

Week 4 Evangelism: What God has said about our Sinfulness.

The **GOSPEL**: God in his mercy sent his Son to save sinners by ***paying their death debt*** with a ***permanent blood sacrifice***. The benefits purchased by the death of Christ belong to those who ***repent*** and ***trust in Him*** and ***His work***. If anyone wants to escape the righteous judgment of God, and escape the punishment of breaking the law, he ***must 'receive' by faith the sacrifice*** that Christ made on the cross.

The big question then is; **How does a person 'receive by faith the sacrifice of Christ'?**

Combine: Ephesians 2:8 & Romans 10:17...A person is saved when they have faith. Faith is when you hear and also believe the message, the words, spoken about Christ.

Conclusion: A person is able to be saved when they believe the truthfulness of what God has said concerning Christ.

What has God said concerning Christ; must someone believe in order to be saved?

A person must believe what God has said about...

Their _____, **in relationship to Christ.**

Their _____, **to meet the mark of Christ.**

What God has _____ **for us through Christ.**

What God promises to _____ **with those in Christ.**

#1 Their sinfulness, in relationship to Christ.

The **concept of SIN** is addressed over 1,444 times in the Bible. More than Faith (917), Love (686), Hope (180). **The concept of SIN is the fourth most** discussed topic in the Bible... only behind God, Lord and Christ. Since they are all one (God-Lord-Christ) sin is technically the second most discussed topic.

What God says about SIN in the Bible can be put into **three main categories...**

The _____ **of Sin**

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The Cause of Sin

God says that we have _____ **Sin from our original ancestors.** God says that we have inherited a _____ **sin nature** from our great-great-great grandparents, Adam and Eve. (Romans 5:12, 15, 17-19)

God says that we have _____ **Sin against our conscience.** God says that we have innate _____ **sin** that each commit when we go against the moral code that God has written on our hearts/minds. (Romans 1:18-19, 2:14-15)

God says that we have _____ **Sin chosen willfully & desirously.** God says that we have _____, **willful sin** that we commit when we deliberately go against what God has willed, designed or commanded. (Romans 1:28-29, 32, James 1:14-15)

The Condition of Sin

God says that **because of our Sin** we are _____ of his holiness. (Rom 3:23)

God says that **because of our Sin** we are _____ in his sight. (Isa 64:6-7, 59:2)

God says that **because of our Sin** we are _____ in his presence. (Eph 2:12, Mt 7:23)

The Consequence of Sin

God says that the 1st consequence of sin is _____ **Death**.

God says that because of our sin we will face the punishment of **death to a** _____ with Him. (Gen 3:23-24, Isa 59:2, Col 1:21, Eph 2:3)

God says that the 2nd consequence of sin is _____ **Death**. God says that because of our sin we will face the punishment of eventual **death to the** _____. (Gen 3:15, Rom 5:12)

God says that the 3rd consequence of sin is _____ **Death**. God says that because of our sin we will face the punishment of **death to a future** _____. (Isa 33:14, Dan 12:2, Mt 25:41, 2 Thess 1:7-9, Rev 21:8)

Summary

1. There are **certain truths** that an unbeliever must **hear, understand** and **believe** about what God has said about their **SINFULESS**.
2. It appears that the **major truths** that someone must **hear, understand** and **believe** about **SIN** can be put in the three categories of **CAUSE-CONDITION-CONSEQUENCE**
3. People must be willing to believe that what God says about the **cause** of their sin is true. They are indeed sinful not only because of their **connection to Adam** but also because of their **many personal sins**.
4. People must be willing to **admit** that they have felt the **conviction** of their sin. They must be willing to **agree** with God about their **condition** and the fact that **their sin is wrong**.
5. People must be willing to believe what God has said about the **condition** they are in because of their sin. They are now **totally unworthy, unacceptable** and **unwelcome** before God.
6. People must be willing to believe what God has said about the **consequence** of their sin. They must believe that their sins have **separated them from God relationally & spiritually**.
7. People must be willing to believe what God has said about the **consequence** of their sin. They must believe that without being connected back to God, they will face **eternal separation in punishment**.