

WHAT IS SIN?

Overcoming Sin & Temptation (I)

I. Introduction

- A. Sin is a difficult and uncomfortable topic to discuss, but it is far too important and critical to understand for us to just ignore it.
- B. We will start with a foundation of “What is sin? And what does it do?”
- C. Then we will be able to understand just how we are to overcome it through Christ.
 - I. Not just be cleansed, but also how we can truly be enslaved no longer to sin.
- D. So what is sin?

II. It Is A Corruption

- A. We were created to be better (Gen. 1:31; 3:6-11).
- B. “Sin” carries with it the notion of “*missing the mark*” (cf. Judg. 20:16; Prov. 19:2).
- C. No matter what we have done (greater or smaller than another) we have sinned (Rom. 3:23).

III. It Has Personal Consequences

- A. It separates us from God by perverting us from what we should be (Is. 59:1-3, 12-14).
- B. It is something that must be addressed before we can have a relationship with God (Hos. 7:1-2).
- C. It damages our heart and gets worse and worse until are enemies of God (Jer. 2:22).

IV. It Brings The Ultimate Consequence

- A. It brings death (Rom. 5:12-14; 6:23).
- B. Therefore, it requires a death (Heb. 9:18-22).
- C. Which culminates in the death of the Son of God (Is. 53:4-6, 10-11; 1 Pet. 3:18; Col. 1:19-20).

V. But God Offers Forgiveness

- A. He wants to forgive us (2 Pet. 3:9; cf. Is. 1:18-19).
- B. EVERYONE has been given potential access to His forgiveness, but only if they accept it (1 Tim. 1:15-16).

VI. Conclusion

- A. Certainly, we have all sinned.
- B. Therefore, we deserve God’s judgment.
- C. But He wants us to be saved. Are you willing to accept His salvation?
 - I. Are you willing to do what He asks to accept it?

