

“The Doctrine of Sin”  
Romans 3:9-20 & Luke 7:47-48

- Introduction:
  - The terms *ALL* and *NO ONE/NONE* are used 8 times to point to the reality that these are statements that refer to every human being on the planet, period. No exceptions. *ALL* people are under the curse of sin and *NO ONE* is righteous in and of themselves in God’s sight.
  - *ALL* people will be judged by God, according to His perfect standard, namely, the Law. The law cannot bring a right standing with God (justified), but the Law makes us aware of our sin and our guilt before God.
  - Without viewing sin, and specifically our sin correctly, we will not grow in our affections for God (Luke 7:47-48), we will not strive for holiness as we ought, we will not worship as we ought, and we will become self-righteous.
- Sin 101:
  - Every person outside of Christ is under God’s wrath (Romans 5:9). Every person outside of Christ is an enemy of God (Romans 5:10). We are eternally condemned outside of Christ (John 3:18). Every person outside of Christ is a slave to sin (Romans 6:16-17). Every person is spiritually dead outside of Christ (Ephesians 2:1-3). Every person outside of Christ will spend eternity in Hell (Matthew 25:41 & 46).
  - No one is naturally inclined to do good, only evil (Romans 3:10-12). That is, we have no desire for saving knowledge, we have no desire to love God, we have no desire to glorify God, and we have no desire to fear God (Total Depravity). Leading us to doing evil in God’s sight (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 64:6).
  - Sin is doing, saying, thinking, or imagining anything that is not in perfect conformity with the will, the mind, and the law of God (Isaiah 1:6; Romans 8:5-8; Genesis 6:5; Jeremiah 17:9).
  - When it comes to sin, there are sins of *omission*, that is: not doing what I am supposed to do (James 4:17). There are sins of *commission*, that is: doing what God has commanded me not to do (Romans 1:28 & 32). And sin is so severe that even *unintentional* sins, that is: doing something that I didn’t even know was wrong, requires an atoning (to be paid for) sacrifice (Numbers 15:25-29; Luke 12:47-48). Simply committing one sin makes us as guilty before God and separated from God as the one who broke every law of God (James 2:10).
  - Why is it so hard to see our sinfulness?
    - The ugliness of sin can hide under the “man-glorifying” guise of courtesy, politeness, religion, humanitarian work, hard-work, and commitment. Sin shows its ugly head in its refusal to submit to God and glorify God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Peter 2:15-16; Matthew 23:25-28).
    - We believe that the cause of our sin is outside of us, not from within us (Mark 7:20-23).
    - Sin can be incredibly pleasurable and even seem good (Hebrews 11:25-26; 2 Corinthians 11:14-15).
    - We compare ourselves to others instead of Christ (Luke 18:9-14).
    - We can be praised by men for being good (Mark 10:18).
    - The power of civility, consequences, and authority (Romans 13:1-7).
    - Sin loves to minimize its severity....”It was just a little white lie”; “It was an accident”; “I could have done worse”; “I didn’t mean to hurt you”; “I meant well”; “It doesn’t hurt anyone else”; “I’m not the only one who does it”; “You are so judgmental”; “That is an extreme view”; “You are so legalistic.”
  - How do I properly use this information? (continued →)

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would convict us of sin, through His Word, so that we would have a deeper love for God and a deeper thankfulness for His grace.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would give us a heart for the lost.
- Remember that every action I take is full of imperfections: my works, my love for and fear of God, my prayers, my fight against sin, my thoughts and my words, and my giving and forgiving. Yet, God loves me, freely offers me grace, and empowers me to strive towards holiness and freely give His love and grace to others.
- Remember that the love of ease and self-indulgence are my enemies and that self-denial and godly suffering are my friends.
- Don't have a greater love for knowledge than you do holiness.
- Repent of your sins, believe by faith in the work of Jesus Christ, and receive the Holy Spirit to walk in humble submission to the Lordship of Christ.

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Actual Tithe: July 5	\$1,785
Actual Tithe: July 12	\$3,005
Actual Tithe: July 19	\$3,481
Actual Tithe: July 26	\$1,493