

Sermon Passage: _____

Date: _____

Sermon Preacher: _____

Elder Scripture Reading: _____

Sermon Title: _____

I. Introduction

A. Context – Write 3 main ideas that provide background for the sermon text. (Hint ~ *What* does it mean to pursue Christlikeness? *When* is the believer transformed? *How* is the believer empowered to live godly?)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. Thesis or Proposition – What is the pastor trying to prove?

C. Enumeration – How many points (or proofs) will be provided?

D. Exposition – What are the main points (or proofs)?

1. The of sin

2. The of sin

3. The of sin

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References**

List any additional passages pastor may mention:



II. Main Points (or proofs)

A. Point 1: The of sin

What sin _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 1?

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes about what it means to have a minimized view of sin.)

a. A willful decision of _____

b. An act of individual _____

c. A siding with the _____

2. Application – What do I do with this information? (Hint ~ How is sin physical and spiritual anarchy in action? Is sin an act of defiant rebellion or “just a little mistake”?)

Point 1 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

B. Point 2: The of sin

Where sin _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 2?

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on what you learn.)

a. Delivered in the _____ of Christ.

b. Displayed in the _____ of Christ

2. Application – What do I do with this information? (Hint ~ Should the believer fear the penalty of sin? Is it possible for a true Christian to live a life walking in darkness? Why or why not?)

Point 2 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

C. Point 3: The of sin

How sin _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 3?
(Hint ~ What do you learn about *committing* sin versus *practicing* sin?)

2. Application – What do I do with this information? (Hint ~ How can one's attitude about sin reveal whether they are a believer or unbeliever?)

Point 3 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

"Sin is to the soul what rust is to gold, what scars are to a beautiful face, what stain is to a white silk cloth, it is ugliness across the face of beauty...Sin is poison, sinners serpents; sin is called vomit, sinners dogs; sin is called mire, sinners pigs. Sin is defiling, degrading. It stamps the devil's image on the human soul."

~ Ralph Venning, *The Sinfulness of Sin* (written in 1669) ~



III. Conclusion

How might minimizing sin be very dangerous? What people group in scripture viewed sin lightly and what was the result?



Scripture for Further Study

Suggestion: Read and meditate on some of the following passages each day of the coming week.

1. Lawlessness not a characteristic in the life of the true believer:
Ps 1:1-3; 119:170, 174; 1 Jn 5:3; Jer 31:33-34; 32:39-40; Mt 7:23; 13:41; 23:28; Rom 6:19; 2 Cor 6:14; 2 Thess 2:3, 7, 8, 9; Tit 2:14; 1 Pet 4:3
2. Sin is a reality in the true believer's life:
Mt 18:15-17, 21-22; Lk 11:4; 17:3-4; Rom 7:23-25; 1 Cor 8:12; Gal 5:16-17; Eph 4:22-24; 1 Pet 2:11; Js 5:13-15; Col 3:5; Rom 13:14; Js 5:15-16
3. Examples of true believers sinning:
Abraham Gen 20:2; Moses Num 20:6-13 cf. Ps 106:33; David 2 Sam 12:13; Peter Gal 2:11-13; Paul Rom 7:21-25; Corinthian believers 1 Cor 3:1-22; Galatian believers Gal 6:1; Believers in Asia Minor Rev 2-3
4. Ongoing confession and repentance the mark of true believers:
Ps 25; 32; 38; 51; 103; Prov 28:13; Mt 18:15-17; Lk 11:4; Js 5:15-16; 1 Jn 1:9; Rev 2-3
5. The power of sin is broken through Christ in the life of the true believer:
Rom 6:1-23; Gal 5:16-24; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Cor 15:56-57; Col 2:11-15; 3:1-5; Rom 8:1-11
6. Killing and fighting sin is the pattern in the life of the true believer:
Rom 7:15-25; Gal 5:16-24; 1 Pet 2:11; Tit 2:11-14; Col 3:5-17; Eph 4:17-32; 1 Thess 4:1-8
7. Salvific fruit of pursuing and progressing in sanctification manifested in the life of the true believer:
Jn 15:1-11; Mt 12:33-34; 13:22-23; Gal 5:22-23; Ps 1:1-3; Col 1:10; Rom 6:22; Heb 12:11; Phil 1:11; Eph 2:10; 2 Pet 1:5-11

Conclusion Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention: