

What Does the Bible Say About...?

"Sin"

1/22/2017 Sunday AM

Scripture: Genesis 4:7, 1 John 3:4, Romans 14:23, Romans 5:12, Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:23, John 8:34

Sermon Notes

- Every day, people battle with diseases and sicknesses of every kind: A cold, the flu, diabetes, cancer...
- Even at their worst, the sicknesses that we battle in this world cannot compare to the deadly effects of sin.
- Sin is by far the deadliest "disease" that we battle with in this life, and it is a pandemic sweeping the world.
- The problem is that there is no awareness of this "disease" in our world anymore.
- For all of the other diseases, there are mass awareness campaigns that go on such as for HIV/AIDS.
- No one wants to talk about the problem of sin anymore, even though it's the deadliest of them all.
- Because of this lack of awareness and knowledge about sin in our world today, it has spun out of control.
- To talk about sin in our world today causes people to feel guilty and uncomfortable, so it is deemed inappropriate to speak about sin.
- If you try educate people about sin and help them, you are labeled as a "hater" and it is said you lack love.
- This morning I want us to look at what the Bible says about Sin, specifically the effects of Original Sin.

What is Sin?

- The Hebrew word for sin is *chata'* and the Greek word is *hamartia*, both mean "to miss the mark, to offend"
- The first mention of the actual word "sin" in the Bible comes from **Genesis 4:7** which says, "*If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.*" "
- This is where Cain is about to kill his brother Abel over their offerings to God.
- **1 John 3:4** says, "*Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.*"
- **Romans 14:23** says, "*But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.*"
- So from these verses we can surmise that sin is lawlessness and everything that does not come from faith.
- The meaning of the words themselves help us to understand that sin is anything that offends God and it is us missing the mark as one might miss a target.
- Sin is any personal lack of conformity to the moral character of God, or the law of God. - John McArthur

What is Original Sin and its Effects?

- Original Sin deals with Adam and Eve's sin in the Garden of Eden, this was the first or original sin.
- From that Original Sin, sin entered the human race and is being passed down to generation to generation.
- We saw from Genesis 4:7 that Adam and Eve's sin nature was passed down to their children as Cain sinned.
- **Romans 5:12** says, "*Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.*"
- In Genesis 3 we see the fall of Adam and Eve as they sinned and we also see that God cursed the serpent, Adam and Eve, and the entire earth.
- Because of Original Sin, we are not only "fallen" but we live in a fallen world.
- This lawlessness and missing of the mark penetrates every aspect of creation right now.
- As Romans 5:12 said, because of the Original Sin, death has come to all.
- Calvinist use the term Total Depravity to describe what Original Sin did to human beings.
- This is not something that people are willing to submit to.
- People do not want to accept that because of the mistake of two people we are all held accountable.
- This is where the rubber meets the road in our study, it doesn't really matter what we think, it matters what the Bible says and what is true, right?

What Does This Mean for Us Today?

- It means because Adam and Eve sinned and allowed sin to enter into our world, we too are sinners.
 - **Psalm 51:5** says, *"Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me."*
 - We are born as sinners, as hard to accept as that might be for many people.
 - **Romans 3:23** says, *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"*
 - **John 8:34** says, *"Jesus replied, 'I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.'"*
 - Every single person in the world is infected with this deadly "disease" called sin.
 - Not only are we "infected" but we are a slave to sin as John 8:34 said.
 - We can spend a lot of time blaming Adam and Eve and fighting back by saying "we haven't done anything"
 - However, in all reality, we would have done the exact same thing.
 - Sin is killing every person on the planet and without a "cure" we will surely die.
 - All of this sounds really bad and dark much like the weather the past couple of days.
 - However, the first step in the healing process is identifying the problem.
 - No one will receive help from their impending destruction if they cannot first understand they are a sinner.
 - Is it really loving, when we just let people think that they are okay, when in fact they have a terminal illness? Especially when there is a cure it?
 - The Bible is quite clear about sin and we need to understand what sin is, and how that is effecting our lives now and for all eternity.
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- Next week we will discuss the cure for sin and the hope that we all have. Many here today have that hope.
 - If you are here this morning and you feel hopeless, don't leave this morning without talking to someone.
 - This world seems hopeless and in all actuality it is hopeless without Jesus Christ.
 - Jesus is our Hope, He is our Salvation!
 - You do not have to be a slave to sin, you can be a slave to righteousness! Romans 6:18

Acts 3:19

**"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out,
that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."**

Tonight:

The Book of Colossians – "The Fruit of Knowledge" Colossians 1: 9-11

Wednesday Night:

Who's Who in the Bible - Cain