

Covering Sin Without a Coverup

Rom. 4:7; Prov. 28:13

Introduction:

- A. We all need our sins covered, because all have sinned. (Rom. 3:10, 11; 4:6-8)
- B. We often look for ways to coverup rather than cover our sins.

Discussion:

I. Common Coverups.

- A. Deny their existence (1 John 1:8, 10).
- B. Minimize their seriousness (cf. Jas. 1:15; Rom. 6:23).
 - 1. After all, no worse than other sins and people.
 - 2. After all, God still loves me. (Difference in love and acceptance)
- C. Shifting blame and attention away.
 - 1. To the universality of sin.
 - 2. To the contributors (real or imagined) to the sins.
- D. Talking a good game.
 - 1. Self-righteous (cf. Lk. 18:9-14; 15:29)
 - 2. Hypocrites. (Mt. 23:23-30).
 - 3. Excuse makers.

II. Correct Covering.

- A. Let Christ's blood and priesthood cover our sins. (Heb. 9:11-14; 4:14-16; Rev. 1:5)
 - 1. Initially in baptism. (Rom. 6:4; Acts 22:16).
 - 2. Continually walking in light, confessing sins. (1 John 1:7-10 cf. Rom. 4:7-8; Psa. 32:1-5).
- B. Let conversion cover a multitude of sins. (Jas. 5:19,20)
- C. Let love cover the sins of others from unnecessary exposure. (Prov. 10:12; 17:9; Matt. 18:15-18).

Conclusion:

- A. If we die in our sins we will be lost. (John 8:21, 24)
- B. If we leave our sins uncovered and unforgiven will be lost.