

What is Sin?

ONE: THE SIN PROBLEM

SESSION TWO: THE ROOT OF SIN

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Sin is in our identity.**
- 2. Sin suppresses the truth of God.**
- 3. Sin deceives our ability to recognize the goodness of God.**
- 4. Our nature is against God.**

THREE: SIN'S CONSEQUENCE



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To summarize thus far, we have seen that people all over the world are striking out and have a problem with their swing. No one can seem to find a sustainable answer to put the ball in play consistently and find success. It has become more than just a “bad streak” we are going through, but truly who we are.

In these terms, it is time to take our look at “what is sin?” to the video room. We need to slow things down and really get into the details as to why this is happening to people all over the world. To do this, we are going to spend the majority of our time in the book of Romans (go ahead and turn there now).

Beneath the Surface...

Let’s start at Romans 7:8. Paul focuses in that our sin is more than just a behavioral issue but an identity issue. Something that dwells within mankind working to enable our self destruction into the realm of sin.

Write out Romans 7:8. Underline the words “sin” and “produced in me the desire to covet.”

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What does it mean to “covet”?

Essentially, Paul is saying this: sin produced sin in me. Covetousness is a sin (Exodus 20:17) that sin produced. This seems really confusing on the surface. However, what he is pointing to is that there is this innate desire within us that produces multitudes of additional sin. We all bear original sin[define again] stemming from the Garden in Genesis that defiles our nature from birth, leading to more and more sin. (Romans 5:12).

The Suppressor...

Now let's back up and read Romans 1:18-20.

Based on verse 18, what are the two terms used to describe man?

_____ and _____

1 John 5:17 – “All _____ is sin.”

What happens to the truth (v.18)?

The knowledge and truth of God has been plainly revealed to all mankind. Yet, the sin dwelling within us all has done everything it can to twist, ignore and despise the truth.

The Art of Deception...

Read Romans 1:21-25

What is the “exchange” described in this passage?

What happened because of this exchange?

I believe it is fair to say if there was a time in human history that is most devoted to images, it would be ours. Our identities are saturated with the elusive desire to become something we see around us. These images, our culture believes, are worth pursuing over the image God created us to bear. Sin does a better job than we recognize at deceiving us that these worldly ways are truths. Because of this, we readily exchange the glory of God for the goods of gods.

“ So, according to the Bible, the primary way to define sin is not just the doing of bad things, but the making of good things into ultimate things. “ (Keller, 2009, p.168)

In our nature, we despise God. We don't hold Him as valuable. We don't desire knowing Him or recognizing His presence. We make Him out to be a mere pawn in our game of life that we will trade for another. We have a deep, convicting and damning preference for other things rather than God. This is the sin problem that has dominion inside of all of humanity.

Do you have sin in your life that you need to confess?