP



June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup> are the dates for the Summer 2018 Torch Mission trip to Honduras. Please begin to think and pray about attending! Please see Matt Mitchell for answers to your questions.

We have quite a few who are interested in making this mission trip this year. Keep this effort in your prayers.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

This past week has been pretty cold and driving our vehicles has been difficult. In spite of the weather, we had a lot of folks worship with us last Sunday at 2 pm after the roads had cleared to some degree. In the future, we will try to post closings on TV stations 3, 5 and 13 if possible and also send message by phone tree. That being said, please be sure to keep the church office informed of any address and/or phone changes so we can keep our system updated.

Our Phone Tree is an excellent tool to help us get messages to you. Please remember that the machine responds to your "Hello" and if it doesn't start playing the message repeat your "Hello" a little louder as the machine may not have caught your voice. The message may be left on your and answering devices but it will try several times to reach you following the first few "no answers". If you have caller ID, the phone tree will show up as WHCOC and phone number as 901-259-4193.

## WELCOME HOME

So thankful to have Brother South safely back home after teaching these past two weeks in Seoul, South Korea.

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

Please sign the back of your card with the number in your family attending the Wednesday night meal. Our dinners have been a great success as well as the food and fellowship. Won't you consider joining us?



## YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello all! I hope you have had a wonderful week. I won't lie, this was a strange week. With the weather this last week, we didn't have much opportunity for fellowship. With no class on Sunday, and then no devotional on Wednesday, I know I was missing getting to see everybody! Of course I completely understand and agree with why the services were canceled, I still felt affected by the lack of fellowship.

This fact, along with David's wonderful lesson on Sunday, has had me thinking a lot about the church. I know it's a common thing these days to disparage the church, and to lean on a very singular and personal faith. But this idea of faith in a vacuum does not only sound unenjoyable, but it is extremely unbiblical. We know because of Paul's arguments that each of us are just a single part in the body of Christ. And as such: "The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you" (1 Cor 12:21). In fact, as a simple lone part of the body, I know that I need all of you in order to properly fulfill the Lord's will. And not only are we called to need one another, but to love one another. What a blessing it is to come together in the week and see all the parts of this amazing Body. A body that both needs us, and loves us!

I challenge you all to think about just how much you need your fellow Christians, and to show them the love they deserve. And also, to think about how to best submit to our Head: Jesus Christ. God Bless!

## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

*"If you didn't start your day with a smile, it's not too late to start practicing for tomorrow."*

*"A bad attitude is like a flat tire – you can't go anywhere until you change it."*

*"A sense of humor can help you tolerate the unpleasant and smile through the unbearable."*

*"It is better to sleep on what you intend to do than stay awake all night over what you did."*

*"A kind word picks up a friend when trouble weighs him down."*

*"Attitudes are contagious. Is yours worth catching?"*

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