

Whatever Happened to Sin?

“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” Luke 5:32

Recently, one of the stars of the hit TV show “Duck Dynasty” and member of the White Ferry Road Church of Christ, Phil Robertson, came under fire for stating what the Bible says regarding homosexuality and other sins in an interview he did for GQ Magazine. At no point, did Phil state or indicate that those who engage in those activities should be mistreated, let alone hated. However, the network chose to put him on leave after critics said that his statements were homophobic and promote hatred towards homosexuals and lesbians. So, now, a Christian man is being punished for re-stating what the scripture says is sin.

As modern as our society has become and, as much as people talk about acceptance, this situation with Phil Robertson (and anyone else who dares to state what the Bible says about sin) makes it very clear that most people in our world are not ready to recognize, admit and accept that they are sinners in need of a Savior. Satan, since the temptation of Eve in the garden of Eden, has sought to get mankind to lessen the significance of disobeying the commandments of God. Today, the world has redefined many sins to make them more politically and socially acceptable; and, anyone who states what Bible says and calls sin sin, is ridiculed and often persecuted for their beliefs. There are those who confuse the love of God with God condoning sin. They believe a merciful God, in the 21st century, is turning a blind-eye to man’s disobedience. However, when we look at scripture, it is clear that, even in 2013, God still hates sin but loves the sinner (Isaiah 59:1-2; Proverbs 6:16-19; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

Like it or not, ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). As a matter of fact, that’s why Christ came...to save all of us who are guilty of sin. Even though society may try to categorize sin or get outraged only about the sin they are not guilty of, if anyone wants the presence and power of God in their lives, you must repent of your sins and obey the gospel of Christ. Satan knows that if he can get people to believe there is no such thing as sin, then that will eliminate the need for Christ because Christ came to save sinners.

Never forget or underestimate the power of sin. Whether its homosexuality, adultery, lying, greed or any other thing God identifies as sin, sin separates us from God and has dire consequences if it is not repented of. Phil Robertson is correct in re-stating what the scripture says. While many in our world may not understand or agree with God’s word, followers of Christ, the church, cannot be afraid to say what the Bible says and stand on His word. We must do as Christ did and show compassion for all people, no matter what sin they may be guilty of; but, we must do this without compromising the truth or lessening the reality and seriousness of sin.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23