

UGLY AS SIN
The Basics – Part 3

ON TV: What makes a **sin, a sin**?

ON TV: Did Jesus make it **clear**?

ON TV: What must a person **believe** in order to be a faithful follower of Jesus?

ON TV: What are **the basic** essentials and what's not?

ON TV: How do we know what **the basics** or the essentials are?

ON TV: When cultural and peripheral are considered basic and essential, **Christianity eventually, is no longer** "good news of great joy" for all people.

ON TV: #1: Jesus is **God's Son**, and **our King**.

ON TV: #2: Jesus came to **reveal** what God is like.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "35 One of them an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 'Teacher, which is the **greatest commandment** in the **Law**?' 37 Jesus replied, '**Love the Lord your God** with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **mind**. 38 This is the **first** and **greatest** commandment. 39 And **the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.**' 40 **All the Law and the Prophets hang on** these two commandments.'" *Matthew 22:35-40*

ON TV: Love for God is **demonstrated and proved** by our **love for others**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "23 One Sabbath Jesus was going through grain fields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. 24 The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?' 27 Then Jesus said to them, '**The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.**'" *Mark 2:23-24, 27*

ON TV: **People are the priority**, not the rules.

ON TV: If someone applies the law of God in a way that **harms people**, they aren't applying it correctly, because the laws are for the **benefit of the people**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "Jesus, is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for **any** and **every reason**?" *Matthew 19:3*

ON TV: Because this is the question you ask when you are more concerned about a **view** than a **'you.'**

ON TV: "Pastor, does the Bible say that _____ is a sin?"

ON TV: "If I do _____ is God going to be mad at me?"

ON TV: If the Bible doesn't **condemn it**, well then, God must **allow it**.

ON TV: What's **good for people** is what's good, and what's not, is not.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices...But you have neglected the more important matters of the law--**justice, mercy, and faithfulness**..." *Matthew 23:23a*

ON TV: According to Jesus, what made a sin, a sin, and **what does it look like for us**?

ON TV:

First: It it's **not good for another person, or you**, it's a sin.

Second: If it's not good for them or you, **it should be condemned**.

ON TV: Because what God values most is not his rules. **What God values most are people**.

ON TV: Because He's **for you**, and the **people** around you.

ON TV: When you sin, you **break God's law**.

ON TV: When you sin, you **break yourself and others**, which breaks God's heart.

ON TV: Every sin comes with a pre-packaged **consequence**.

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ON TV:

#1: Jesus is **God's Son** and **our King**.

#2: Jesus came to **reveal** what God is like.

#3: Jesus defines **sin** as anything that **harms you or others**.

ON TV: Are you **harming you** or **others**?