

# What Is Sin



# Man's Concept of Sin

- Violation of some local standard
- As naughty
- As some moral laps of some kind
- Some call sin a disease (no accountability)
- Drunkenness is seen as a disease etc...



# Sin is...

- 1 John 3:4 “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”
- Sin is rebellion against God
- Man is telling God, “You don’t know what you are talking about”.



# The Effects of Sin

- We are not just disobeying parents, society
- We are disobeying our Creator and God.
- Prov. 13:34 “Righteousness exalts a nation,  
But sin *is a reproach to any people.*”



# How Does One Sin?

- By our failures as well as by our actions
- By committing grave acts
  - Murder, drunkenness, fornication, theft
- By simply disobeying the commands of God
- Morality is not more important than obedience



# How Can One Sin?

- It is as bad to do something wrong as failing to do right
- Sins of omission are as bad as sins of commission
- Sin is sin, and sin causes is to be lost is a devil's hell



# Sin

- 1 Cor. 6:9-10 “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”
- All unrighteousness is sin (1 John 5:17)



# Sins of Disobedience

- 2 Thess. 1:6-9 “...the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.”



# The First Sin

- Omission
  - Gen. 2:17-18 “but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.” 18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”
- Satan deceived Eve by saying “You shall not die”
- She believed Satan rather than God
- She gave to her husband and he ate



# The Consequences of Sin

- The Woman – Gen. 3:16
  - Pain in childbearing
  - She would be in subjection to her husband
- The Earth – Gen. 3:17-18
  - Was cursed with thorns and thistles
- The Man – Gen. 3:19-24
  - Spiritual death by disobedience to God
  - Physical death by denied access to tree of life



# All Have Sinned

- Universality of Sin
  - Rom. 3:23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
- Universality of Death
  - Rom. 5:12 “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.”



# The Deception of Sin

- Sin is Pleasurable

- Heb. 11:24-25 “By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.”



# The Deception of Sin

- Sin's Pleasure Can Blind Us From Truth
- John 3:19-20 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. 20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.



# Sin is Deadly

- State of Man without God
- Eph. 2:1-3 **“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.**



# Faith in the Physician

- Man can be afflicted by a deadly disease
- The disease might be curable
- The doctor gives us a prescription to cure it
- If I don't take the cure I will die
- I might believe the medicine will cure it
- But that belief alone will not cure me
- I must have faith in the doctor and take the medicine
- Only then am I cured of the deadly disease



# Jesus is the Great Physician

- Luke 6:17-19 “Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place; and *there was a large crowd of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon,* 18 who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured. 19 And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all.”



# Jesus Came To Free From the Disease of Sin

- John 8:31-32 “So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then you are truly disciples of Mine*; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”
- Vs. 34-36 “Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. 35 “The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. 36 “So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.



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# Faith in the Great Physician

- Hear the Gospel – Rom. 10:17
- Believe the Gospel
- Repent of Sins – Acts 20:21
- Confess Christ – Rom. 10:9
- Repentance
- Baptism – Acts 2:38

