

## When silence is sin

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### Introduction

1. 2 Kings 7:9; 6:24-25
2. There was famine in the land so bad that mothers were boiling and eating their children
3. The lepers were at the gate of the city weighting their chances for survival, they determined to cast themselves upon the more of the enemy Syria
4. When they reached the Syrian camp they found that the camp was empty
5. They first filled themselves with the spoils of the camp until they realized that they had good news that would end the famine in Samaria
6. One of the greatest sins among Christians today is that of silence Amos 8:11
7. Are we withholding the life giving message from men who are starving for the Word of God?
8. What is this sin of silence about?

### II Discussion

1. It is sinful to be silence about the love of God
  1. The greatness of God's love is seen in John 3:16
  2. This love was manifested toward us while we were at odds with God Romans 5:8-9
  3. This love was manifested in that Christ is a propitiation for our sins. God was willing for His Son to die so that God can be pleased with us. 1 John 4:10
2. It is sinful to be silent about the compassion of Christ
  1. Be careful little eyes, ears, mouth - there's a Father up above looking down with tender love
  2. There is an all seeing eye watching you
  3. The shortest verse in the English Bible deals with the compassion of Jesus John 11:35
  4. He died on the cross because of His compassion for us Philippians 2:8
3. It is sinful to be silent about the greatness of the Gospel
  1. The Gospel is God's power to save Romans 1:16
  2. We need to be preaching it Acts 8:4
  3. There is the need for preachers Romans 10:13-17
4. It is sinful to be silent about the glory of the church of Christ
  1. Christ loved the church enough to give Himself for her Ephesians 5:25-27
  2. In the church God receives all the glory and honor Ephesians 3:21
  3. All the saved are members of the church Acts 2:47; 8:12; Ephesians 5:26; 2:16

### III Conclusion

1. Those lepers dared not be silent - they received good and others could too if they but spread the good news.
2. Shall we withhold the good news to all of mankind?
3. Are you guilty of the sin of silence
4. Let us ever work not to be!
5. Are you a recipient of the Good news and have you applied it to your life?
6. You have heard, now believe and obey

Source: Old sermon preached 1991