

“What is Sin? & Who Has Sinned?”

Open:

- 3 areas sin affects our life.
 - Sin & salvation – Our recognition of sin shows us our need or a Saviour.
 - **1 John 3:4** “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”
 - Sin & service – Harms us physically & it limits our usability.
 - **Galatians 3:24** “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”
 - Sin & our relationships – With our fellow man & with our Heavenly Father.
 - Man - **1 Corinthians 3:3** “For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”
 - God - **Titus 2:14** “Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”
- David’s response to sin in his life **51:1-12**
 - Recognizes his sinful state. **vs. 1-2**
 - Recognizes his sin. **vs. 3-6**
 - Recognizes his need for sanitizing from his sin. **vs. 7-12**

I. What is Sin?

- A. Sin is not doing what you know you are supposed to do. **James 4:17** “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”
 - 1. Doing good for other people.
 - **Rom. 12:10** “Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another”
 - **Eph. 4:32** “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”
 - a. Being helpful
 - b. Being forgiving
 - c. Being considerate
 - 2. Obeying your parents. – **Eph. 6:1** “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.”
 - 3. Applying yourself in school.
 - a. **II Tim. 2:15a** “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed...”
 - b. **Hosea 4:6-7** “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. [7] As

they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.

4. Keeping your nose out of others' business and focusing on making sure you are doing what you are supposed to be doing. – **I Thess. 4:11** “*And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;*”
- B. Sin is doing something that God has said is wrong. **I John 3:4** “*Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*”
 1. Thou shalt not(s).
 2. Things that will hurt me or someone else.
 3. Things that will make God unhappy with me.
- C. Sin is something that will keep me from being close to God.
 1. Carnal mind – **Rom. 8:7** “*Because the carnal mind is enmity against God...*”
 - Enmity** = Condition of hostility; to be in opposition against; to fight against.
 2. Friendship with the world – **James 4:4b** “*...know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*”
 3. Not living by faith
 - a. **Rom. 14:23b** “*...for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*”
 - b. **Heb 11:6a** “*But without faith it is impossible to please him...*”

II. Who has sinned?

- 1 John 1:8** “*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*”
- A. Everyone was born a sinner. – **Ps. 51:5** “*Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*”
- B. Everyone has sinned. – **Rom. 3:23** “*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*”
- C. Jesus is the only One to walk this earth and never commit a single sin. – **II Cor. 5:21** “*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*”

Close:

- What happens to people who die in their sins? **Rev. 20:15** “*And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*”
- How can I avoid the punishment for my sins? **Rom. 10:13** “*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*”
- What should I do if I find sin in my life? **1 John 1:9-10** “*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10] If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*”
- How can I overcome sin in my life? **Rom.6:16-23**