

## Doctrine of Sin #2

Okay, here we go! Part 2 on sin. Let's review.

1) What is sin?

Remember, we have three types of sin we discussed and three ways to sin.

- A. Imputed--- Inherited --- Personal sin
- B. Mental --- Tongue --- Overt

from "Grace Notes".

### **Solutions to the Problem of the Sin Nature**

God has arranged to provide all that is needed to deal with the problems caused by the Sin Nature in a believer's life. The personal sins of the individual were borne by Jesus Christ on the Cross. *1 Pet. 2:24*. These sins will never be mentioned again because they have already been judged in Christ. *Rev. 20:12*.

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***Romans 11:6 'And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.'***

2) How do you know the difference between good works and works of the flesh?

I think often we can confuse, trick ourselves, or just completely miss when we do works that are "wood, hay and stubble".

***1 Corinthians 3:10-15 'According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.'***

Even the best of us *want what we want*, so we put our best foot forward, we manipulate, or people-please, to get an intended result.

Last week we talked about the moral and the immoral believer.....

from "Grace Notes".

### **The Hazards of Negative Volition**

The Apostle Paul issued a stern warning to mature Christian believers living at Ephesus when he told them to beware of falling into a state of indifference to, or antagonism to, the Word of God. He stated that if they were to become negative to the Lord's

teachings, their lives would very quickly become indistinguishable from those of unbelievers in terms of fruitfulness and Christian character.

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***Ephesians 4:17-19 'This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.'***

It is obvious Paul is saying many will backslide! This is scary stuff.

3) Name ways you have had negative volition as a Christian:

You may not want to answer that, but I promise you God already knows.

As a result, this whole search for happiness outside of God's Plan can NEVER bring you peace.

4) What things have you used in the past to find happiness?

from "Grace Notes".

### **Mental Attitude Sins**

As a believer progresses in his Christian life, he experiences many profound changes in his thinking. His standards change gradually but radically; his frame of reference changes; his mental attitude soon becomes very different from what it once was. His previous way of thinking is replaced by the "mind of Christ", and God's viewpoint is becoming his own.

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5) Name some mental attitude sins:

It really is important that we understand this. Mental Attitude Sins are the ones that lead to all others.

The sin of not thinking grace is the *believer's greatest downfall!*

6) What does it mean ---"the normal Christian life is supernatural"?

Next week we will explore several mental attitudes!