

REDEMPTION CHURCH

Sins of a Nation | Identifying Sin

BIG POINT

We look around and see horrors and atrocities everywhere – from consumerism to late-term and on-demand abortion, gender mutilation, political corruption and dead churches. This week we look at where it starts, who is responsible, and how we address and work to remedy it.

ISAIAH 58:1-2

"1Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. 2Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God."

This week we began a 2-week series out of Isaiah 58.

As an individual, as a church, and as a nation we all have asked "How did we get here?" To understand the answer we look to Isaiah 59:14-15,

"Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice."

Israel was in the same boat – a mess and embroiled in hypocrisy. Our message this weekend focused on how individual sin leads to corporate sin; and how we, as individuals and as the Church, should respond.

Notes:

Isaiah 58:1 is a very clear call for the prophet (preacher) to:

1. Speak truth loudly (publicly).
2. Speak truth clearly.
3. Speak truth bluntly.

We are commanded to "NOT hold back"!

Jesus provides us with a perfect example of boldly and clearly proclaiming truth in [Matthew 25](#).

He didn't hold back, and neither should we. So, what are we to do? We are supposed to reveal the sin's of God's people.

LIE #1:

INDIVIDUALS SIN, NOT CHURCHES OR NATIONS.

TRUTH:

INDIVIDUAL SIN LEADS TO CHURCH SIN WHICH LEADS TO NATIONAL SIN.

REMINDER

*Spiritual hypocrisy
leads to decay.*

3 Things Plaguing our Nation:

1. Confusing Messages
2. Weak Institutions
3. Lack of Christian Leaders

1 Peter 4:17

For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Galatians 5:9

A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

So what do we do?

1. Repent
2. Pray
3. Return to God's Word

Notes cont.:

LIE #2:

NATIONAL ⇒ CHURCH ⇒ INDIVIDUAL

TRUTH:

INDIVIDUAL ⇒ CHURCH ⇒ NATIONAL

Individual Sin:

- Sexual sin (pornography / fornication / adultery)
- Financial Sin (greed / injustice / consumerism)
- Spiritual Lethargy (apathy / worldliness)

What happened? We abandoned God's Word.

Church Sin:

- Sexually Deviant Church (sex scandals, rampant unBiblical divorce, coverups)
- Financially Deviant Church (strapped by debt, unconcerned with the poor, building an earthly Kingdom)
- Dead Church (no preaching of the Gospel, no acts of love, no desires for holiness)

What happened? The church abandoned God's Word.

National Sin:

- Grossly Sexually Deviant Culture (LGBTQIA+ / sex trafficking / gender mutilation)
- Filthy Rich but Broke Nation (33T in debt, beginnings of a welfare state, rampant greed and corruption)
- Post-Christian Culture (education system, political environment, cultural norms)

What happened? The nation abandoned God's Word.

When we abandon God's Word, the church and nation follow.