

Mark 9⁴²⁻⁵⁰ Spiritual surgery

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Introduction

Christian Ed – organ transplants

Romans 14 – stumbling blocks

Do Christians still sin? Is it serious?

Aron Ralston trapped at Canyonlands

1. Seriousness of being a stumbling block (9⁴²)

Deliberate seduction

Careless seduction

Rom 14²¹⁻²³

2. Seriousness of sin (9⁴³⁻⁴⁸)

Sin separates from God

Surgery will not save us

Isa 59²

3. Serious about spiritual surgery (9⁴³⁻⁴⁷)

Spiritual surgery is not mutilation

Spiritual surgery strikes at the root of sin

Spiritual surgery requires a spiritual scalpel

Spiritual surgery is hard, but always possible

Deut 23¹

Col 3⁵⁻⁸

Heb 4¹²

1Cor 10¹³

Conclusion (9⁴⁹⁻⁵⁰)

Everyone will be salted with fire

Aron Ralston still climbing mountains today

Lev 2¹³

Discussion



Questions answered



Do Christians still sin? Is it serious?



Have the sins of Christians been fully atoned for at the cross by Christ?
Can our sins still do damage to others and ourselves?
Do we have any ongoing responsibility in relation to our sins?



What was the particular sin in this passage that Jesus was warning could become a stumbling block to other?



How does Jesus describe the seriousness of sin?



Can spiritual self-surgery deliver us from hell and take us to heaven?



How does a correct view of the cross motivate such a response as Jesus describes?



If we sin with our eye, should we pluck it out? Why, or why not?



Where is spiritual surgery required?



What is God's instrument for spiritual surgery? How does it work?



If the issue is spiritual, why does Jesus speak of hands, feet & eyes?



Is spiritual surgery always possible? How is this so?



What was the purpose of salt in the Levitical sacrifices?
How does this relate to us today?



Does spiritual surgery disable or enable us? How?



Things to pray about



What I need to cut off; who will help me; why He helps me.
Where we are going; why we are going there.



Search the Scriptures



In Romans 6, how does Paul make the connection between a believer's death to sin in principle and his death to sin in practice?
What problems result from focussing on one to the exclusion of the other?