

“PUTTING SIN TO DEATH”

Mark 9:42-50

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I. Does the message of grace & forgiveness mean that Jesus is soft on sin? (vv. 42, 49-50)

“whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin”

“better ... if a great millstone were hung around his neck and ... thrown into the sea”

“Everyone will be salted with fire”

“Salt is good, but if the salt has lost it’s saltiness...”

Sin’s dangerous _____ kills witness & _____.

Leviticus 2:13

Deuteronomy 13:1ff

Romans 14:10ff

“For indifference to those for whom Christ has died is indifference to Christ himself.”

-Sinclair Ferguson

II. How else does Jesus declare the danger of sin? (vv. 43-48)

“if your hand (foot/eye) causes you to sin”

“cut it off ... cut it off ... tear it out”

“enter life (2x) & enter the kingdom vs. go to hell & thrown into hell (2x)”

“unquenchable fire ... worm does not die and the fire is not quenched”

Sin's deadly _____ threatens to kill _____.

Proverbs 1:15-16; 6: 12-14

Isaiah 66:24

Hebrews 12:1

Revelation 20:10

"Be killing sin or it will be killing you."

-John Owen

"Sin is always acting, always conceiving, always seducing and tempting."

-John Owen

III. So what can be done? (vv. 49-50)

Genesis 4: Sin is a _____ you can't kill.

Romans 6: Christ who died for sin → rose to give newness of life.

Romans 8: Belong to Christ → indwelling Spirit → mind on the Spirit → killing sin

"be at peace with one another."

Jesus is the only sin _____ to _____ us.

Genesis 4: 6-7

Romans 6:11-13; 8:13; 13:14

"Temptations and occasions put nothing into a man, but only draw out what was in him before."

-John Owen

"No one lives up to even his or her own moral standards. If we fall short of our own standards, what will we do before God's?"

-Tim Keller

BIG IDEA: Jesus slays sin which threats life, witness & community.