SIN

What happened to sin? The word is used 689 times in the ASV of the Bible and it seems odd to me that we don’t hear much about sin anymore. I hear people talking about “mistakes,” “errors,” “mistakes in judgment,” “boo boos,” and many other like terms but we don’t hear much about sin.

Some years ago, someone decided the terms we were using in our language were too harsh and we needed some terms that sounded better and was not so “offensive.” So we started! Those who were handicapped were referred to as “physically challenged.” People that had erratic behavior were referred to as “manic depressive,” and that was still too strong so they were “diagnosed” with “bi-polar.” There are many more examples but you get the idea.

So now “sin” is no longer sin? It is error or mistake or goof. The Bible says, “the soul that sinneth, it shall die.” (Ezek. 14:8) this was said so people would understand individual responsibility. The sin of another does not affect me eternally. Each person is responsible for his own actions.

When the Bible so speaks and is used so much in scripture, how in the world can preachers say they preach “the whole counsel of God.” (Acts 20:27) and not mention sin? Sin is deadly! It will cause a person to lose his souls. Why therefore is it not important enough to preach on it?

We hear about love a lot these days. It seems we have adopted the slogan “love conquers all.” I wonder why we emphasis that word so much when it is only used 411 times in the Bible as opposed to 689 times for sin.

There must be balance in our preaching and love is a nice, soothing subject. But we must remember, “if I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ.” (Gal. 1:10)