

# Safford Church of Christ

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## 27 April 27

### Topics

#### A.M. Bible Class:

Where to from Here?

#### A.M. Lesson:

Breaking the Seal (Romans 8:1-8)

with Ed Curry

#### P.M. Lesson:

Victory in Jesus (Romans 7:7-25)

#### Wednesday:

Massacre of Ahab's Descendants  
(2 Kings 10)

Pulpit Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-3494

Elders

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Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.

## Are all sins the same in God's view?

Neil Short

Sins are not all equal before God. There is a popular notion that all sins are equally bad. After all, James 2:10 says, *For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it* (NRSV). In other words, if a person sins, he is a sinner. James is

focussing on the Ten Commandments in this verse and the point is that we should judge with righteous judgment. His point is very similar to the Lord's when he said in the Sermon on the Mount, *"Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the big piece of wood in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your friend, 'Let me take that little piece of dust out of your eye'? Look at yourself! You still have that big piece of wood in your own eye. You hypocrite! First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friend's eye* (Matthew 7:3-5, NCV).

The belief that all sins are equal provides comfort to a person who has committed a heinous sin. My horrible sin is no different in God's eyes than when someone notices in the parking lot that he received a penny too much in change and decides to NOT return the penny to the store. The lesson is that we are all sinners and need redemption.

But all sins are not equal before God. Some are worse than others. Jesus said to Pilate, *"The only power you have over me is the power given to you by God. The man who turned me in to you is guilty of a greater sin"* (John 19:11, NCV).

Some sins dirty a person's body while others don't. One is worse than the other. *So run away from sexual sin. Every other sin people do is outside their bodies, but those who sin sexually sin against their own bodies. You should know that your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit who is in you. You have received the Holy Spirit*

*from God. So you do not belong to yourselves, because you were bought by God for a price. So honor God with your bodies (1 Corinthians 6:18-20, NCV).*

*While we are all in debt to Christ and are worthy of nothing better than Hell, some of us are more in debt than others. One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, so Jesus went into the Pharisee's house and sat at the table. A sinful woman in the town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house. So she brought an alabaster jar of perfume and stood behind Jesus at his feet, crying. She began to wash his feet with her tears, and she dried them with her hair, kissing them many times and rubbing them with the perfume. When the Pharisee who asked Jesus to come to his house saw this, he thought to himself, "If Jesus were a prophet, he would know that the woman touching him is a sinner!"*

*Jesus said to the Pharisee, "Simon, I have something to say to you."*

*Simon said, "Teacher, tell me."*

*Jesus said, "Two people owed money to the same banker. One owed five hundred coins and the other owed fifty. They had no money to pay what they owed, but the banker told both of them they did not have to pay him. Which person will love the banker more?"*

*Simon, the Pharisee, answered, "I think it would be the one who owed him the most money."*

*Jesus said to Simon, "You are right." Then Jesus turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I came into your house, you gave me no water for my feet, but she washed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss of greeting, but she has been kissing my feet since I came in. You did not put oil on my head, but she poured perfume on my feet. I tell you that her many sins are*

*forgiven, so she showed great love. But the person who is forgiven only a little will love only a little" (Luke 7:36-47, NCV).*

Have you been forgiven?

## **News**

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Gail Daly, Inez' daughter, had her heart surgery on Thursday. She is recovering.

Esther Atchley's brother's wife has two close relatives who are fighting cancer.

### **POTLUCK Today!**

Pete and Cindy are in Silver City this morning.

May 2: Elder Appreciation Dinner at the building. Activities begin at 6:00 P.M.

May 11: Donuts & Coffee @ 9 A.M. in the Anex.

## **Prayer List:**

*Isaiah 54:7*

*Jerusalem, I have put guards on the walls to watch.*

*They must not be silent day or night. You people who remind the LORD of your needs in prayer should never be quiet.(NCV)*

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*Hattie Hedrick, Della Phillips, H.L.*

*Boling, Jerry*

*Robinson's*

*mother Norma,*

*Mike and Sandy*

*Cavasos, Faye*

*Atchley, Nicolas*

*and Annie Self,*

*Jonda Gardner,*

*Dave Morse, Richard Tuey.*

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