



DGM Message Title: The Essentials, Part 2 – “Enemy of the State”

Theme: We were born sinners, which is why we need to be born again.

Message Summary: We learn from the confession of King David that we were born sinners and we need to acknowledge our sin to God so that we can be forgiven, cleansed and begin experiencing joy. We spend too much time comparing ourselves to others rather than to Jesus and the teaching of Scripture.

Scriptural References:

- **Psalm 51:1-5 (NKJV)**
- **Ephesians 2:1,3 (NKJV)**
- **Romans 5:12 (NKJV)**
- **Psalms 144:15 (NKJV)**

Key Points:

- Part 2 of Series on the 8 Essential truths of the Christian Faith
- Part 2 is titled “Enemy of the State” – topic is sin.
- The essential truths of our faith can be summarized by the acronym DOCTRINE:
 - D is for Deity of Christ
 - O is for Original Sin
 - C is for Canon of Scripture
 - T is for the Trinity
 - R is for Resurrection
 - I is for Incarnation
 - N is for New Creation
 - E is for Eternal Rewards and Punishments
- Have you ever messed up?
- We want more and David wanted more and it led to sin.
- David continued in his public roles as prophet and king. Hypocrisy.
 - Sin is highly irrational.
 - Did Adam and Eve really think they were going to gain more by disobeying a God who loves them?
 - Just because we are all born crazy, doesn’t mean we must stay this way for life.
- David messed up in a major way, but look at the way he entreats God.
 - It’s because of God that we have hope and help in this life.
 - God’s willingness to forgive us says more about God than it does about us.

- David did not minimize his sin.
 - *My sin is always before me*, I can't get it out of my head.
- An act may be private and consensual, but the breaking of any law is foremost against the Lawgiver.
- There is no private. There is no personal.
- "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me." Psalm 51: 5 (NKJV)
 - Literally means "sinful from conception."
 - This is why Jesus said that we need to be born again.
 - We did not become sinners because we sinned, we sin because we are sinners.
- We are judging ourselves based upon the wrong standards.
 - It's not your neighbor's heaven, it's God's heaven.
- "And we were by nature children of wrath." (Ephesians 2:3 NKJV)
 - We are a holy nation, a peculiar people. We become a "new creation."
 - That's why Jesus said, "My yoke is easy, my burden is light."
 - When you're trying to be something that your not, it's burdensome, it's difficult.
 - That's why He said, "You must be born again." The first time was a problem!
- Until we admit that we aren't like Jesus and the Bible, we aren't going to experience joy. We keep comparing ourselves to our neighbor and we think we're okay.