

WELCOME TO COWPLAIN CHURCH



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER To God be the glory
Who is there like you

PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER This is amazing grace
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER One
BIBLE READING Psalm 36:1-12 (Church Bible page 613)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Yet not I but Christ in me



The danger of self-deception. Psalm 36:1-12

TWO THOUGHTS ABOUT SELF-DECEIT:

1. The longer we view ourselves through a distorted _____, the more likely we are to believe a distorted _____.

'For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin. The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; he has ceased to be wise and to do good.' Psalm 36:2-3 NIV

2. Often, the more convinced you are you're _____, the more likely you are _____.

'Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God."' Matthew 22:29 NIV

'Peter replied, "Even if all the others fall away on the account of you, I never will!" "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.' Matthew 26:33-35 NIV

'For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin.' Psalm 36:2 NIV

TWO CHOICES WHEN WE SIN:

1. We are tempted to _____ our sins.

'Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"' Genesis 4:9 NIV

'He who conceals his sins does not prosper.' Proverbs 28:13 NIV

'In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with

her. Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant." 2 Samuel 11:1-5 NIV

'For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.' Luke 8:17 NIV

'You may be sure that your sin will find you out.' Numbers 32:23 NIV

2. We can _____ our sins.

'He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.' Proverbs 28:13 NIV

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.' 1 John 1:9 NIV

'The Lord sent Nathan to David.' 2 Samuel 12:1 NIV

'Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.'
Psalm 51:1-2 & 10-12 NIV

THREE STEPS TO OVERCOME SELF-DECEPTION:

1. _____.

'Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting.' Psalm 139:23-24 NIV

2. _____.

'He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise. He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.'
Proverbs 15:31-32 NIV

3. _____.

'Do not merely listen to the Word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.' James 1:22 NIV

'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.' John 8:32 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What was one of the worst lies you told growing up? What were the results of the lie?
2. Read Psalm 36:2-3 and Matthew 26:31-35.
 - What are some of the distorted truths people believe about themselves? How can these lies impact their relationship with God and with others?
 - What things can hold a person back from letting go of distorted truths and embracing the truth?
 - When someone is self-deceived, what are some of the main problems of trying to help them? What can you do to help them see the truth?
 - Why do we so often hide from ourselves and deny what we know to be true? What steps can we take to stop hiding?
3. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-14. What are some of the dangers of keeping our sins concealed?
 - How did one sin lead to another in David's case? Have you seen sin do that in your life?
 - What does Psalm 51 teach us about how we should respond to our sins and God's forgiveness?
4. Read Psalm 139:23-24, Proverbs 15:31-32, James 1:22 and John 8:31-32. We learn in these passages the three steps necessary to live in the truth.
 - Why do you think prayer is such a vital component of overcoming our sins and the lies we believe?
 - How have the words of people that you listen to the most impacted your life?
 - How can short-term pain caused by confession of sin lead to change and deeper intimacy with God and others?



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