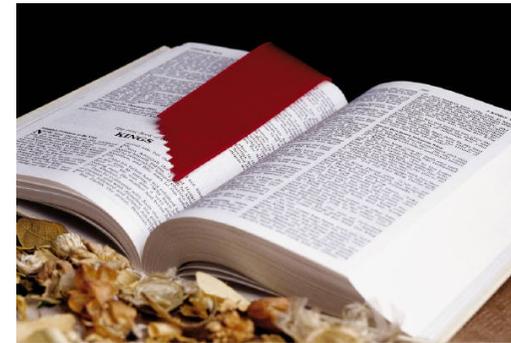


## Living Insight

Why are we so casual about the subject of sin? So many people laugh about the idea of doing something that will displease God. For too many people, sin is just a big joke. The One who does not laugh about sin is God. The Lord understands that sin is serious, deadly, and quite deceitful. It cripples us and hinders our relationship with God. It separates us from those who love us. Sin has an addictive nature and those who fall into the grip of sin find it difficult to climb out. Our only answer for our sin problem is the blood of Jesus. Let us humbly bow at the foot of His cross!

~ As Always, Grace & Peace,

*Ed*



## Prayer Requests



## CHURCH OF CHRIST Sixteenth & Decatur

Sermon Outline

### *The Crippling Power of Sin* **Isaiah 59:1-3**

Date: Sunday, August 3, 2014

Time: 11:00 A.M.

## The Crippling Power of Sin



### I. We Sometimes Need a Very, Strong Warning.

- A. The people of Jerusalem needed a strong word.
  - 1. Their sin and idolatry had become offensive.
  - 2. The Lord called them a **“brood of rebels.”**  
~ *Isaiah 57:4*
- B. They were still engaging in religious activities.
  - 1. They were fasting on certain days. *(58:3-4)*
  - 2. They were still praying to God. *(59:2)*
  - 3. All of their activities were futile and ineffective.
- C. The Lord gave Isaiah the solution to their problem.
  - 1. Their main problem was sin.
  - 2. Their only solution was to repent of their sin.
  - 3. Sin has a crippling effect in our lives..

### II. Why Does Sin Have Such a Crippling Effect on Us?

- A. Sin separates us from God. *(59:1-3)*
  - 1. Our prayers become useless to us.
  - 2. Sin will also separate us from others.
  - 3. Sin will enslave us to Satan.
- B. Miriam learned her lesson the hard way.  
~ *Numbers 12:1-15*
  - 1. Her sin was speaking against Moses.
  - 2. Sin stops the progress of God’s people.
  - 3. The sin of pride is very offensive to God.
- C. Ananias and Sapphira lied and died in one day!  
*(Acts 5:1-11)*
  - 1. Their sin was dishonesty (telling a lie).
  - 2. Satan had actually filled the heart of Ananias.
  - 3. They both found out the wages of sin.

## Isaiah 59:1-3

### III. What is the Solution to our Sin Problem?

- A. A person must respond to the gospel.
  - 1. Some people do not want to listen.
  - 2. The person must place faith in Jesus.
  - 3. There must be a turning away from sin.
  - 4. All believers must confess their faith in Christ.
  - 5. Water baptism provides the forgiveness of sin.
- B. Christians must also be willing to respond.
  - 1. Sin will have crippling power in our lives too.
  - 2. We must be willing to confess our sin.
  - 3. Christians must also repent of sin.

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## Special Update

*Be sure to join us today for our  
Ministry to 2 Local Nursing Facilities*

- ◇ *Carroll Manor Nursing Center at 2:00 pm*
- ◇ *Unique Residential Care Center at 3:00 pm*