

Doctrine of Sin #1

Okay, welcome back & here we go. Today we begin a new series --- this time on sin! The thing we love and hate.

Before we start, let's ask a question.

1) What is sin?

While we all may define it in different ways, personal sin --- the sins we commit --- all reflect our desire to be independent of God --- to do things our own way.

Sin is also defined as "missing the mark". In the case of the believer, the mark is God's standard.

Lowliness - "sound thinking according to an absolute standard".

2) What is lowliness?

To be lowly requires absolute humility and lack of pride. Humility has strength in gentleness where pride has strength in force.

Therefore pride forces our will into God's plan --- we sin.

Three types of Sin
from "Grace Notes".

The Sequence of Sin

In the Bible, sin is discussed under three types. The first type of sin is called *Imputed Sin*. This is the concept that, when Adam sinned, the whole human race sinned. Thus, when Adam was counted guilty, every human being shares his guilt. These things are mentioned in 1 Cor. 15:22; Rom. 5:12; and Rom. 3:23.

The second part of the sin "package" is known as *Inherited Sin*. Adam acquired a *Sin Nature* when he sinned. Since then, every human being has inherited a Sin Nature at the time of birth – we are born sinners. Rom. 5:12; Psalm 51:5.

Third, the result of having a Sin Nature is that each person leads a life in which he commits *Personal Sins*, both before and after being born again. These personal sins are the result and manifestation of the Sin Nature and occur whenever a person decides to think or act independently of the will of the Father.

Generational sin - sin inherited from Adam till now.

3) A) What's the price of sin personally?

3) B) How was that debt paid?

So, we know the cost of sin in our lives.

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The Sin Nature is that part of the essence of the soul acquired at Adam's fall and subsequently passed on to every person at birth. The Sin Nature is the center of the soul's rebellion against God. The essence of the soul contains:

- Self-consciousness
- Mentality
- Volition
- Emotion
- The Sin Nature

4) Why do people struggle with sin?

All of this questioning is to prepare us for the next four weeks, where we will really look at personal sin.

There are three types of people: the moral, the immoral and the religious.

5) What is the difference between a moral and an immoral believer?

Sin has strengths in that we can do human good that is acceptable to men but unacceptable to God. Works.

Remember Romans 7 --- sin is always present.

The solution is controlling your thoughts. If you meditate on God's Word you can regain your thoughts. Find scriptures that you can remember.

If you are thinking about God's Word you will not be thinking about anything else.

6) What scripture will you memorize this week?

Next week: "Negative Volition" and "Mental Attitude".