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TO LIVE IS CHRIST, TO DIE IS GAIN

The Roots of Sin

BIG IDEA: The roots of sin determine the fruits of sin.

ICE BREAKER

1. Who was the comedian who made famous the saying, "*the devil made me do it*"?
2. Why do you think we like to blame the devil for our sinful behavior?

THINK

1. What role do you think the devil actually has in our sinful behavior?
2. What do we mean when we talk about, "*the sin beneath the sin*"?
3. What are the two primary roots of sin beneath all the other sinful fruit in our lives?

EXAMINE

1. Read **Genesis 3:1-6** and answer the following three questions.
2. What were the roots of Achan's sin that produced the fruit of sin recorded in **Joshua 7**?
3. What were the roots of David's sin that produced the fruit of sin recorded in **2 Samuel 11:1-5**?
4. What other sins are produced from the root sin of distrusting God or selfishness?
5. Read **Philippians 1:27**. How does Paul see their unity as a demonstration of living worthy of the Gospel?
6. If unity is a demonstration of living worthy of the Gospel, how would disunity be living unworthy of the Gospel?
7. Read **Philippians 2:1-11** and answer the following questions.
8. In **vs. 2** what will unite us, "*one in spirit and of one mind*"?
9. In **vs. 3a**, how does the root sin of selfish ambition produces the fruit of disunity in the body of Christ?
10. How is distrust of God also a root sin that can cause disunity in the body of Christ?
11. In **verses 3b - 4**, how does humility and looking out for the interest of others produce unity?
12. Discuss the mind of Christ in **verses 5-8** and how those are the roots that will produce the fruit of unity in the body of Christ.
13. In **verses 9-11**, what was God's response to the mind and will of Christ?
14. Do we see disunity in the church as sin?
15. What are the roots of sin that need to be destroyed to maintain unity at Grace Chapel?

THIS WEEK:

Examine your life and the roots of sin...distrusting God and selfishness. What areas of your life are you not trusting God? What areas of your life are you selfish? What sin is produced by these root sins? Now, ask God to help you chop out those roots and replace them with trust and humility. Then consider the sin of disunity in the body of Christ. What are you doing to destroy that unity? What will you do this week to restore unity with a brother or sister?