

“THE HEART OF THE MATTER”
The Preservation of God’s Beloved People
Deuteronomy 27: 9 - 26
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“you have become the people of the LORD your God.” (Deuteronomy 27: 9)

To fully understand God’s preservation of His people highlights our need for the forgiveness of our intrinsic depravity.

1. Most of evangelical life simply does not acknowledge the depths to which human depravity has fallen. (*The Problem*) v. 9-12. [Romans 1:28-32]

2. God doesn’t just show us the letter of the Law but also the heart of the Law and shows us just how fallen we are. (*The Correction*) v. 14
 - a. God shows us that our fallen nature stems from a rebellious heart. (*Secret Sins*)
 - At root, we hold ourselves to be god [v. 15]
 - Because we see ourselves as god, we expect others to worship us. [v.16]
 - We expect others to give us what we want [v.17]
 - We believe we have the right to do unto others what seems best to us [v18]
 - We believe that others are of less value and dignity [v. 19] [Titus 3:1-7]

 - b. God shows us that our fallen heart will display itself in selfish indulgence. (*Sexual Sins*)
 - We believe that the authority of the family has no value [v.20]
 - We believe the authority of the created order has no value [v. 21]
 - We believe the responsibility of protecting family has no value[v. 22]
 - We believe the bonds of covenant marriage has no value [v.23]

 - c. God shows us that selfish indulgence will lead us to destroy everything we see. (*Subversive Sins*) [I Corinthians 6:9-11; I Corinthians 6:18-20]
 - We have a complete disregard for those who we are connected to by common confession [v.24]
 - We have a complete disregard for those who we should be defending [v. 25]
 - We have a complete disregard for God Himself [v.26]

3. We MUST agree with God on just how sinful we really are. (*The Follow Through*)