

All unrighteousness is sin



Agreeing With God (Day 38)
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Another clear-cut opposition that's all the way through this epistle of John is between sin and righteousness. John says in one part of it, "All unrighteousness is sin." It's like if you want to know what is crooked, the best way is simply to point out what is straight. And then you say, "Anything that deviates from what is straight is crooked." It doesn't matter whether it deviates 10 degrees or 15 degrees or 90 degrees; if it's not straight, it's crooked. So, all through this epistle, John speaks about sin and righteousness. And if we want to know what sin is, all unrighteousness is sin.

This might seem obvious, but for many Christians it isn't. Many tend to think that just a little bit of unrighteousness is in fact less sinful than very clear unrighteousness, but this is a human way of thinking, not God's way. And again, we have to change our way of thinking to His ways. I think this is one of the reasons why the Church nowadays is in such a pitiful state. Our way of categorizing should always find its source in His Word, and He says: 'all unrighteousness is sin'.

And then in the second chapter of this epistle, verses 9 and 10, John says this:

> "He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him." (NKJ)

Notice there again, another clear-cut opposite - hate or love. And John seems to imply that there isn't much in between and I think he's right. If we don't love people, and yet they're important in our lives and we're confronted with them and we have to relate to them, the relationship tends to descend to hate. So it's love or hate.

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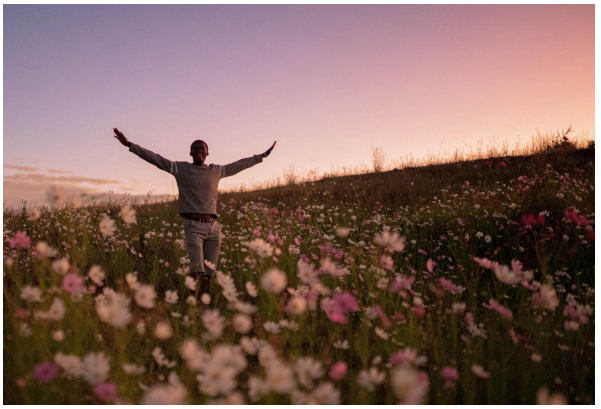

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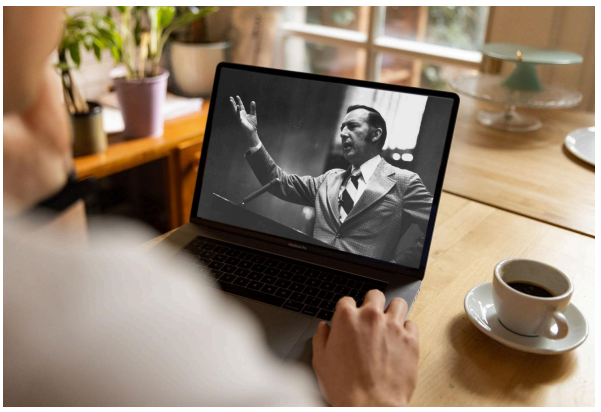

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