

# Pastor's Corner

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Greetings in the name of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ,

## **Top Secret**

“For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, not anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.” —Luke 8:17

One of Satan's deceptions is that you can do things in secret that will never be revealed. This is simply not true. Adam and Eve believed that they could hide themselves from the presence of God because of their sins. However, there was simply no place for them to hide. The Bible clearly tells us that everything done in darkness will be brought to light. So before you act perhaps you should first ask yourself, “Am I willing to have my actions put on the big screen for all to see? And am I willing for God to watch me participate in this activity?”

The knowledge that God sees all that we do, and that we will be accountable for all our actions, should be enough to keep us from sin. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:10, “For we must ALL appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due [them] for the things done while in the body whether good or bad.” Just because we are forgiven, I think that we believe that we will be allowed to bypass the judgment seat.

We can become so alienated from God that even this knowledge does not deter us. God promises that he will publicly expose our sin so that we must give an account to others for our actions. In the end everything we do will be exposed on judgment day.

Still, many believe that they can sin against God, their families, their employers, or their friends and never be found out. Ephesians 5:11-12 reminds us, “Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness [sin] but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.”

As Christians we are to be a light shining brightly into the world to dispel the darkness. Sin cannot continue in the Christian's experience for the light cannot dwell with darkness.

God has given us a way to overcome the darkness. If we confess our sins, we have the promise of Christ's forgiveness. And to all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord, they have the power to overcome sin. The choice is ours. In God's kingdom there are no top secrets. Don't be deceived!

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