

Sermon Notes

“Dealing with Sin:” 1 John 1:5-9

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I. What God Thinks of Sin—He is Holy

1. God Hates Sin—Proverbs 6:16-19
2. God delights to show Mercy and Justice—Micah 7:18; Jeremiah 9:24
3. God must cover sin with a righteous death—Genesis 3:21; Acts 3:14; 1 Peter 3:18

II. Regarding Sin, What Options Are Found in Scripture?

1. Judgment, Wrath, and Death—Genesis 3:19; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9
2. Being Saved and Given Eternal Life through the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus—John 1:12; Romans 5:10-11
3. “Sweet Revenge”—Genesis 4:23-24
4. “Bitter” Forgiveness—Matthew 18:22 and Romans 12:17-19

III. Dealing with Your Personal Sin

1. God is Faithful to Convict—We Should Repent—Acts 17:30
2. Ask God—John 16:8-11
3. Watch Out for False Guilt and Lies—Revelation 12:10
4. The Spirit is Specific—Genesis 3:9-11
5. God Does Not Remember Sins So as to Use Them Against Us—Hebrews 10:17-18
6. Receive Forgiveness by Faith, Not Feeling—Ephesians 1:7

IV. Dealing with Your Personal Sins Against Others

1. When Someone Has Something Against You—Matthew 5:23-24
2. The Circle of Confession—Luke 18:13
3. Restitution—Luke 19:8

V. Dealing with Others Who Have Sinned Against You

1. When Someone Sins Against You—*forgive*—Ephesians 4:32
2. Your Options—1 Peter 4:8; Galatians 6:1; Romans 12:18

Live Peaceably:

1. Continually live in Surrender to God—Submit to God and Resist the Devil.
2. Stay in Scripture with a Heart Open to the Lord.
3. Do What is Right in God’s Sight.
4. Deal with any wrongdoing the Spirit brings to mind—Confession to God and any other necessary individual; restitution as needed.
5. Go to God in prayer for anything anyone brings up—be humble, not proud.