

THE PRINCIPAL DOCTRINES OF SCRIPTURE

The Doctrine of Sin

TEXT: **Isaiah 59:12 NKJV** For our transgressions are multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us; For our transgressions are with us, And as for our iniquities, we know them:

Romans 6:23 NKJV For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INTRODUCTION: We live in a day in which the majority of the world around us are denying what the Bible teaches about sin. Many people do not really believe in sin. They think it is a primitive word for _____. It is an old word that comes from an ancient misunderstanding. They believe that in these days of enlightenment that people do not need to be saved from sin but healed from their diseases.

Do not misunderstand. There are diseases from which people need to be healed. Jesus healed people from disease. He also forgave them for their sins. But the two were never the _____.

George Orwell in his book 1984 predicted that in that year the minds of society would be controlled by a new language called "doublespeak" that would control thought by the control of _____. He was not far off target. The devil is being very successful in deceiving the world through the misuse of language and the twisting of our understanding.

The Bible clearly shows us several things about sin:

I. SIN IS NOT _____.

- A. The mood of our day and the agenda of Satan is to try to eliminate guilt by eliminating _____ responsibility.
- B. So that which God labels as sin, man re-labels as sickness or with a more palatable term.
 1. God calls it drunkenness; man labels it alcoholism.
 2. God calls it fornication; man labels it being sexually _____.
 3. God calls it adultery; man labels it an affair.
 4. God calls it slothfulness; man calls it societally dependent.
 5. God calls it _____; man calls it antisocial.

C. And terms for sins often _____

1. from terms which clearly place responsibility
2. to terms that are morally neutral or indicate _____
3. finally to terms that become socially acceptable

D. For example

1. _____ - clearly identifies the person is practicing that which is abominable to God.
2. _____ is more morally neutral.
3. _____ is socially acceptable.

E. The misidentification of sin as sickness hinders a genuine, lasting _____ to many problems.

One of the main barriers today to people getting victory over the problems that destroy their lives is that people's immediate response is to identify problems of the soul as resulting from sickness for which people are not responsible rather than resulting from sin for which they are responsible.

1. So people flee to psychologists for treatment rather than to Christ for forgiveness and _____.
2. Many people desire for something or somebody else to be _____ for their miserable condition rather than to confront the sin that is in their own life that is the real source of their misery.
3. Now before some of you stone the prophet, hear me out.
 - a. I am not talking about genuine physically caused _____ illness. That needs to be treated as any illness with both prayer and medical treatment.
 - b. I am talking about labeling something an illness for which there is no biological _____. There is no bacteria, no virus, or no malfunction of the body. There is no medically diagnosable abnormality. There is simply the malfunction of the _____ resulting from wrong choices, habits and lifestyle.
 - c. I am saying, let's at least get _____ with our words. That is not sickness. That is sin.
 - 1) And mislabeling hides the problem and prevents solution.
 - 2) It furthers the _____ of the evil one.
 - 3) And it enslaves those being deceived.
4. And far from being a word of discouragement, getting honest actually brings encouragement.
 - a. Because a lot of illnesses cannot be cured.
 - b. But every sin except one can be _____.

II. SIN IS CROSSING THE LINE.

A. _____ means to cross over the line.

Joshua 22:20 NKJV Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.' "

1. How far do you have to cross to trespass? (100 m., 10 m., 10 cm.)
2. Father to son, "I never saw a man sit on a fence that didn't have some part hanging over the line."

B. Transgression is crossing the line with an _____.

Psalm 36:1 NKJV An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: *There is no fear of God before his eyes.*

The attitude characteristic of transgression is "who gave you the _____ to set the boundary?"

C. Sin is crossing the lines _____ has drawn.

1. In moral life
2. With words
3. In money dealings
4. In relationships

III. SIN IS _____ OF THE MARK.

A. Sin - like an arrow that does not reach the target.

Romans 3:23 NKJV for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

B. We sin when we do not meet God's expectation.

1. in our _____
2. in our devotion
3. in our service
4. in our faithfulness
5. in our _____
6. in our living

IV. SIN IS GOING OUR OWN _____.

A. _____ - choosing our path instead of God's.

Psalm 66:18 NKJV If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.

- B. Choosing our method rather than God's.
- C. Choosing our wisdom rather than God's.

V. THE RESULTS OF SIN

A. FOR MANKIND

Romans 5:12 NKJV Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned

Romans 6:23 NKJV For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

James 1:15 NKJV Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

1. _____ spiral of all things. (2nd law of thermodynamics)

Romans 8:22 NKJV For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

2. Physical death
3. Spiritual death
4. Loss of _____ with God

B. FOR GOD

1. Pain of separation from His creation.
2. Period of physical separation of the Godhead (during _____.)
3. The agony of spiritual separation when Christ became sin.
4. The grief of chastisement when His children _____ to sin.

C. FOR THE LOST WHO CONTINUE IN SIN

Revelation 20:11-15 NKJV 11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

1. The lost do not get a second chance.
2. The lost are not _____.

3. The lost go to hell until the end of the millennium, and then following the Great White Throne Judgment, are cast into the Lake of Fire forever.

D. FOR THE SAVED WHO RETURN TO SIN

1. Those who have trusted Christ are saved eternally by _____.
2. However, when the saved sin, they still experience a loss of fellowship with God.

1 John 1:6 NKJV If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

- a. Their _____ are hindered.

1 Peter 3:7 NKJV Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

- b. Their _____ is lost.

Psalm 51:12 NKJV Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

- c. Their _____ is sacrificed.

- d. Their love is lessened.

3. Living under the chastening hand of God.

Hebrews 12:6 NKJV For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."

The Lord sometimes sends His chastening through...

- a. Finances
- b. _____
- c. Sickness
- d. Problems

4. Living with the consequences in human relationships.

- a. R.G. Lee said, "No man ever put an egg back together after he stepped on it."

5. Yielding eternal reward at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:10 NKJV For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

- a. Sin is forgiven, but sin takes away time, _____, desire, and _____ to serve God.

b. We miss _____ for lack of faithful stewardship.

6. Dying a premature death.

1 John 5:16 NKJV If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.

CONCLUSION: The cure for sin: _____ and believe the gospel.

For sin in the Christian's life: 1 John 1:9 NKJV If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.