

Evangelism

Week 4: What God Has Said (Sinfulness)

Jan 29th Worship Center, 10:45am

The **GOSPEL** teaches us that:

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***.

The **GOSPEL** teaches us that:

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'?**

Ephesians 2:8

**For it is by grace you have
been saved, *through faith*...**

Romans 10:17

**Consequently, *faith comes
from hearing the
message...***

Romans 10:17

...and the message is heard
through the word about
Christ.

**A person is saved when they have
faith. Faith is when you hear and
also believe the message,
the words, spoken about Christ.**

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

The next big question then is;

**What has God said concerning Christ;
must someone hear, understand and
believe in order to be saved?**

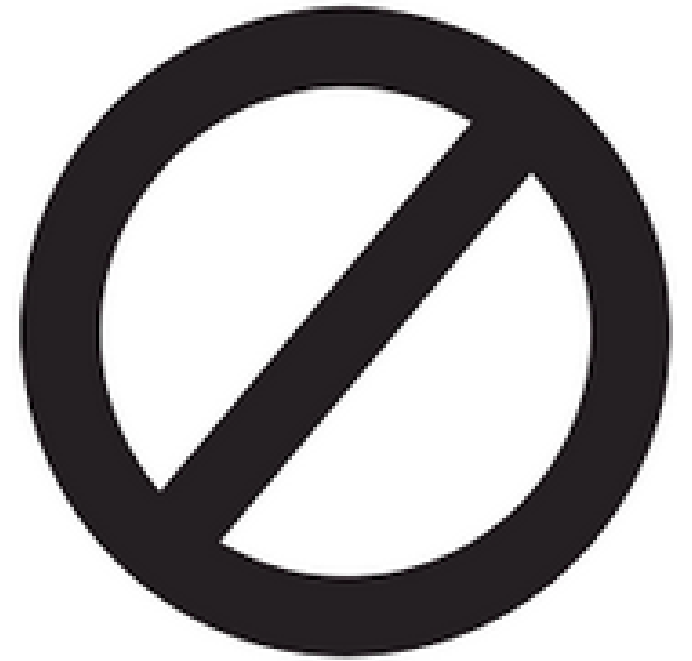
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God has said about...

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



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

Their inability,
to meet the mark
of Christ.



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

What God has done
for us through
Christ.



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

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



**Over the next 4 weeks we will
define and give an overview of
each of these...the following
2 weeks we illustrate them in
several accounts.**

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**The concept of SIN is
addressed over 1,444 times.**

Sin/Sinful = 507

Wicked/Wickedness = 469

Evil = 430

Transgression = 25

Iniquity = 13

Sin = 1,444

Faith/Believe/Trust = 917

Love = 686

Hope = 180

Grace = 133

**The concept of SIN
is the fourth most discussed
topic in the Bible...**

Only

Lord (+7,500)

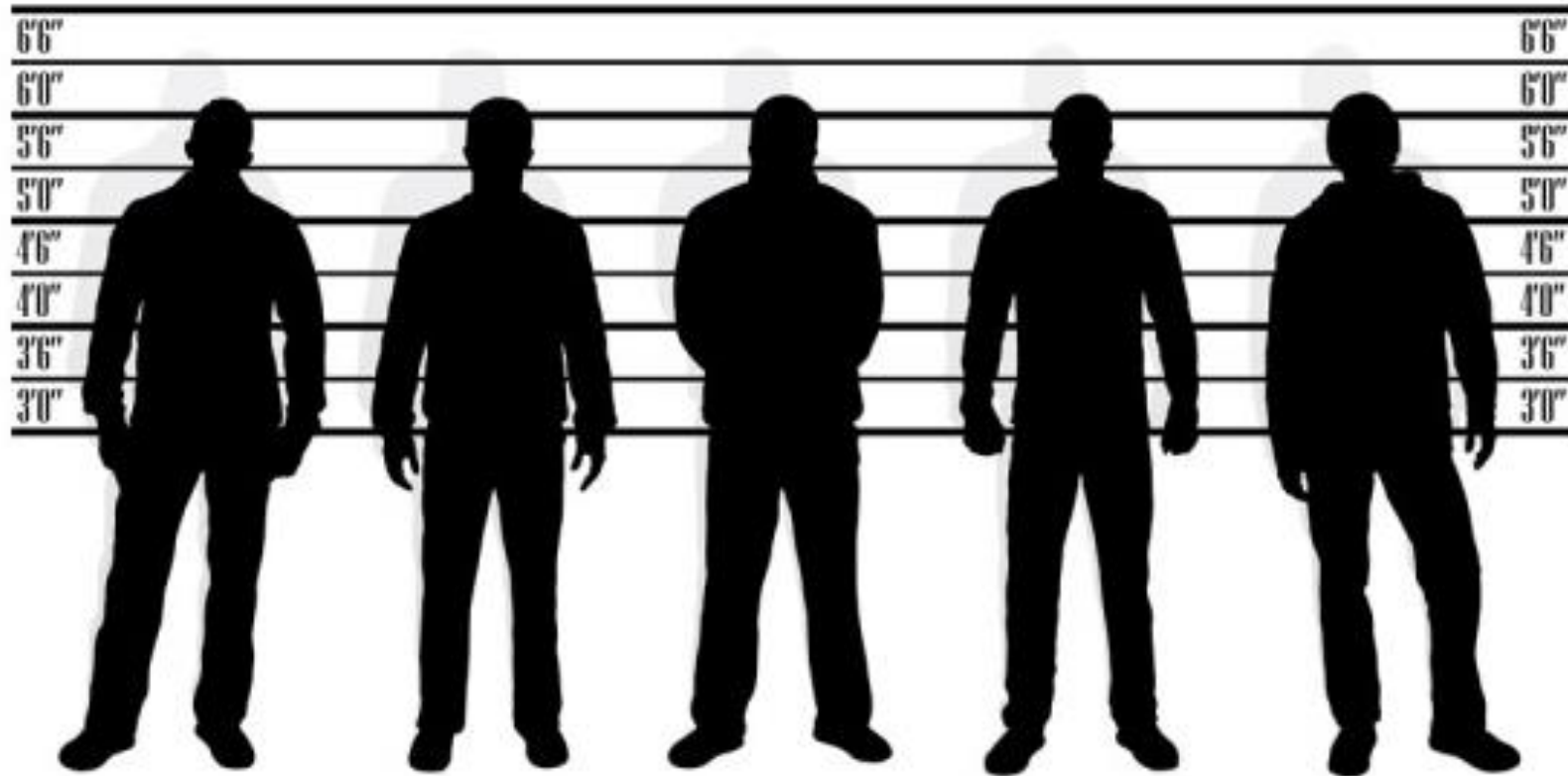
God/Father (+4,000)

Jesus/Christ (+1,800)

are covered more.

Since they are all one
(God-Lord-Christ)
sin is technically the second
most discussed topic.

Obviously God has a lot to say
about the sinfulness of man.



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

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The Cause of Sin

The Condition of Sin

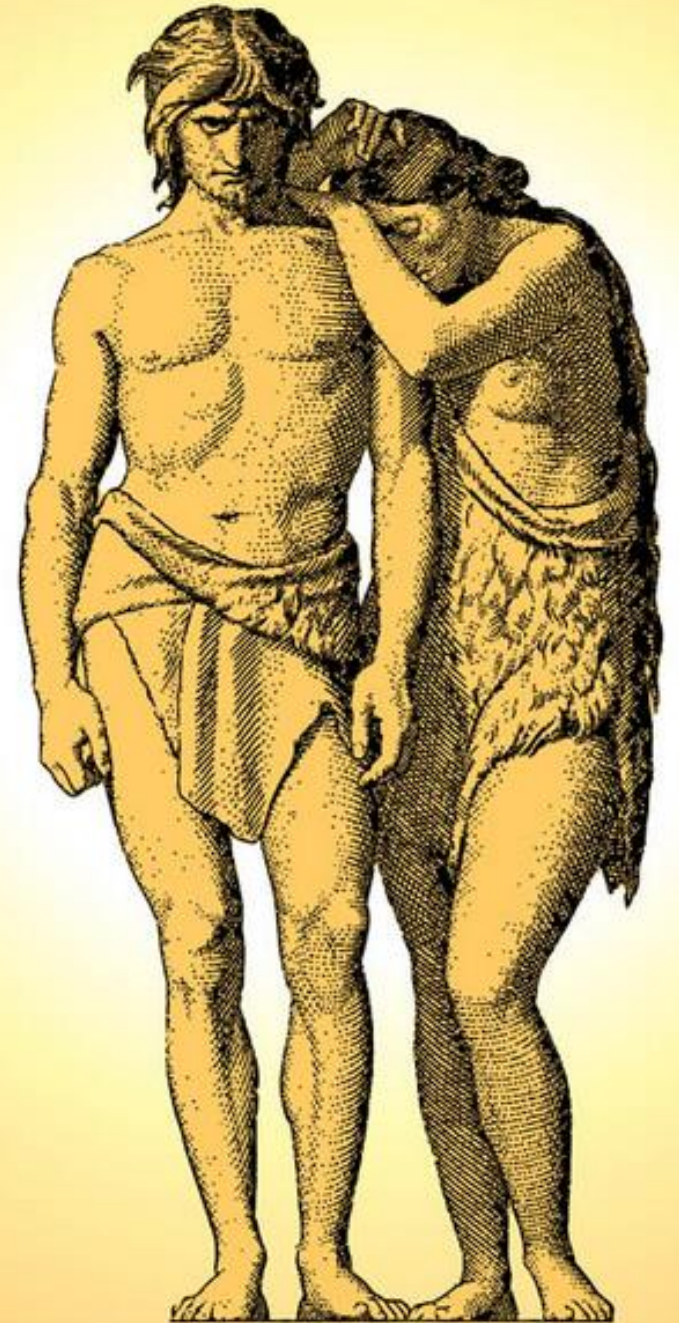
The Consequence of Sin

The Cause of Sin



God says that we have
Inherited Sin
from our original ancestors.

God says that
we have inherited a
paternal sin nature
from our
great-great-great
grandparents,
Adam and Eve.



**Sin entered the world through one man
(Adam)...many died by the sin of the one
man...by the sin of the one man, death
reigned through that one man...
one sin resulted in condemnation for all
people...through the disobedience of the
one man the many were made sinners...**

Romans 5:12, 15, 17-19

God says that we have
Innate Sin
against our conscience.

God says that we have
innate personal sin
that each commit when
we go against
the moral code
that God has written
on our hearts/minds.



**The wrath of God is being revealed from
heaven against all the godlessness and
wickedness of people, who suppress the
truth by their wickedness, since what may
be known about God is plain to them,
because God has made it plain to them.**

Romans 1:18-19

**When Gentiles, who do not have the law,
do by nature things required by the
law...they show that the requirements of
the law are written on their hearts, their
consciences also bearing witness, and their
thoughts sometimes convicting them and
at other times even defending them.**

Romans 2:14-15

God says that we have
Intentional Sin
chosen willfully & desirously.

God says that we have
pointed, willful sin
that we commit when
we deliberately go
against what God has
willed, designed or
commanded.

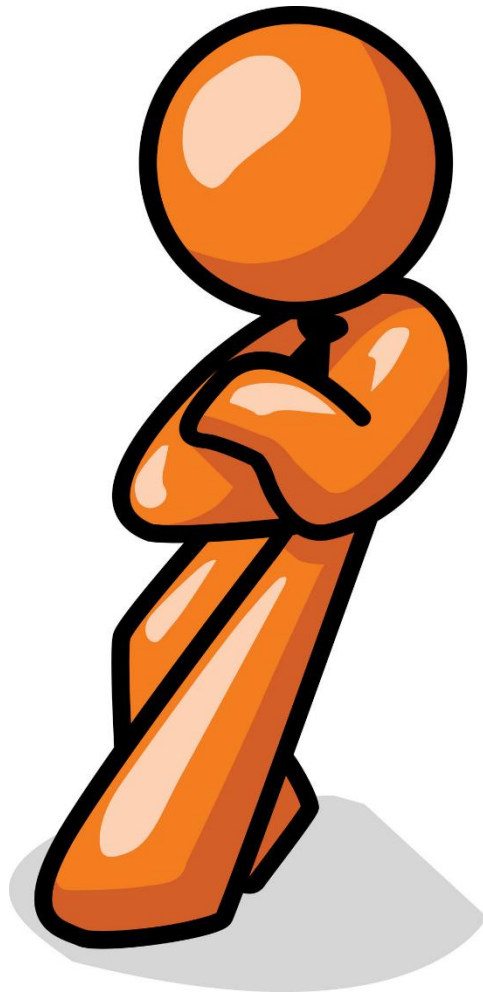


...they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God...they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness & evil...Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Romans 1:28-29, 32

**Temptation comes from our own desires,
which entice us and drag us away. Then,
after desire has conceived, it gives birth to
sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives
birth to death. James 1:14-15**

The Condition of Sin



God says that
because of our Sin
we are unworthy of his holiness.

**For everyone has sinned;
we all fall short of
God's glorious standard.
Romans 3:23**

God says that
because of our Sin
we are unacceptable in his sight.

**All of us have become like one who is
unclean, and all our righteous acts are
like filthy rags... our sins sweep us
away... No one calls on your name or
strives to lay hold of you; for you
have hidden your face from us and
have given us over to our sins.**

Isaiah 64:6-7

**It's your sins that have cut you off
from God. Because of your sins,
he has turned away and will not
listen anymore. Isaiah 59:2**

God says that
because of our Sin
we are unwelcome in his
presence.

**Remember that at that time you
were separate from Christ,
excluded from citizenship in Israel
and foreigners to the covenants of
the promise, without hope and
without God in the world.**

Ephesians 2:12

**But I will reply, 'I never knew you.
Depart from me, you who break
God's laws.' Matthew 7:23**

The Consequence of Sin



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

God says that because of our sin
we will face the punishment of
death to a relationship
with Him.

So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life. Gen 3:23-24

**It's your sins that have cut you off
from God. Because of your sins, he
has turned away and will not listen
anymore. Isaiah 59:2**

**This includes you who were once far
away from God. You were his
enemies, separated from him by your
evil thoughts and actions.**

Colossians 1:21

**All of us used to live that way,
following the passionate desires and
inclinations of our sinful nature.
By our very nature we were subject to
God's anger, just like everyone else.
Ephesians 2:3**

God says that the
2nd consequence of sin is
Physical Death.

**God says that because of our sin
we will face the punishment of
eventual death to the body.**

**To Adam he said, “Because you...ate
fruit from the tree about which I
commanded you, ‘You must not eat
from it’...you will...return to the
ground, since from it you were taken;
for dust you are and to dust you will
return.” Gen 3:17**

**Therefore, just as sin entered the world
through one man, and death through
sin, and in this way death came to all
people, because all sinned...**

Romans 5:12

God says that the
3rd consequence of sin is
Eternal Death.

**God says that because of our sin
we will face the punishment of
death to a future eternity.**

**The sinners in Zion are terrified;
trembling grips the godless:
“Who of us can dwell with the
consuming fire? Who of us can dwell
with everlasting burning?” 1saiah 33:14**

**Many of those who sleep in the dust of
the ground will awake, these to
everlasting life, but the others to
disgrace and everlasting contempt.**

Daniel 12:2

Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41

...when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power... 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

**But for the cowardly and unbelieving and
abominable and murderers and immoral
persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all
liars, their part will be in the lake that
burns with fire and brimstone, which is the
second death. Revelation 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.**

Next week we will see what God says about
Their inability, to meet the
mark of Christ.

And that they are unable to make
up for their sin on their own.