

Did You Know?



You're sins aren't as interesting as you think they are. It is God's work that's interesting. There's nothing glamorous about sin, and it is the devil's work to make it look otherwise. Sin is diminishing, dehumanizing, dull and deadly. After it's been recognized and confessed, the less said about it the better. Psalm 51 does it right: there are only four different words used to name sin, so it's out in the open where it can be faced. These four sin-words are sufficient to adequately map the entire country of sin. But the central action is carried by *nineteen different verbs* used to invoke or declare God's action of forgiveness and restoration. We have a finite number of ways to sin; God has an infinite number of ways to forgive.

Mankind's existence across the ages has showed us that in regards to sin, we're watching mostly re-runs. People pretty much do the same old thing generation after generation. It doesn't take much imagination to sin! But forgiveness and salvation? That's a different story: every time it happens, it's fresh, original and catching us by surprise. Sin isn't creative work, and the more were around it, the duller it seems. Salvation in contrast, is "new every morning" (Lam. 3:23)!