Message Notes

No more let sin and sorrows grow!

Introduction - Who am I?

Message Series: JOY to the WORLD

Two weeks ago: The Lord is come! Last week: The Savior reigns!

Today's Message: No more let sin and sorrows grow!

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The Problem

- Adam and Eve needed to be cut off from the sanctuary of God
- God cannot even contemplate His children living forever in sin
- Sin and sorrow reigns as a result of separation from God

The Solution

- The only one who can survive the flaming sword
- The cost is beyond the understanding of any parent
- The dwelling place of God is now with His people

Application – This New Year, allow the sacrifice of God's Son to radically change your life.

Scripture Passages

(taken from the ESV)

Genesis 3:22-24

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Matthew 27:50-51

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. 51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

John 15:9-11

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Revelation 21:1-4

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COMFORT IN OUR GRIEF

Jeremiah 31:15-17

15 Thus says the Lord: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more." 16 Thus says the Lord: "Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. 17 There is hope for your future, declares the Lord, and your children shall come back to their own country."

12/15/13 - The Lord is Come!

12/22/13 - The Savior reigns!

TODAY - No more let sins and sorrows grow

1/5/14 - He rules the world with truth and grace

1/12/14 - He makes the nations prove

"The Lord is Come"



Amidst the struggles, will you STOP and HEAR the music?



"The Savior reigns"

Salvation

Kingship

"No More Let Sin and Sorrows Grow!"

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THE PROBLEM

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17 And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' *cursed* is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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Leviticus 16:11, 14





Leviticus 16:20-22



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Isaiah 53:2-11

2 He had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.



Isaiah 53:2-11

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us

Isaiah 53:2-11

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.



Isaiah 53:2-11

10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

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Romans 5:6-8

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Colossians 3:1-3

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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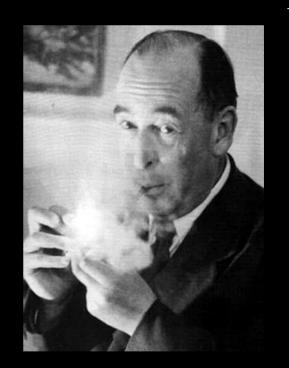
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...as a caring citizen?

My drive in life comes from a fear of being mediocre. That is always pushing me. I push past one spell of it and discover myself as a special human being then I feel I am still mediocre and uninteresting unless I do something else. Because even though I have become somebody, I still have to prove that I am somebody. My struggle has never ended and I guess it never will.





Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next person. We say that people are proud of being rich, clever, or good-looking, but they are not. They are proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better-looking than others. If everyone else became equally rich, or clever, or good-looking there would be nothing to be proud about.

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

THE APPLICATION

Romans 8:5-6

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

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NO MORE SORROW?







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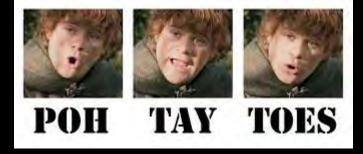
1 Peter 1:6-7

6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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GOD WITH US

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