

THE SIN UNTO DEATH

I John 5:16-18

Introduction:

- A. There are two principles found here. vs. 16
 - 1. God's people sin.
 - 2. God's people should pray for sinning brothers.

- B. There are two categories of sin.
 - 1. "a sin which is not unto death."
 - 2. "a sin unto death."

I. THE SIN WHICH IS NOT UNTO DEATH

- A. We can see our brother sin.
 - 1. "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death."
 - 2. What is sin?
 - a. Under the law. "sin is transgression of the law"
 - b. We are not under the law, therefore, "all unrighteousness is sin." vs. 17

- B. We are to aid a sinning brother.
 - 1. "he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death."
 - 2. This probably refers to seeing a brother sin and then seeing the brother become ill.
 - 3. "he shall give him life."

- C. Additional information from Jesus. James 5:13-20
 - 1. affliction = to suffer evil.
 - 2. merry = (eu) well, (thumes) soul.
 - 3. sick = to be infirm, weak, feeble.

- D. This was the practice of churches when spiritual gifts were operative.

3. Korah and all that appertain. Numbers 16:
4. Moses. Deut. 3:23-26.
5. Annias and Sapphira.
6. Corinthians. "Many are weak and sickly, and many sleep."
7. Judah. Jeremiah 7:16.

III. THOSE WHO ARE BORN AGAIN WILL BE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD. VS. 18

- A. "we know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not."
 1. I John 3:9.
 2. The spirit is born again, not the flesh.

- B. "but he that is begotten of God keepeth him."
 1. "but He who was born of God keeps him." RSV
 2. "for the Son of God will guard him."
 3. "but the Son who was born of God keeps him."
 4. John 10:27-30.

- C. "and that wicked one toucheth him not."
 1. toucheth = to lay hold of someone in order to harm them.
 2. Satan could not touch Job!

IV. SCRIPTURAL FACTS TO REMEMBER.

- A. Every saved person has two natures.
- B. Every saved person sins.
- C. There is a sin unto death.
- D. There is a sin not unto death.
- E. God will see His children to heaven.