

Virtual Sunday School Lesson

Take Responsibility!

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TODAY'S GOAL

To understand that as Christians we must take responsibility for our actions and that we will answer for our own behavior.

Scripture Lesson for next week

Jonah 3

INTRODUCTION

Today's Scripture Lesson

Ezekiel 18:1-9, 30-32

Ezekiel 18:1-3

1 The word of the LORD came to me:

2 “What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: “ ‘The parents eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?”

3 “As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel.

Ezekiel 18:4

4 For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

Taking Responsibility for Bad Theology

- Repudiating (refusing to accept) (correcting) the Sour Grapes Proverb
- The one who sins, is the one who dies

Ezekiel 18:5-7

5 “Suppose there is a righteous man who does what is just and right.

6 He does not eat at the mountain shrines or look to the idols of Israel. He does not defile his neighbor’s wife or have sexual relations with a woman during her period.

7 He does not oppress anyone, but returns what he took in pledge for a loan. He does not commit robbery but gives his food to the hungry and provides clothing for the naked.

Ezekiel 18:8-9

8 He does not lend to them at interest or take a profit from them. He withholds his hand from doing wrong and judges fairly between two parties.

9 He follows my decrees and faithfully keeps my laws. That man is righteous; he will surely live, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Taking Responsibility for Your Actions

- God cleared the message up
- God gives examples of righteous living
- God has not forsaken the righteous...the righteous shall live

Ezekiel 18:30-31

30 “Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall.

31 Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel?

Ezekiel 18:32

32 For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

Taking Responsibility for My Walk With God

- The message remains the same today
- Repent and Live
- Psalm 51

Reflection

- Excuses, excuses, excuses....what excuses are we using today to continue in the practice of sin?
- What “generational curse” have you not taken dominion over
- Who or what is your scapegoat?

Reflection

- What theology are you misinterpreting...

“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?”... Romans 6:1)

- Repent and live

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