

7 Iniquity

**IF I REGARD INIQUITY IN MY HEART,
THE LORD WILL NOT HEAR.**

Psalm 66:18

Iniquity is the hidden desire to do evil. It is an ungodly desire in a dark and unknown place in the heart. It is self-will. It is the opposite of righteousness. It is lawlessness. It is perverseness and crookedness in the heart. It is a hidden defect that causes failure under stress. In the Scriptures it is illustrated and spoken of as a “blemish”.

Iniquity is in the heart (spirit) while sin is in the flesh (mind) and caused by members of the body, i.e., the tongue, arms, eyes, sexual organs, etc.

Ephesians 5:27 – “spots, wrinkles, blemishes”

- “Spots” = “spots in your love feasts” – Jude 12
Evil, foul, seducing spirits. Demons.
Cast out with the name and power of Jesus.
- “Blemishes” = Iniquities within.
Ask God to burn out with the baptism of fire.
- “Wrinkles” = “Raw flesh” (Lev.13). Works of the flesh.
Go back in your life with the Holy Spirit &
Have God cleanse & heal your whole life, re-
Moving from the record all flesh past. Be
Truly “born again” with the word from
Conception.

(Scriptures are available – understand Proverbs 25:2)

THE INHERITANCE OF INIQUITY

We get iniquity in two ways. We may acquire iniquity:

**If a person sins,
and commits any of these things
which are forbidden to be done
by the commandments of the LORD,**

**though he does not know it,
yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity.**

Le.5:17

And we inherit iniquity. We all inherit the iniquities of our father and our forefathers in his lineage.

**You shall not bow down to them nor serve them.
For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God,**

**visiting the iniquity of the fathers
on the children to the third and fourth generations
of those who hate Me,**

**but showing mercy to thousands,
to those who love Me and keep My commandments.**

Ex.20:5,6

Those who “hate” God are those who are disobedient to His commandments. Their iniquity is passed down through their descendants to the third and fourth generation. This line of iniquity goes all the way back to Adam (Jos.3:16). And with each generation, iniquity has accumulated with our forefathers’ disobedience. Thus we can see why today, iniquity has matured.

The inheritance of iniquity is mentioned often in the Scriptures. And nowhere does the Lord say this inheritance is taken away, except through deliverance. It is wise then to consider how much iniquity each of us may have received (Ps.65:3; Ps.143).

**For our iniquities have risen higher than our heads,
and our guilt has grown up to the heavens.**

Ezr.9:6

**For innumerable evils have surrounded me;
My iniquities have overtaken me,
So that I am not able to look up;
They are more than the hairs of my head;
Therefore my heart fails me.**

Ps.40:12

THE JUDGMENT OF INIQUITY

Many people think they were pardoned (dismissed) of all judgments against them when they confessed Jesus as the Son of God. This is not so. Jesus “bore” our sins in His body that we might through Him, with Him living His life through us, put away sin in our own body and live unto Christ. Thus, through Jesus Christ, the “Perfect One”, we are justified unto the Father, Holy (Isa.57:15). Therefore our sins are taken upon Jesus, in us, that we might have salvation.

**Who Himself bore our sins
in His own body on the tree,
that we, having died to sins,
might live for righteousness,
by whose stripes we are healed.**

1Pe.2:24

Nor were our iniquities taken away. Instead, the righteous Servant shall bear them, that we might come to eternal life.

**By His knowledge
My righteous Servant shall justify many,
For He shall bear their iniquities.**

Isa.53:11

If Jesus had taken away our iniquities, why would He have said to those who questioned Him about salvation:

**I tell you I do not know you, where you are from.
Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.**

**There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth,
when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob
and all the prophets in the kingdom of God,
and yourselves thrust out.**

Lu.13:27,28

If we are without sin or iniquity by our verbal confession of Jesus Christ, what remains to be “overcome”?

**To him who overcomes
I will grant to sit with Me on My throne,
As I also overcame
And sat down with My Father on His throne.**
(see Acts 14:22)

Rev. 3:21

If we were pardoned of everything, why must all face the judgment seat of Christ?

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
that each one may receive the things done in the body,
according to what he has done,
whether good or bad.**

2Co.5:10

If you seek it (Ps.7:6-8), you may be judged now and the iniquity may be removed (Isa.40:2; Zeph.3:15).

**But when we are judged,
we are chastened by the Lord,
that we may not be condemned with the world.**

1Co.11:32

A heart filled with iniquity “risen higher than our heads” shall not come into the kingdom of God. Only those whose heart is cleansed of all iniquity will come before God. This is why Jesus said,

**Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.**

M't.5:8

Your iniquities keep you separate from God and His holiness, both here on earth and in the life hereafter (Jo.9:31).

**But your iniquities have separated you from your God;
And your sins have hidden His face from you,
So that He will not hear.**

Isa.59:2

By iniquity in your heart, you are separated from God and He does not even hear your prayers. And without Jesus, there is no way from your fallen state to God's holy presence.

**Much more then, having now been justified by His blood,
we shall be saved from wrath through Him.**

**For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God
through the death of His Son,**

**much more, having been reconciled,
we shall be saved by His life.**

Ro.5:9,10

The Father's sentence of death for sin and iniquity was put upon His Son. Jesus paid the penalty for our sins. This reconciled us with the Father, that we might have a “way” to the kingdom of God. The sentence of death upon all flesh deriving from Adam's disobedience was not removed. It was reconciled through Christ Jesus. Jesus Christ was the spirit

Man who gave birth to the spiritual lineage to replace the flesh lineage of Adam. If we become one with Christ (Jo.17:21), we are born into the lineage of the Spirit. But the sentence of death to sin and flesh must still be paid. We are born into the Spirit (Ro.8:14) only when we put to death the deeds of the flesh (sin) and the ungodly desires in the heart (iniquity).

**For if we have been united together
in the likeness of His death,**

**certainly we also shall be
in the likeness of His resurrection,**

**knowing this,
that our old man was crucified with Him,**

**that the body of sin might be done away with,
that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**

**For he who has died has been freed from sin.
For the wages of sin is death,**

**but the gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Ro.6:5-7,23

Jesus died in sinful flesh to fulfill the righteous requirement of the law. When He is in me, it satisfies my debt, and my sin is finished. The sin in my flesh is no longer alive and thus no longer has power over me. However, I must walk in the Spirit to have it.

If Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, because Christ died for you. His flesh was made sin and sin was condemned on the cross. Therefore if He is in you, His body is your body, and His body was killed for sin. So if Christ is in you, the body is dead because the sin that is in you has been condemned to death by the cross.

When Christ came in, your flesh died because the law was in Christ. When the law came in, you knew you were in sin, and then you died. You died a spiritual death. It was just a matter of time until you were buried.

But if you now have the Spirit of Him who raised Christ from the dead come into you, He will resurrect you with Christ, and righteousness will dwell in you. He raises you as He raised Christ.

When Christ came within, He became your flesh, and He died for you as sin in your body. And when the Spirit of

Him who raised Christ from the dead comes, He likewise will raise Christ (the Word) from the dead within you, that you may have life with Him in righteousness. The Word is resurrected within you by the power of God!

If you know this and understand it, you can speak it and believe it, and the Word of God will bring it to pass (2Co.4:13,14).

THE LINEAGE OF THE SPIRIT

Jesus was sired by the Spirit of God with the Word (God's seed) in the virgin girl, Mary. His Father, God, was without iniquity or sin. Thus He inherited no iniquity. He began a new lineage, the lineage of the Spirit, a lineage without iniquity.

**That which is born of the flesh is flesh,
and that which is born of Spirit is spirit.**
(your new spirit is born of the Holy Spirit.)

Jo.3:6

Therefore to be born of the Spirit and adopted into the lineage of God through Christ, we must be cleansed of iniquity.

We may have salvation by confessing the Lord Jesus with our mouth.

**that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus
and believe in your heart
that God has raised Him from the dead,
you will be saved.**

Ro.10:9

In this condition your iniquity is retained. It is still in your heart. But in the next verse a different position is given.

**For with the heart one believes to righteousness,
And with the mouth confession is made to salvation.**

Ro.10:10

These two verses establish two very different conditions. In one, the iniquity remains, but for the other the iniquity must be cleansed. If "one believes to righteousness with their heart," they practice righteousness from their heart. For if one believes something with their heart, they live it and practice it. If iniquity is in our heart, we cannot practice righteousness because iniquity is a will to unrighteousness.

In the first condition (Ro.10:9) the iniquity remains and the heart is filthy. In the second condition (Ro.10:10) the iniquity is cleansed and the heart is made righteous. Which condition you are in at death may determine your everlasting condition.

**He who is filthy, let him be filthy still;
he who is righteous, let him be righteous still;**

Re.22:11

If we find righteousness while yet on earth, we are born into the spiritual lineage of Jesus Christ, and will remain righteous after physical death. But if we are saved only through confession off our lips, and if we never see the iniquity in our heart and get it out, we remain “filthy still”. In this condition we shall not enter into the “Holy City” in which dwells the temple, which is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb (Re.21:22).

**There shall by no means enter it
anything that defiles,
or causes an abomination or a lie,**

**but only those who are written
in the Lamb's Book of Life.**

Rev. 21:27

Those who die filthy with iniquity may be saved, but they will not come into God's presence (Re.14:5). They will be able to see the light of the “City of God” (Rev.21:24-27) and will live in its light, but they cannot enter into it (Jo.3:5; 1Jo.3:9).

**And the nations of those who are saved
shall walk in its light,**

Re. 21:24

Those in the nations will have everlasting life, but outside the “city” will not be the most honored place to be, even with everlasting life.

**Blessed are those who do His commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life,
and may enter through the gates into the city.**

**But outside are dogs
and sorcerers
and sexually immoral
and murderers
and idolaters,
and whoever loves and practices a lie.**

Re.22:14,15

Could it be that those who have salvation on this order merely go to the hell of their own evil spirits and desires? That those things which they have hidden in their heart will be manifested, yet never satisfied? God being a just God gives a man his desires. But what a man really wants is what is hidden and denied in his heart. And it says often in the Scriptures that only God knows what is in a man's heart (Ps.44:21; De.29:4; Ro.11:8; 1Ki.8:39; 1Co.4:5). Death will be a terrible day for many when the covers of the mind and flesh are removed and they see for the first time what is really in their spirit and know that now it is too late to change.

**The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made;
In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught.**

**The LORD is known by the judgment He executes;
The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.**

**The wicked shall be turned into hell,
And all the nations that forget God.**

Ps.9:15-17

The Israelites living in Egypt depicts a level of hell. God saved them from the death angel because the blood of the Passover lamb (symbolic of the blood of Jesus Christ) covered their house (body, heart). However, they were still in a land far from the promised land, and in a place (condition) where evil dwelt all around them.

Righteousness is the opposite of iniquity. To walk in the Spirit is to walk in righteousness. To walk in righteousness is to walk in Christ without sin. To walk without sin, the desires of the flesh must be put to death and a new life taken up.

**And if Christ is in you,
the body is dead because of sin,
but the Spirit is life
because of righteousness.**

Ro.8:10

The iniquity of the heart and the sin of the flesh must be put to death in order to have life in Christ.

**And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh
with its passions and desires.**

**If we live in the Spirit,
let us also walk in the Spirit.**

Ga.5:24,25

What is the flesh? The flesh is the desire of the mind. The flesh is our own desire, as opposed to God's. Our own desire separate from God is iniquity. Therefore, in order to be delivered from iniquity, our flesh must be crucified as Jesus' flesh was crucified.

When we give up our own desires, then we may be led by the Spirit. When we are fully led by the Spirit of Christ, then we have become one with the higher Spirit (Jo.17:21), and we leave the old man (the lineage of the flesh) behind with the old desires.

**knowing this,
that our old man was crucified with Him,
that the body of sin might be done away with,
that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**

For he who has died has been freed from sin.

**Now if we died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with Him,** Ro.6:6-8

When we become one with Christ, then we know Christ (Ro.8:1), and Christ knows us (Ro.8:10). Then we have life in the Spirit, and when we have life in the Spirit we have the "way" (2Pe.1:11) to the Father's kingdom. This is why Jesus said,

**I am the way,
the truth,
and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me.** Jo.14:6

Christ bore our sins in order to reconcile the Father's judgment of death on all flesh, that we might have the opportunity to die to our own sins, and this acquire life by righteousness.

**who Himself bore our sins
in His own body on the tree,
that we, having died to sins,
might live fore righteousness-** 1Pe.2:24

Righteousness is being in the right standing (condition) with and before God. Righteousness is to be without guilt and shame before a most holy God. If we are righteous when we die, then we will forever be righteous.

**He who is righteous,
Let him be righteous still;**

Rev.22:1

The righteousness of God in Christ Jesus is thus acquired while yet on earth.