

## **“Our Greatest Sin”**

2 Corinthians 5:10

Sunday morning, January 6, 2019

**Introduction:** It would be interesting to know what the greatest sin of the people in the 9:30 am service is. We could have a bulletin tear-out and ask you to write on it what you feel your greatest sin is and not put your name. We could then take the tear-outs up and see what sin was written the most. We could then do the same thing in the 11:00 am. It would be interesting to see if both services said the same thing. The following Sunday we could give the results. This might be a good high attendance day promotion!!

The sins that would be written would be the result of what I am convinced is our greatest sin.

**My conviction:** Our greatest sin a lack of closeness to God caused by the lack of daily time with God.

**My conviction:** Getting your daily time with God right is the key to living the Christian life.

**Text:** John 10:10

- This verse says that Jesus came to save us and to satisfy us.
- The word “life” in John 10:10 is the Greek word *zoe*.
- *Zoe* refers to spiritual life not physical life.
- The word “abundantly” refers to an extraordinary life; a life above and beyond what is regular.
- The words “they might have” is the Greek tense that means to have and continually possess.

**Question:** How many Christian people do you know that demonstrate this kind of life?

**Question:** Do you have this kind of Christian life? To have this kind of life requires getting our daily time with God right.

- It is important in this life. Why is it important in this life?
  1. It is important, so we can hear from God.
  2. It is important, so God can hear from us.
  3. It is important, so we can live a life beyond the regular.
- It will be important in eternity (2 Corinthians 5:10).

**Application:** The key for you to have a *zoe* kind of Christian life is your daily time with God.

- There is no substitute
- There is no shortcut.

**My convictions:**

**1. The first of the day is best for your daily time with God.**

- The Bible says, “O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice” (Psalm 5:3).
- The Bible tells us that Jesus rose early in the morning while it was still dark and went to a desolate place and prayed (Mark 1:35).
- Time with God in the morning puts God first in the day.
- Time with God in the morning prepares you for the day.

**2. There are reasons why time with God is so difficult to start and to maintain. I mention four of them.**

- The devil opposes it.
- The flesh opposes it.
- The mind opposes it.
- Never been taught how to do it. We are taught how to be saved, but little teaching on how to live saved.

**Application:** Whatever plan you use that will give you a *zoe* Christian life will require at least 30 minutes a day.

**Illustration:** I am excited about my 2019 daily time with God plan. I worked on in during December and have used it for a week and learned that it will take between one hour to one hours and fifteen minutes. My plan involves 7 steps

1. The morning prayer
2. My 10 verses
3. My three families
4. My Bible reading plan
5. Proverb of the day
6. Oswald Chambers devotional
7. My prayers (my prayer book)

You will not do all seven of these. I just share to give you an idea. I suggest you do the following:

1. Begin reading and praying the morning prayer. It is printed in the bulletin and they are at both Welcome Centers and Member Services Counter for you. Pick one up and put in your Bible.

2. Follow a Bible reading plan. Jon has two new Bible reading plans on tables in the Commons. Get one each and see if one of them will work for you.
3. Read the Proverb of the day.
4. Read Chambers devotional for the day.
5. Pray: for your needs, your family, your church, etc. I suggest you get a small book to organize the ones you will be praying for and write down what you pray.

**Conclusion:** It is Sunday, January 6, 2019 and your spiritual condition is what it is.

1. You are saved, or you are not saved.
2. If you are saved, you are at some sanctification level.

**Invitation:** Today, I challenge you to move to the next level in your spiritual life.

For some of you, the next level will be to be saved. Without Christ in you, you have no spiritual life.

For some of you, the next level will be to begin a morning daily time with God.

For many of you the next level will be to move to at least 30 minutes each morning with God.