

## “This We Believe” #5

### “HEALING OUR SPIRITUAL PANDEMIC”

The H1N1 flu has brought our Public Health systems to its knees. The “fear of death” has driven people to stand for hours in lines to receive the shot of vaccine. Still there is no guarantee that we will be able to avoid the virus.

There is a more deadly pandemic that has haunted humanity for generations: our Creator calls it SIN.

#### THE IMPACT OF SIN IS...

- UNIVERSAL... no one is immune – see Romans 3:9-19
- INTERNAL... rooted deeply in our soul – see Psalm 51:5,6
- ENSLAVEMENT... in the grip of Satan – see Genesis 3:13; Romans 6:16-18
- FATAL... deserves punishment – see Genesis 6:1-8

David (Israel’s greatest king) experienced the depth of spiritual pain as his signs of adultery, murder, deception and hypocrisy were exposed for all to see. He could conquer Goliath and the armies of Israel’s enemies but he wouldn’t conquer the beast within his heart.

PSALM 51 details David’s path to restoration and recovery

CONVICTION (1,2) – see Nathan’s rebuke in 2 Samuel 12

- 3 words of God’s grace – mercy, unfailing love, compassion
- 3 words of David’s sin – transgressions, iniquity, sin
- Nathan’s word to David – “You are the man!”
- The Holy Spirit has been sent “to convict the world of SIN, righteousness and judgement to come” John 16:8

CONTRITION (3-6)

- Self-awareness (3)
- Agreement (4)
- Responsibility (5,6)
- Brokenness (16, 17)
- Honestly acknowledging the sin with godly sorrow is essential

CONFESSION (7-9)

- Cleansing, washing (7)
- Joy, gladness, renewal (8)
- Free from lingering guilt/shame (9)

CREATION (10-12)

- A pure heart (10)
- A steadfast spirit (10)
- Presence of God (11)
- Indwelling Holy Spirit – joy and obedience (12)

COMMISSION (13-15)

- Teach others (13)
- Challenge other sinners (13)
- Praise (14-15)

COMMUNITY (18,19)

- Prosperity (18)
- Security (18)
- Worship and celebration (19)

The SIN problem has been answered  
by the gracious gift of personal salvation,  
received through faith in the death  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.