



Transcript - INIQUITY PART B

The Deep Things of God Ministries “Speaking Truth and Righteousness” equates to a STAR Project. This is the second installment of our project on **iniquity**—the doctrine of **iniquity**. In our previous study I talked about being able to look these words up for yourself. If you could find a Strong’s Concordance, (where James Strong gave a number to every word in the Bible) when you’re studying your Bible you can look up that verse/word and see what it means according to the Greek and Hebrew. It’s really a valuable tool. You can get that free, if you get a digital copy. If you download the E-Sword App, it gives you Bibles. It gives you the Strong’s Concordance. It gives you Lexicons and Maps. It’s all free, except the NIV. That costs \$25.00, but the King James and the Lexicon, King James and Strong’s Concordance—the King James numbered to Strong’s... everything you need is right there. It’s free, and it is a very valuable tool. I would encourage you to use it.

In our last study we were looking at **iniquity**; how thoughts produce feelings/feelings move you to action and **sin is the action of iniquity**. In this study, I want to take it another step and I want to ask the question: “Where exactly does iniquity come from?” To show you this, I’m going to ask you to turn to **Genesis, Chapter 3. 1) Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman – yea, hath God said, you shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2) And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3) But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God had said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest ye die. 4) And the serpent said to the woman, ye shall not surely die. 5) For God knows that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes will be open and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**

What you’re seeing is **iniquity** in action. God had given a command and the serpent took the command and twisted it, causing Adam and Eve to fall. When I say he twisted it, that is what **iniquity** is to me. It is **twisted thinking**. It is something that we devise ourselves, instead of listening to God and allowing his righteousness or his understanding to have its way in our heart.

Because we see this, and we've taken this step, I want to ask you turn to *1 John Chapter 3: 8*.

8) He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested; that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Now, honestly, when you watch the news or when you look at what's going on in the world, do you see the works of the devil destroyed? The answer is no, you don't, so what does John mean that he came to destroy the works of the devil? We see in *Genesis 3*, the works of the devil deal with iniquity, with our twisted thinking. Let's look at another verse.

This one is in **Romans, Chapter 3. Verse 22) even the righteousness of God, which is by (or through) the faith OF Jesus Christ -**

If your Bible does not have the word "OF" right there, it's wrong. If it says faith "IN" Jesus Christ, it's wrong. It literally is the faith OF Christ. ... ***the righteousness of God, which is through the faith OF Jesus Christ UNTO all and it's UPON all them that believe; for there's no difference.***

Notice the righteousness of God, through the Faith of Christ, is offered UNTO all, but it's only UPON the one who believes. So, when you see the work of the devil being destroyed, you're SEEING that it is destroyed in an individual. It isn't corporate. It doesn't cover everybody. It's only unto the ones who believe. God's righteousness is HIS understanding. When you receive his understanding, you are replacing your iniquity by receiving his understanding, he is redeeming you from iniquity. It's something that happens as you take the time; you study the Bible; you learn the truth. Remember, your faith, FAITH is not a verb - it is always a noun. It is something you have.

Romans 10 – faith comes by hearing; hearing by the word of God. How shall they hear without a preacher? Faith is something that is taught you. You believe it and it will replace the way you looked at it before. It will replace the iniquity. So, let's go back to 1 John Chapter 3: ***1 John 3:4 4) whosoever commits sin, transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.***

(A more literal translation of this is: **4) whosoever commits “the sin” iniquity also: for “the sin” is iniquity.**)

John right here, has given us a very valuable tool so that we can understand the scripture. When he (John) puts the definite article, the word “the” before “sin,” he says it’s iniquity. “THE sin” is iniquity. John will do this, and Paul will do this. You’ll find this throughout the New Testament, where these men will put the definite article “the” before the word “sin” and you can just come along and say, well, according to 1 John 3:4, that’s iniquity. It’s interesting that 1 John 3:4 has the word “law” in it twice, but it isn’t there at all in the original manuscripts – but, by searching, by looking these words up, we discover a powerful tool that helps us understand the Bible. **The SIN is INIQUITY.** I want to take this back to 1 John and read that verse again and continue so you can see what he says:

1 John 3 4) Whosoever commits “the sin” iniquity also: for “the sin” is iniquity. 5) and you know he was manifested to take away our sins; Now, remember, SIN is the action of iniquity. He was manifested to take away the sins of us, and in him there is no sin. 6) Whosoever abideth (remains) *in him sinneth not:* (does not sin) *whosoever sins has not seen him, neither (or) known him.* 7) *Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.* 8) *He that commits “the” sin - (now here it is) - he who commits INIQUITY is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

Now does that make any more sense to you, since you see where iniquity comes from? Christ came to destroy the works of the devil. What he did, what he said, the power he gives you is offered to everybody, but it is only going to be upon those who believe it. He died- he gave himself to redeem us from iniquity. In so doing, he destroys the work of the devil in you. Let’s turn and look at one more verse.

This is in the Gospel of *John, Chapter 8:30: 30) As he spake these words, many believed on him. 31) then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, (he is not talking to unbelievers. These people did believe) then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If you continue in my word then are ye my disciples indeed; and you'll know the truth and the truth will set you free. 33) they answered him, We be Abraham’s seed, and we were never in bondage to any*

man: how sayest thou, Ye SHALL BE made free? 34) Jesus answered them, verily verily I say unto you, Whosoever commits “the” sin is a servant of “the” sin.

Now remember, the same guy who wrote First John wrote the Gospel of John and HE says in First John 3:4, that he's talking about iniquity. Whosoever commits **iniquity** is a servant of **iniquity**. 35) *and the servant abides not in the house for ever: but the son abideth ever. 36) and if the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.*

Again, remember what we read in Matthew 7- that the people said “We've prophesied in your name. We've done many wonderful works in your name; we've cast out devils in your name.” And he said, “but I never knew you. You're a worker of iniquity.” Here he spoke to the Jews who believed: “Now if you continue in my word...” Do you know why he would say “if you continue in my word”? Because what I'm teaching you right now isn't something you get at the beginning of your walk with Christ.

It took years for me to see this truth and to recognize the death of Christ and what was really going on, on that cross. That is why I felt such an urgency to do these projects, the first one being iniquity, because I see people floundering in their churches, and I see people who do not seem to have the ability to overcome sin, why? Because they don't understand iniquity and they don't understand what God has given us through the cross to help us turn from, to resist the devil and he will flee from you. Well, that's your iniquity that he's talking about. Christ died to give us this. He died to redeem you from iniquity. I decided that I cannot live my life ignoring that. The man gave his life and it's my prayer that not a single thing about that cross be wasted by me. I want to see it. I want to know it, and I want it applied to my heart. I want to be free. If he says that the Son will make you free from iniquity, I believe it.

I believe it, and I'm going to show you how that works. I'm going to show you the meaning of the cross and how the Son of God redeems us from all iniquity. Remember what we read in the last study—if you're in Christ, you will separate; you will depart from all iniquity.