

Week 3—October 9, 2022

What is Sin?

Here's the number you can text your questions to today **330.212.9656**.

(Romans 6:23)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

What Is Sin?

- Sin is our I _____ and P _____ choice to live apart from God.
- Sin is the F _____ that gives us the power to resist God's Word.
- Sin is any O _____ that is contrary to God's opinion.
- All of those are seen in Genesis 3.
 - In a perfectly created world, Adam/Eve lived with only the command of God not to eat from one tree and yet the serpent (enemy) was able to convince them that God's opinion was not as important as their desire to explore the forbidden fruit.
 - What Satan did was provoke the pride of Adam and Eve to make their own decisions, even if they were contrary to God's command and sin entered into their world.
- Sin is an O _____ against God...
 - **Sin sets itself against God's love for us and turns our hearts away from it.** Like the sin of Adam/Eve it is disobedience, a revolt against God through the desire to make our own choices. Sin is the love of ourselves over our love for God.

Why Does God Hate Sin?

- Sin P _____ man from fellowship with God.
- God gave man the right to choose
 - When Adam chose his way over God's way, sin changed the plans God had for Adam and Eve.
 - When you and I choose sin—we are choosing to live without God—that's why he hates sin.
- God does not hate you if you are a sinner.
 - He hates the sin that is keeping you from Him.
 - This is why God does not regard one sin greater than another because all sin separates mankind from the Creator.
- God could have just as easily made a world without a Satan or without sin.
 - But then we would love him out of obligation and not out of choice.
- Our temptation to sin N _____ G _____ A _____.
- Our temptations are the result of our desires.

(James 1:13-15)

Let no one say when he is tempted, I am being tempted by God; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

What Can We Do About Our Sin?

- If we say we don't sin, we just lying to ourselves!

(1 John 1:7-10)

If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

- The problem with sin is ME...
 - It's a P _____ issue—always present—constantly warring inside of me—I want my way—I want to do things the way I choose to do them—my surrender to God's plan is the doorway to my sin.

(Proverbs 16:18)

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.

(James 4:5-7)

Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is passionate that the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him. And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Conclusion:

It's my nature to sin.

WITHOUT JESUS, I will always be a sinner!

My need is to be **TRANSFORMED** by the power of God.