



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## THE SEVEREST SIN OF CHRISTIANS

The severest sin of Christians is a numbing lack of concern, an anesthetized attitude of “I don’t care. I’m in the fold. Why should I concern myself? I have a fire insurance policy against hell.”

When Gideon was through thinning out his frightened and indifferent soldiers, he discovered that only one out of one hundred was brave and really meant business. I trust there is a better percentage of courageous and sincere people in our church membership today.

However, it has been stated that “one fourth of the members of the average church could be dropped from the rolls and they would never know it happened, and the church would be no weaker as a consequence.”

My guess is that the percentage is closer to one half rather than one fourth. Is it a wonder that people are rushing headlong to perdition? While you read these lines, thousands are perishing “dead in trespasses and sins.” It is estimated that 40,000 people die everyday in this world who have never even heard the name – Jesus Christ.

Apathy, complacency, indifference, spiritual drowsiness and insensitivity are lulling the church of the Lord Jesus Christ to sleep. The unorganized indifference within the ranks of the church members is far more destructive to the work of the Lord than all the organized forces of iniquity assailing it from the outside.

Like the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, how often has Jesus checked on you and found you sleeping? Christians sin far more against the Lord by what we fail to do rather than what we do. We grapple more with the sins of omission rather than sins of commission.

Friends, there are prayers to be prayed, sick to be visited, lost people that need taught the gospel, people who need love, young people who need to be encouraged, etc. It is time for the church to be all to this community that God intends us to be.

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## ARE YOU LIVING UP TO YOUR CLOTHING?

It's Friday evening a little after sundown when he walks through the front door after a long day at work and announces his arrival, "Hi, honey, I'm home."

"What took you so long? Supper's been ready for an hour," his wife says rather loudly from the kitchen.

He walks in the kitchen and explains, "Oh, things were pretty crazy downtown today. We just about had a riot. I'm surprised you hadn't heard about it already."

The subject quickly changes as she looks up and notices his clothing. "Where did you get that coat? It's not the one you were wearing when you left home this morning. I know it's not yours."

"Well, it is now," he said.

"What do you mean, 'it is now?'"

"Oh, I won it today at work."

"Don't tell me you've been gambling again."

"It's not what you think. We ended up having three executions instead of two. The third guy took the place of that robber fellow Barabbas. He only had one coat, and since we couldn't tear it up, we had to cast lots for it. It just must have been my lucky day, I guess."

Have you ever wondered about the Roman soldier who walked away from the cross that Friday night wearing Christ's coat? If only he had realized whose coat he was wearing! Maybe then he'd have the mind to try to live up to his clothing. I wonder if he ever changed his lifestyle after he changed his coat.

When you really stop and think about it, you and I aren't a lot different from this man. When we became Christians, we did more than simply witness the death of Christ like that Roman soldier did; we reenacted and united with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection when we were baptized (**Romans 6:3-4**). On that day, we walked away from the foot of the cross not merely with Christ's clothes like that Roman soldier did; we left the water clothed with Christ Himself. That's exactly what Paul says in **Galatians 3:27**, "*For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ*" (NASB).

Being a Christian involves a lot more than blocking off a couple of hours a week, putting on a skirt or slacks, and coming to church. Being a disciple of Christ involves a total transformation that should gradually permeate every area of a person's life (**II Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 2:20; 4:19; Ephesians 4:17-24; Colossians 1:28-29; 3:1-17; I John 2:6**). When we become Christians, we clothed ourselves with Christ, and we are called to live up to our clothing on a daily basis. Does your character and conduct match your clothing? Are you living up to your clothing?

**Jacob Evans**