

What is a Hypocrite?

The Authentic Jesus Part V

We will start by defining what a hypocrite is not:

- A person who confesses one thing and falls short of what he confesses to believe.

KJV Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God

KJV 1 John 1:9-10

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- It is an authentic believer who falls short but confesses the fault and tries to move forward for the glory of God.

KJV Philippians 3:13-14

*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.***

KJV 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

KJV Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

KJV 1 John 1:6-10

*If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: **But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.***

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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

God has made it clear in the scriptures that our sin is not the problem. As a matter of fact Jesus said, concerning sin:

KJV Matthew 5:18-19

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

- Least in the kingdom is still in the kingdom, so sin in and of itself doesn't get you kicked out of heaven. But lying to the Holy Ghost is borderline blasphemy of the Holy Ghost which is unforgivable according to Christ.

KJV Mark 3:29

But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

Three things that Ananias and Sapphira did that we can see and avoid the same:

1. Verse 3: they allowed **Satan to fill their hearts to lie to the Holy Ghost which did not happen overnight. Filling your heart takes time and comes from a long term practice of deceit.**

KJV Acts 5:3

*But Peter said, Ananias, **why hath Satan filled thine heart** to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?*

KJV Acts 5:9

Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

- The leaven of the Pharisees:

KJV Matthew 15:7-8

*Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,
This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their
heart is far from me.*

The believer falls in sin but:

- His heart is not far from God
- Satan has not filled his heart with evil

Hypocrisy starts as a seed but grows and continues until it leavens the whole lump:

KJV Luke 12:1

*In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people,
insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware
ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.*

- If you have hypocrisy in you but you are in any way listening to the spirit of God in a good church, staying in the word of God, He will deal with you and the leaven that you have in your heart:
- Unresolved hypocrisy is like cancer and spreads until your heart is hardened beyond the ability to turn around resulting in destruction.

2. Verse 3: They did not lie to man but unto God:

KJV Acts 5:3

*But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to **lie to the Holy Ghost**, and to
keep back part of the price of the land?*

- There is lying to men
- There is lying to God

If you lie to men long enough you will believe your own lie and eventually lie to God. You cannot lie to God without consequence.

3. Verses 8-9: they tempted God

KJV Acts 5:8-9

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so much.*

*Then Peter said unto her, **How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?**
behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.*

- There is an awesome plurality of witness of this same type of action in Malachi; they played the religious game but didn't perform the actions and robbed God because they didn't think

that God was God and that anything would come of it. Then God spoke to them and revealed to them their hypocrisy:

KJV Malachi 3:8-15

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.

Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?

Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts?

And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.

Most people become hypocrites because the church makes them hypocrites:

KJV Matthew 23:15

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

If you walk into a church that is full of hypocrisy, you must put on the mask to even be accepted and over time you fill your heart with the leaven of hypocrisy and become twice the children of hell as those that brought you in.

- The hypocrite thinks he's right when he's wrong
- The hypocrite thinks he's perfect when he's imperfect
- The hypocrite thinks he's God
- He will make disciples of himself and make people twice the children of hell than himself.

Judgment on Herod for hypocrisy:

Herod did terrible things without immediate judgment from God:

- Herod killed John the Baptist
- Jailed and killed James the disciple of Jesus

- Jailed Peter the Apostle

But when the people called him God and he accepted the praise as God without giving God the glory, he was struck dead instantly by the angel of the Lord.

KJV Acts 12:21-23

And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

And the people gave a shout, saying, it is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

This must be clarified if we are to walk properly with God because none of us are sinless:

KJV Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Many people are messed up because they don't even know what sin is. And you certainly can't be made right if you don't even know you're wrong:

- A lack of faith is sin:

KJV Romans 14:23

*And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: **for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.***

- Worry is sin:

KJV Matthew 6:31-34

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

KJV Philippians 4:6

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

- Un-forgiveness is sin

KJV Mark 11:25-26

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

- Sin is not the issue
- Authenticity is the issue that matters to God

KJV 1 John 1:5-10

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

- Walking in darkness is walking in known habitual unrepented sin, not just falling short in our walk.
- If you “fess up when you mess up, you are not walking in darkness, you are calling on the name of the Lord to make you right.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

- Walking in the light is not sinless perfection, it is walking in repentance.
- If we walk in repentance we can fellowship one with another and the sins we do make are cleansed by the blood of Jesus.
- The hypocrite has played the game so long he doesn't even think he's messed up and can't be made right.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- The hypocrite is walking in deception and the truth is not in them.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- There is nothing for the hypocrite to confess if he thinks he's perfect and therefore cannot be cleansed from his unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

- Hypocrisy is calling God a liar

- Hypocrisy was the sin that got Lucifer kicked out of heaven. He said in his heart, 'I will be God.'

The devil does not come in a red suit with a pitchfork, he comes as an angel of light to deceive you and bury you in hypocrisy.

KJV 2 Corinthians 11:14-15

*And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.***

Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Do not allow the leaven of Hypocrisy to remain in your heart as it leads to eternal separation from God. Repent and call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ:

KJV Matthew 21:42-44

*Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, **The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner:** this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?*

Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.