

## Life Group | Proverbs 28:13 | Week of 9.27.20

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**Genesis 3** reveals how sin entered our world and how it, directly and indirectly, affects everyone.

Skeptics have an even bigger problem than the question, “Why good things happen to bad people?” The question is, “**Why do good people do bad things?**” They have no context for what sin does to one’s reasoning. They cannot address the unlimited list of abuses and crimes from those that seem to be “good people.”

Everyone wants to rid themselves of **guilt and shame**. Our Culture does not know how to do it, but God does!

***Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

***Philippians 1:9** And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment \* discerning love*

**Sin** means to miss the mark.

***Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

***Romans 3:24** being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*

- **Iniquity** - Premeditated, deliberate behavior to twist God’s truth for personal benefit.
- **Trespass** - To be guilty of purposefully crossing a line that God has defined. To go beyond what is one’s right.
- **Transgression** - To actively rebel against God’s clear commands, to be guilty of committing a spiritual crime.

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Confession and forsaking are the elements that makeup repentance.

**Sin dishonors God.**  
**Sin deceives the one sinning.**  
**Sin distorts the truth.**  
**Sin damages relationships.**  
**Sin destroys lives.**

Repentance must start with the church. Individual believers must repent of their love affair with the world and recommit themselves to pursue Jesus Christ as their greatest and highest treasure.

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When sincere and honest repentance is placed before God, you have His promise of mercy and complete and total forgiveness.  
The reason many people cannot experience complete forgiveness is that they do not offer complete confession and repentance.

Jesus Christ is the perfect Savior who can forgive us perfectly.

***1 John 1:8-2:2** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we \*confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us **2** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

\* "Confess" literally means to agree with God. In this context, to agree with what God calls sin.