

Sermon Outline and Discussion Guide for Adult Bible Study

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Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51; Belgic Confession Article XV (15) - Original Sin

Intro: Are we sinners because we commit sins? Or do we commit sins because we are sinners?

Belgic Confession, Article 15 compares 'Original Sin' to three things: a _____, a _____, and a _____. In Adam's fall we sinned _____!

Writes John Calvin: "Hence rotten _____ came forth from a rotten _____, which transmitted their rotten-ness to the other _____ sprouting from them..."

Heidelberg Catechism, L.D. 2, Q.&A. 5 "I have a natural tendency to _____ God and my neighbor".

Original Sin is _____

Actual Sins are _____

I. The Plea of Mercy (vs. 1-9)

"_____ me with _____, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than _____!"

All this pointed to the Once for All _____ made by Jesus Christ!

Our Confession warns against _____. "Nor is it (Original Sin) altogether abolished or wholly eradicated even by _____; since sin always issues forth from this _____ source, as water from a _____".

Our plea for mercy is answered for the sake of Christ, the Savior.

Romans 7:19,21-25: _____

DQ. Do some people put a false, superstitious faith in the sacrament of baptism?

DQ. What is the key to avoiding this spiritually deadly mistake?

II. The Petition for a Miracle (vs. 10-12)

"_____ in Me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me". This petition for a miracle shows David's awareness of the real problem: that his sinful _____ sprang from a sinful _____. The Hebrew word for create is 'bara'. It is the same word used in Genesis 1 for the creation of the _____ and the _____.

Romans 7:18 “For I know that _____ good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have a desire to do what is right, but not the _____ to carry it out.”

DQ. Why do we need a ‘creation type miracle’ when it come to our hearts?

DQ. What does it take for people to see themselves as this profoundly broken?

III. The Promise of a Ministry (vs.13-19)

From the fullness of the heart the mouth overflows!

“Then I will teach _____ Your ways, and _____ will return to You.”

“...and my _____ will sing aloud of Your _____”.

“O Lord, open my lips, and my _____ will _____ Your praise”.

“Do good to _____ in Your good pleasure; _____ the walls of Jerusalem”.

DQ. Is our own conversation an accurate indicator of what is in our hearts?

DQ. What would it take to make a change in the content of our own communication?