



Church of Christ

January 19, 2003

204 Dix Road Jefferson City, MO 65109

Heart to Heart...

People are really good at glossing over the truth. We use words to cover up evil actions and thoughts. I see often the words “*adult language*” to describe movies and television programs. It makes me ask, “What is *adult language*?” It’s nothing more than an attempt to cover up and whitewash the truth. If people were honest, they would say, “The following program contains vulgar, profane and filthy speech.” That won’t ever happen because it’s too crude and accurate. It might just bring us back to an old-fashioned word — **sin**.

Our day and time has learned to play a great game with words. People use words and phrases to minimize what is really being said and done rather than speak the truth. It doesn’t make sin look as sinful. If sins description is lessened in the eyes and mind of man, then it becomes much easier to cover up when we participate. The political correctness today is *putting a spin* on the words. We use words like *shrewd* rather than *dishonest*. “*An affair*” rather than *fornication* or *adultery*. We call them “*little white lies*” over *lying*. People are *misdirected* rather than *sinful*. We reward *rebellion* with “*they really are a good kid!*” Alcoholism isn’t sinful, it’s a *disease*. Isn’t it amazing how easily this happens to us? You can probably think of others as the list goes on and on. These things draw us away from the consciousness of sin.

Back in the days of Isaiah, God pronounced His judgment, **“Woe to those who drag iniquity with the cords of falsehood, and sin as if with cart ropes.” “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!”** (Isa. 5:18,20) God then says it is on the account of these things His anger burns against His people. God is serious about sin in the lives of His people. To cleanse us from all unrighteousness through the death of His Son shows the extent of His attitude toward sin. For us to close our eyes and think nothing of sin is self deceived.

Back to the “*adult language*”. Someone is trying to tell us, that while we might not want our children to hear such filthy, horrible words, they are “*suitable for adults.*” It makes me wonder what Jesus meant in Matt. 18 when he told the people, **“Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”** If it’s not suitable for children to be around, should it be suitable for us? Paul reminded the saints at Ephesus, cleansed by the blood of Jesus, to put away filthy talk, immoral behavior and impurity of any kind. (Eph. 5:1-4) Maybe we need to heed what James tells us, **“Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”** (Jam. 1:27) That’s an awesome task but it can be done because of the grace of God toward us. It all depends on what is going on in our own hearts. We need to continue a pure and undefiled walk with God and keep ourselves from being stained by the world. How about you? How serious do you take the love and blood of Christ? Think about it!!!

Brent