

Dealing With Sin

Lesson 10

Memorize (Select One) –

- ✓ Proverbs 8:13 - The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth, I hate.
- ✓ Romans 6:11 - Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Jesus described the serious nature of sin when He said, *“If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.”* (Matthew 5:29 & 30) This was not a mandate for self-mutilation but a graphic way to demonstrate the danger of sin and the need for drastic measures in dealing with sin.

God and sin are mutually exclusive masters. You cannot be the slave of both. *“Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves to the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?”* (Romans 6:16)

In his sermon entitled “Sin Slain”, C. H. Spurgeon spoke of the sinner going to war with his own sin. “If you are content merely to conquer your sins and not kill them, you may depend on it, it is the mere work of morality – a surface work – and not the work of the Holy Spirit.”

I. Taking Responsibility for Sin

- A.** Read Genesis 3:8-13. Note carefully how Adam and Eve answer the Lord. How did their response display the common explanation (excuse) given for sin?

- B.** According to James 1:13-15, when a man gives in to temptation and the enticement leads to a sin, who is **not at fault**?

- C.** When you attempt to conceal, cover or hide your sin, you will not _____ (Proverbs 28:13a).

- D.** When you take responsibility for your sin and chose to deal with your sin, you will experience _____ (Proverbs 28:13b).
- E.** A miserable time in David's life was when he experienced the guilt of unconfessed sin. How is this misery described in Psalm 32:3 & 4?

- F.** Based upon Psalm 32:5, how did David take responsibility for his sin?

- G.** Psalm 32:1, 2 & 11 expresses the benefits of getting right with God. List what they are:

II. The ABC's of Dealing with Sin

- A.** **Admit** it when you sin. In Psalm 32:5 David said, "I _____ my sin."
- B.** **Blame** no one but yourself. Others may be involved but you are accountable for your own choices.
- C.** **Confess** your sin humbly realizing that because of the cross you are promised full forgiveness and cleansing.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to _____ us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

III. Resolving To Repent of Sin

- A.** What is a necessary element for effectively running the race of the Christian life with endurance (Hebrews 12:1)?

- B.** Repentance requires a willingness to take action in avoiding the sinful patterns of the past. Romans 13:14 states, "*But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and* _____."

- C.** Repentance involves the believer's understanding that he can turn from his sin because he is _____ (Romans 6:2, 11).
- D.** Turning from the old master of sin, a repentant believer presents himself to God by presenting the members of his body as instruments of _____ (Romans 6:13).
- E.** As you live in obedience to God's Word the Holy Spirit empowers you to avoid what kind of lifestyle (Galatians 5:16)?

IV. Strength for Dealing with Temptation & Sin

- A.** What promise does God grant the believer when facing temptation (I Cor. 10:13)?

- B.** In our struggle against spiritual forces (Eph. 6:12) we possess a key weapon, the sword of the Spirit, which is _____ (Ephesians 6:17).
- C.** For your benefit, Jesus showed you how to respond to the enemy when you are tempted. In Matthew 4:3-10, with each temptation how did Jesus resist? _____
- D.** According to Psalm 119:11, why must a Christian saturate His life with the Scriptures? _____
- E.** Based upon Hebrews 4:15, what encouragement does the life of Christ offer every Christian in times of temptation?

In the daily struggle with the flesh, the Devil, and the world, the Christian has a promised victory; *"But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (I Cor. 15:57) Don't despair, rather continue to deal with sin through the resources given to you, enjoying the blessings that accompany obedience. Daily remind yourself of your status of no condemnation for those who are in Christ (Romans 8:1).