

PROOF WE ARE ALL SINNERS

A LOOK AT WHY THE BIBLE SAYS WE NEED A SAVIOUR

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

~ Romans 3:23

1. The Sinner's Problem

- a. Grace can only be received by sinners bound to sin – Rom 4:5, Rom 5:8, 1 Tim 1:15
- b. *The problem*: most people do not think they are sinners (deserving justice/death/hell)
- c. What exacerbates the problem is going to church (pious acts). Which is why this lesson.
- d. Paul's pattern is to prove all under sin before preaching grace/cross - Rom 3:9-10, 23
- e. Sin makes us guilty; this is a lesson on guilt (with hope in the end)

2. A Book for Sinners

- a. The Bible was made for sinners, starting with the law – 1 Tim 1:9-11
- b. Sin ~*def.* Anything contrary to God's holiness, will, virtues, instruction, laws, or words.
 - i. i.e. trespass, transgression, iniquity, unrighteousness, ungodliness, wickedness
- c. Every book of the Bible (save 1 or 2) speaks of sin (the thing men do not see)
- d. You don't need the Bible, Jesus Christ, the cross, God's grace if you are not a sinner.

3. The Unheard Law

- a. The law brings the knowledge of sin (light, microscope, sin science) - Rom 3:20, 7:7-9
- b. Sin a transgression of the law – 1 John 3:4, but people do not hear the law – Matt 5:21
- c. "10 commandments" are higher (harder) than you can attain – Lev 26:15, 18, 21, 23
 - i. "*break one of these least commandments*" – Matt 5:19, 21, 27
 - ii. "*all unrighteousness is sin*" – 1 John 5:17
- d. Despising the word of the LORD, or doing nothing – Num 15:31, 32:23, Jam 4:17
- e. "every idle word" – Matt 12:36 -- lack of judgment, mercy, or faith – Matt 23:23

4. Disregarded Sins

- a. The sins of Sodom – Eze 16:49-50, Prov 6:16-19, 11:1, 11:20, 16:5, 17:15, 21:27, 24:9
- b. Sins of the mouth (3rd and 9th command – speech laws) – Ps 59:12, Matt 5:11
- c. "Female sins" – whisperings, compromise, complaining, discontent - Phi 2:14, 1Tim 6:8
- d. Fearful, full of care, inconsideration, grudge, carnal mind, covet, contention – Pro 13:10
- e. Anything we should do, but don't – Eph 2:10, Titus 3:8

5. Paul's Sins

- a. Sin against the weaker brother – 1 Cor 8:12
- b. Whatsoever is not of faith is sin – Rom 14:23
- c. Good intentions, but doing wrong – Rom 7:18
- d. Not glorying in God or being thankful – Rom 1:21-22, ignorance 1:25-28
- e. Not praying or rejoicing in the Lord – 1 Thess 5:16-17
- f. Serving our own desires and pleasures – Titus 3:3, Eph 2:2-3
- g. Disobedient to gospel, teaching other doctrine – 2 Thes 1:8, Gal 1:9, 2 Cor 4:2, 1Ti 1:3

6. Consequences of Sin

- a. *"every one of us shall give account of himself to God"* – Rom 14:12, Heb 9:27
- b. We are all sinners, and we all sin (yes, even Christians and churchgoers)
- c. The penalty – *"the soul that sinneth, it shall die"* - Eze 18:20, Rev 21:8, Rom 6:23
- d. The power – bondage, blindness, corruption, fear – Heb 2:15, 1Cor 15:56, Eph 4:17-19
- e. The permeating presence – Gal 1:4, Rom 7:17-18, 24, 8:21-23
- f. Sin is why we cannot save ourselves - it makes us an offense to God – Ps 51:4, Ro 3:4
- g. Failing to see sin for what it is will keep you from faith, grace, salvation – 2 Cor 7:9-10

7. Hope in the Lord

- a. The good news now revealed – there is hope for the sinner in the cross of Christ
- b. *"justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus"* – Rom 3:24
- c. *"[God] made [Jesus Christ] to be sin for us"* - 2 Cor 5:21, Rom 4:25, 6:23
- d. He died for our sins, supplying forgiveness, reconciliation, peace, while we were sinners
- e. Sinners can be saved today by trusting Christ's cross as the solution to their sin.