

Review Questions:

Fill in the blank – We cannot have a proper understanding of holiness if our view of _____ is unbiblical.

Where does sin come from? _____

What is sin according to the Bible? _____

Fill in the blanks – It is true that not all sin is _____. However, all sin is still _____.

What does the word ‘nature’ mean as used in Ephesians 2:3?

What is considered ‘desperately’ wicked in the Bible? _____

How is sin deceitful? _____

Does God ignore sin in the life of the believer? _____

What Bible verses show God’s severe dealings with sin? _____

What are the three pictures of sin given in the lesson? _____

Which picture of sin is most helpful to you in communicating the seriousness of sin? Why? _____

How has the Lord spoken to you through His Word?

Lesson 1: We Start With Sin

Series: BE YE HOLY

This study will address the subject of holiness. Holiness is not a popular topic in our day, and perhaps it has never been. It is referenced consistently throughout Scripture. Believers are commanded to be holy. It is reasonable for God to expect holiness from us.

1 Peter 1:15-16; Romans 12:1

How do we begin such a study on holiness?

This study would lack great clarity without first having a thorough understanding of sin. I believe that we cannot have a proper understanding of holiness, if our view of sin is unbiblical. A distorted view of sin will inevitably produce a distorted view of holiness.

Sin is rampant all around us. We can see sin promoted around us. We can also see the consequences of sin in the lives of people.

Where does sin come from?

The Bible gives us clarity concerning the source of sin. Sin does not begin from outside mankind. Sin begins from within.

James 4:1; Mark 7:21

There is a sin nature from birth. Sin is not something that is learned from without over time. Sinfulness is the natural state of man from his birth.

Romans 5:12; John 3:6; Ephesians 2:3

We conclude from Scripture that sin is natural to man, it is part of his nature. Just as the lion cannot help himself but to hunt for his prey, so man cannot help himself but to sin. It is required of us therefore to truly understand what sin is. We should not be ascribing our own thoughts about sin, rather, let us allow the Bible to clarify the matter.

I. The _____ of Sin

To probe means to investigate and study in order to establish the facts.

A. Sin is the _____ of the Law

I John 3:4

B. Sin is the _____ of doing Good

James 4:17

C. Sin is the _____ of the Thoughts

Proverbs 24:9; Matthew 5:28

D. Sin is the _____ from Faith

Romans 14:23; 1 John 5:17; Revelation 21:8

It is true that not all sin is equal. However, all sin is still sin.

II. The _____ of Sin

We have observed the tree, now we must go down to the roots.

A. The _____ of Sin

Ephesians 2:3; Jeremiah 17:9

B. The _____ of Sin

James 1:14-15; Romans 7:8; Romans 7:11

C. The _____ of Sin

Romans 7:13; Habakkuk 1:13; 1 Corinthians 11:30-32

III. The _____ of Sin

Scripture gives us several pictures with regard to sin.

A. Sin is Likened to _____

Exodus 19:10; Psalm 51:2; 1 John 1:6-9

B. Sin is Likened to _____

Matthew 13:7, 22; Romans 7:23-25

C. Sin is Likened to _____

Romans 6:7, 17-18, 20; Romans 6:13

WORD KEY: 1-Probing 2-Transgression 3-Omission 4-Corruption 5-Deviation 6-Profundity 7-Depth 8-Deceit 9-Distastefulness 10-Picture 11-Dirt 12-Weeds 13-Slavery