



God has come to dine with you.

Celebrate God's feast, Jesus His Son.

"concerning sin, because they do not trust Me;"

John 16:18 (DLT)



We all know we fall short of our best. Otherwise we would not strive to be excellent in anything. But that is not the ONE SIN we are talking about. Some may have heard of the Old Testament (OT) and its 613 laws, thinking the failure to perform them is the ONE SIN. Not so. Then too there are many who read the New Testament (NT) and hear an echo of the demands of the OT overtly and add some 1053 imperatives to it. Not accomplishing to do these is not the ONE SIN. Yet within the NT is one small verse which proclaims the ONE SIN. What is it? It is our unwillingness to accept the Person who is LOVE itself.

We may reject God as owning us lock, stock, and barrel, and dress Him with a frown, concerning our rejection of anything He has to say, but this is not the ONE SIN. To clarify the ONE SIN...

You won't trust Jesus.

Time and again Jesus spoke to the crowds comprised of both the ignorant and the scholars, saying the only answer to their dilemma was to come to Him and trust Him. Now that is big. Right then, in their face, was some odd person asking them to trust Him for everything they ever desired

He looked as Jewish as they, but for them He was not Jewish enough. Not only did He speak with a Galilean accent, but there were a few more reasons to distrust Him.

They, after gathering some friends over to enjoy a big dinner and with enough wine, could not only come up with enough reasons not to trust Him, but after a few more drinks they conjured up reasons to so distrust Him so much as to justify excluding Him from the life and family God gave Him. Oddly, even today, many search the writings of God and man to justify distrusting Jesus the Christ. To this He said...

"You search the writings, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these very writings that introduce Me as God's object of trust; yet you are unwilling to come and trust Me, that you may have the life you seek." John 5:39-40 (DLT)

It is no mystery then, that the ONE SIN is rejecting Christ, both as the LORD over our very being as well as your destiny. And this we do with the same ease as surfing the channels of the TV, rejecting what we don't want while not knowing exactly what it is we do want.

So then, let us clarify the ONE SIN. It is distrusting the Christ of history with your person and destiny. Not some abstract destiny, but the get up in the morning brush your teeth destiny. While many are glad to add Christ to their life's menu, are they are ready for Him to be their menu?

SUSPICION IS THE CONCERN

Why is it so universally simple to distrust the gift of God? Well, we have all practiced, to perfection, not trusting ourselves much less other people or an unseen god. From our core we feel and think that we are independent selves who with enough time can become better selves, ones that can measure up to a God of rules. We say, it does not matter how many rules we break as long as we try to not break the few we remember or the others we made up for ourselves. We would rather try and fail and then ask God to look the other way, instead of simply chucking it all overboard and trusting Him from the first to the last. The world would rather have no god to whom they would answer and slowly drown in an ocean of tears, rather than to trust both the Person of Love and the message of Love. We would rather do it our way and trust God to forgive the mistakes than to go the whole way and trust Him for everything. This is no surprise! We all start life not wanting God to rule us. Well, for real, we all start life distrusting God.

It does not have to be that way.

By simply trusting the Jesus of History for union with Eternal Love, we enter into rulership with the One who has not only separated us from self effort, but joined us to His effort, His very Life. He has glued us to the One in whom we can rest. But you have a choice. You can trust or distrust, You can live a righteous life of trust or continue to revel in the ONE SIN.

Some may ask, 'What then can I gain by trusting this One Person?' I declare, NOTHING you ever wanted. In fact, face we face a dilemma with was announced by Jesus Himself. For Him these were not just words, but His visible act of trusting His Father as you can now trust Him.

"For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses



his life for My sake shall find it." Matthew 16:25 (NAS77)

Coming to trust Christ is nothing less than losing self control. To trust Him is both imperative and miraculous. Okay, it is down right scary. It may seem like it takes everything you have from gut to bank account to gain life, but in reality it takes much more, your very sense of self. Are you willing to be transformed by His life living you. In the end the ONE SIN is trying to live what only He can live.

YOU!



From the desk of your friend in Christ Jesus,

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