

Lesson # 6 – Sunday – July 23, 2017

The 12 Step program in Comparison to Scripture

- # 1. We admitted we were powerless over (Something sinful) - that our lives had become unmanageable.
- # 2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- # 3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
- # 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
- # 5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- # 6. **Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.**
- # 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
- # 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
- # 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
- # 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
- # 11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
- # 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to (Those in need), and to practice these principles in all our affairs (our life).

For this Lesson we will be looking at Step # 6:

We are entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

For this Lesson we will be looking at the fact that:
GOD HAS removed our sin. We are forgiven! It is not a maybe and sin is not just a defect.

Sin leads to serious consequences. There is no level of sin. All sin leads to death.
It is true that certain sins do result in more earthly problems or consequences.
Murder can lead to Capital punishment (Gen.9:6), and adultery can result in a broken family, while speaking with a potty mouth often in our sinful world results in no one caring.

Romans 6:23a – “The Wages of sin is death,”

Thanks be to God that in Christ Jesus we have the forgiveness of sins and thus Eternal Life in heaven.

Romans 6:23b – “but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

I Peter 3:18 – “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.”

Hebrews 10:10 – “And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

Colossians 2:13-14 – “When you were dead in your sins and in the un-circumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took it away, nailing it to the cross.”

Psalms 103:11-12 – “For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”