

Sin & Salvation



Introduction: Ribbon Mania?

The Real Crisis: The Ribbon We Ought to Wear!

Denial Mechanism #1 – _____: “The Original Cop-Out”

Denial Mechanism #2 – _____: “Sin Spin”

Denial Mechanism #3 – _____: “Holier than Some”

I. Sin – The Great Plague

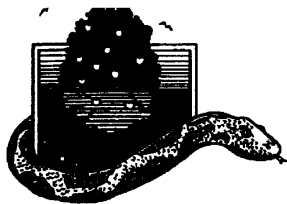
A. Sin is Universal

Romans 3:23... for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

1. Defining Sin Biblically

Analogies:

- ❖ Sores and Wounds (Isa 1:4-6)
- ❖ Menstrual Cloths (Isa. 64:6)
- ❖ Dog Vomit (2 Pet. 2:22)
- ❖ Pig Sty (2 Pet. 2:22)



Terms:

- ❖ To Rebel against Authority (1 Jn 3:4)
ανομία = no law, lawless

- ❖ To Stray over a Boundary, Transgress (Gal 3:19, Isa. 53:6)
παρβασις = overstep
העף = wander, go astray

- ❖ To Miss the Mark (Ro. 3:23)
αμαρτία = sin
υστερεω = fall short of
תפסו = miss the mark

2. Measuring Sin Accurately

Standard: *"Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Mt. 5:48)*

Instrument: Bible
*"Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is **like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror**; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was." (Jas. 1:21-24)*

3. Man's Sin Problem

Inherited Sin + Actual Sins = Total Depravity

❖ **Inherited Sin**

"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—" (Ro. 5:12)

"Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification." (Ro. 5:16)

One Man



Condemnation for All

One Act

“Is this Fair?”

❖ Actual Sin

Actions

Words

Thoughts

Motives

❖ Total Depravity

“The doctrine of total depravity is a very humbling one. It is not that man leans to one side and needs propping up, nor that he is merely ignorant and requires instructing, nor that he is run down and needs a tonic; but rather that he is undone, lost, spiritually dead.” -- Arthur Pink

≠ We are as bad as we can be.

= We are as bad _____ as we can be.

B. Sin is Lethal

*Romans 6:23... the wages of sin is **death**.*

1. Eternal Separation

2. Eternal Punishment

Conscious (Mt. 13:40-42; 24:48-51)

Continual (Rev. 20:10, 13-15, Jude 13)

II. Salvation – The Great Deliverance

A. Salvation by Grace: The Uniqueness of Christianity

Other Religions:

- Overestimate Man's _____.
- Underestimate God's _____.

Results: Either “Grace isn’t needed.”
Or “Grace isn’t enough.”

Key Verses: *Romans 3:20-24...²⁰ Therefore **no one will be declared righteous in His sight** by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.²¹ But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.²² **This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.** There is no difference,²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

Key Verses: *Ephesians 1:7-8...⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with **the riches of God's grace**⁸ that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.*

B. The Three Tenses of Salvation

Past

I have been saved... from the _____ of Sin _____

- Declare Righteous
- His Work _____
- By Grace through Faith

Present

I am being saved... from the _____ of Sin _____

- Make Righteous
- His Work _____
- By Grace through Faith

Future

I shall be saved... from the _____ of Sin _____

Salvation: Disputed Issues among Believers

Issue #1 - Calvinism vs. Arminianism (Handouts)

Issue #2 - “Lordship Salvation” vs. “Free Grace” (Handout)