

Pastor Andrew's Devotion 12th June (Friday)

Acts 2:39-41 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-- for all whom the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

When we pray the sinner's prayer, God not only saved us from our sins but He also saved us from "this corrupt generation". That means when we turn to Christ, we must not only turn away from our sins but we must also turn away from this corrupt generation i.e. the corrupt ways of the people of this world. When we look at our peaceful and nice friends or family members, we wonder what relevance the gospel has in telling them that God wants to forgive them of their sins. But precisely because I have been a Christian for a while that I understand how corrupt we all are from the inside.

How do I see the corruptions in me?

- My love for God is often half-hearted even though I believe He is Almighty and deserves my worship.
- I have not loved my neighbor or taken care of them as I should. I fall short of God's standard.
- I am more aware of my sinful desire than before I became a Christian. It is so tempting to just cross the line. And I am sure I have crossed the line in thought, word and deed.
- My lack of desire for God, indifference towards my neighbors, lack of care to keep God's Commandments are the most potent testimony to my need of His grace and forgiveness.
- I live in perpetual need of God's mercy. My constant prayer is "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." So Christ's shed blood is really precious to me.

Acts 2:40. "With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them."

Like Peter, our sharing of the gospel may need to be more confrontational of people's sins. Many people are so nice and so comfortable that they think they don't need God.

How has God delivered you from the corruptions of this generation?