

Sin and Repentance



The “Problem”

- God desires to have a relationship with all people but sin stands in the way of that - because of God’s complete and perfect goodness, He cannot be in the presence of sin
- Sin = disobedience to God and includes any action or thought that stands against the will of God
- Sin arose in the Garden of Eden and has been perpetuated by everyone who has lived since then
- Sin arises from the free will God has created us with
- The Bible describes God’s plan to solve the sin problem
- Forgiveness of sin starts with repentance



Genesis 6 : 5-7

- How do you feel when people sin against you ?
- How does sin affect God ?

Isaiah 59 : 1-2

“Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from God; Your sins have hidden his face from you, So that He will not hear.”



Colossians 3 : 5-10	Galatians 5 : 19 - 21
Sexual immorality	Debauchery
Impurity	Idolatry
Lust	Witchcraft
Evil desires	Hatred
Greed	Discord
Anger	Jealousy
Rage	Fits of rage
Malice	Selfish ambition
Slander	Dissensions
Filthy language	Factions
Lying	Envy
	Drunkenness
	Orgies



James 4 : 17

“Anyone then who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.”

Romans 3 : 23

“ ... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”



Romans 6 : 23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



Mark 1 : 4, 14-15, 6 : 12

“And so John came ,baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of **repentance.**”

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The Kingdom of God is near. **Repent** and believe the good news.”

“They went out and preached that people should **repent.**”



Mark 9 : 42 – 48

- God is radical towards sin and calls us to also be



2 Corinthians 7 : 10 – 11

- Two types of sorrow – worldly and Godly
- Godly sorrow leads to true **repentance**
- Compare response of Peter and Judas ...



For further study

Mark 7 : 20-23

- Sin comes from inside us, as a result of exercising free will
- We need to take personal responsibility for our sin

Acts 3 : 19

- Repentance brings forgiveness and times of refreshing

Romans 2 : 4-6

- God's kindness should motivate us to repent
- If we are stubborn and do not repent, we will face the wrath of God



For further study (cont)

2 Peter 3 : 8-9

- God is faithful and patient and wants everyone to come to repentance

1 John 1 : 5-9

- Living in the light includes being open with our sin

Luke 15 : 3-7

- God rejoices when one sinner repents



Convictions

- Can you say with absolute certainty that your sin has been forgiven by God ?
- What is your reaction when sin is pointed out in your life ?
- Will you resolve to respond to sin in your life with Godly sorrow ?

