

## REAL WITH SELF: SIN DESTROYED

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures... *1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

**But once we possess the concept of shalom, we are in position to specify our understanding of sin. God is, after all, not arbitrarily offended. God hates sin not just because it violates his law but, more substantively, because it violates shalom, because it breaks the peace, because it interferes with the way things are supposed to be. (In fact, that is why God has laws against a good deal of sin. God is enthusiastically for shalom and therefore against sin.<sup>1</sup>**

### What Is Sin?<sup>2</sup>

**Missing The Mark – Aiming For The \_\_\_\_\_**

**Idolatry – Worshiping \_\_\_\_\_**

“Worship is the continuous outpouring of all that I am, all that I do and all that I can ever become in light of a chosen or choosing god...worship does not stop and start despite our notions to the contrary... when we sin, worship does not stop. It changes directions.”<sup>3</sup>

### Worship Is About:<sup>4</sup>

Who we are

Who or what \_\_\_\_\_

How we choose to \_\_\_\_\_

“An idol is anything more fundamental than God to your happiness, meaning in life or identity. Idols are not bad things, they are good things turned into ultimate things”<sup>5</sup>

**Rebellion – Living Under \_\_\_\_\_**

**Law-breaking – Choosing The \_\_\_\_\_**

“Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.” *Romans 5:14 ESV*

**Perversion – Making \_\_\_\_\_**

“The better stuff a creature is made of—the cleverer and stronger and freer it is—then the better it will be if it goes right, but also the worse it will be if it goes wrong. A cow cannot be very good or very bad; a dog can be both better and worse; a child better and worse still; an ordinary man, still more so; a man of genius still more so; a superhuman spirit best—or worst—of all.”<sup>6</sup>

### Omission and Commission

<sup>1</sup> Cornelius Plantinga Jr., “Sin: Not the way it’s supposed to be” (2010 Retrieved from <http://www.henrycenter.org/programs/christ-on-campusinitiative/>)

<sup>2</sup> Adapted from Millard Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 2nd Ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1998), 586-ff.

<sup>3</sup> Harold Best, *Unceasing Worship* (Downers Grove: IL: InterVarsity Press, 2003), 18-19

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, 17

<sup>5</sup> Tim Keller in a video promoting his book *Counterfeit Gods* accessed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEtdMKjohR8>

<sup>6</sup> C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, quoted in Plantinga, 12

## What Did Sin Do?

WE ALL ARE SINNERS BY \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

### We sin because we are sinners – our sins are not our problem, our sin is the problem

“A sin is any act—any thought, desire, emotion, word or deed—or its particular absence, that displeases God and deserves blame... Sin...is the tendency to commit sins”<sup>7</sup>

### Original sin – corrupted \_\_\_\_\_

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned *Romans 5:12 ESV*

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. *Romans 8:20-22 ESV*

### Total depravity – corrupted \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup>

They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. *Ephesians 4:18 ESV*

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed... *Romans 6:16-17 ESV*

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. *Titus 3:3 ESV*

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? *Jeremiah 17:9 ESV*

To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. *Titus 1:15 ESV*

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. *Romans 8:10 ESV*

### Natural man wants to sin

...among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. *Ephesians 2:3 ESV*

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” “Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their

paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.” Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.  
**Romans 3:9-20 ESV**

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<sup>7</sup> Plantinga, 4

<sup>8</sup> This list is found in Mark Driscoll, *Doctrine: What Christians Should Believe* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2010), 157

## Sin Broke:

**Our \_\_\_\_\_ from who God made us to be**

**Our relationships with \_\_\_\_\_**

Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. **1 John 2:9-11 ESV**

**Our relationship with \_\_\_\_\_**

...remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances. **Ephesians 2:12-14 ESV**

**Our world**

## The Consequences Of Sin

**WE ARE ALL \_\_\_\_\_ (STATE)**

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world... **Ephesians 2:1-2 ESV**

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. **Colossians 2:13-15 ESV**

Incapacity to love, cherish, and obey God

**WE ARE ALL \_\_\_\_\_ (AUTHORITY)**

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.  
**Romans 6:6-7 ESV**

**WE ARE ALL \_\_\_\_\_ (JUDGMENT)**

See (Romans 1-3)

**WE ARE ALL \_\_\_\_\_ (AFFILIATION)**

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. **Romans 5:10 ESV**

For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. *Philippians 3:18-19 ESV*

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. *Romans 8:5-8 ESV*

## WE ARE ALL \_\_\_\_\_ (PUNISHMENT)

But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. *Romans 2:5 ESV*

This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. *2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 ESV*

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life...” *John 3:16 ESV*

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. *John 3:36 ESV*

## HELL

### Eternal

Sin is \_\_\_\_\_

“...I have kept you from sinning against me.” *Genesis 20:6 NIV*

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. *Psalms 51:4 ESV*

Infinite \_\_\_\_\_ - infinite \_\_\_\_\_:

“So that sin against God, being a violation of infinite obligations, must be a crime infinitely heinous, and so deserving infinite punishment.”<sup>9</sup>

“And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’”<sup>10</sup> *Mark 9:47-48 ESV*

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. *Daniel 12:2 ESV*

### Conscious

Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear. *Matthew 13:40-43 ESV*

**We ultimately have only two ways to know how much God hates sin – by looking at the cross of Christ and by examining the doctrine of Hell. To underestimate the punishment of Hell is to underestimate the magnitude of sin. That, in turn, leads one to underestimate the holiness of God and the price of Christ's death<sup>11</sup>**

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<sup>9</sup> Jonathan Edwards, "The Justice of God in the Damnation of Sinners" in *The Works of Jonathan Edwards*, Vol. 2 (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2004), 669

<sup>10</sup> Emphasis added

<sup>11</sup> Chris Morgan, *Jonathan Edwards & Hell* (Fearn, Scotland: Christian Focus Publications, 2004), 13-14