

LIFESTUDY SERIES

UNDERSTANDING MAN AND SIN

(I Thes. 5:23 / Rom. 6:11-14)

I. **Man - a three-fold (triune) creature**

a. The Three Parts

1. Spirit - Human spirit in lost or born again state (John 3:6)
Part of man that contacts god (John 4:24)
Called the heart (Rom. 2:29)
the new creation (II Cor. 5:17)
the inward man (II Cor. 4:16)
2. Soul - Not the same as the spirit (Heb. 4:12)
Consists of the mind, will and emotions
Part of man that reasons and thinks
Not changed at new birth, but in the process of being "saved" (Jam. 1:21)
- satan fights to control the soul
3. Body - The temple, house or tent that you live in (I Cor. 6:19)
Part of man that contacts the physical world
Called the flesh (Rom. 6:19)
Christians controlled by it are said to be carnal or "body ruled" (I Cor. 3:1-3)
Will be saved at the Second coming (Rom. 8:23)
Body will manifest the power that controls the soul

b. God's Will for Each Part

1. New birth for the Spirit (John 3:6-7)
2. Renewing of the Mind for the soul (Rom. 12:2)
3. Subjection and Presentation of the body (I Cor. 9:27; Rom. 12:1)
All Three are commanded by God, but God will not force us to do them if we do not choose to.

II. **Sin (Rom. 3:23)**

a. What is Sin?

1. Sin is not:
 - a) An accident - it is an act of responsible disobedience (Rom 5:19)
 - b) An Unreality - it is real and is offensive to God (Psa. 51:4)
 - c) A Necessity - not something we cannot stop or overcome (I John 2:1)
The sinner is worthy of blame and is held responsible guilty for the sin.
2. Sin is:
 - a) Rebellion against God and His Will
Lack of conformity to the revealed will of God
 - b) Incorrect desires - wanting something that is wrong or improper (Matt. 5:27-30)
 - c) Not doing what God says to do/doing what God says not to do
 - d) A free will choice to disobey God
3. Definitions:
 - a) Sin - to miss the mark and so not to share in the prize, to commit offenses, to err.
 - b) Transgression = rebellion against rightful authority
 - c) Trespass = to side-step, fall to one side, to deviate

- d) Iniquity = being perverted; moral crookedness, warped morality; injustice, wickedness.
- b. Who is sin against? - (Psa 51:4)
Sin is against God primarily
Outward action is always the result of inward attitude
You cannot sin against man without sinning against God first.
- c. What are the Results of Sin?
1. Brings into slavery (Rom. 6:13,16)
Yielding to sin puts you in spiritual bondage
 2. Alienation from God (Psa. 66:18)
Fellowship with God is broken (Gen. 3:24)
Sin becomes lord in life in place of Jesus
 3. Deterioration morally and socially (John 8:34)
Without a quick repentance, you will harden your heart towards God and your relations with others will suffer. (Heb. 3:10-13)
 4. Suffering mentally and physically
Guilt, condemnation, anxiety, sickness, etc. (Deut 28:15, Eph. 5:6)
- d. What is the Sequence of Sin? - (Jam. 1:12-15)
1. Drawing away - fleshly desires along with satanic encouragement causes you to stray from your walk with God.
 2. Desires - wrong thoughts and feelings build until strong
 3. Disobedience - strong desires give birth to sin (inward) which becomes wrong actions (outward).
 4. Death - The unrepentant person starts to waste away spiritually.
- e. What is Repentance form Sin? - (Acts 17:29-31)
1. decision or course of action; to regret; to think differently about something.
 2. Decided - Sin is recognized as evil, you abhor it and truly do not want to do it again, the decision is made to turn from sin and to God. (Psa. 51:16-17)
 3. Declared - Sin is confessed to God and forgiveness is received.
 4. Done - Actions must show repentance (Luke 3:8)(Jam 2:20)
- f. What is Forgiveness of Sins? - (I John 1:9)
to send away, to lift off and carry away, to pardon if we confess, God will forgive and cleanse Includes God forgetting the sin (Isa. 43:25; Jer. 31:34)
Once forgiven, we should not still feel condemned, but we can stand before God with a clear conscience. (Heb 9:14; 10:22)

Meditation Scriptures:

(Psa. 51:4; 51:16-17; Psa. 66:18; Isa. 43:25; Rom 3:23; Rom. 6:15-16; 12:1-2; II Cor. 5:17; II Thes. 5:23; Heb. 4:12; Jam. 1:14-15; Jam. 4:7; I John 1:9; 2:1)

Study Passages:

(John 4:23-24; Rom. 6:11-14; 6:19-23; I Cor. 3:1-3; Jam. 1:12-15; I John 2:1-2)