

Sermon Title: Disease experts

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Romans 5:18-21

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The difference between our sins and our sin (sinful nature)

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2. But our sin (sinful nature), is something we are born with and that is inside of us. It is what causes us to rebel against God and disobey God.

So what did Jesus do to give us righteousness and eternal life?

- One last thing placed upon the cross of Christ, not physically, it was placed there spiritually and that is sin.

- What was spiritually placed upon that cross were the actions of rebellion and disobedience from all believers in Christ, past, present, and future.
  - Colossians 2:14, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 Peter 3:18

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Good Friday Video

I love how that video shows us that what happened on Good Friday reverses the curse of the tree and cures the disease of sin.

God did his part, he did the hard work by giving his Son for all of us and by nailing the sins of the world to the cross, forgiving those sins and in turn forgiving us.

So what is our part?

- When it comes to our salvation there is nothing that we can do to add to it, nothing we can do to deserve it!
- Our part is faith in what God has done for us through Jesus Christ as a response to our salvation.
  - Faith, a public profession of faith, then a constant cycle of repentance and forgiveness.

Challenges:

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  - a. What is one thing that the world has told you that you need to renew your mind on?
2. Leave your sins nailed to the cross.

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