

STUDY OF SIN

PURPOSE: To help you understand sin and identify sin and the sinful nature in your life;
To help instill a desire to be rid of sin; To provide the real hope that Jesus really does have the power to help you defeat the sins that have controlled your life. (*Sins of commission and sins of omission*)

REVIEW: What have you been learning about Jesus from the gospel you are reading? How have you been applying the Love of God? Are you in meditation and study of God's Word daily?

- I. Introduction:** (Luke 7:36-50) Jesus anointed by the sinful woman.
- A. What attitudes did the woman show by her actions? (*Was she broken by her sins?*)
 - B. How did she show her love and appreciation for Jesus?
 - C. What was her greatest need? If the woman looked into the eyes of Jesus would she see there?
 - D. What do you see in the Pharisee toward the woman? What attitudes do you see in Jesus toward the woman?
 - E. Was the Pharisee saved? Why not? What was wrong with the Pharisee? Was the woman saved? Why?
 - F. Psalm 51:17 & Isa 66:2 Have been broken and contrite about your sins? *Have you cried to God about sins?*
- II. THE APPLIED WORD SET US FREE FROM SIN** James 1:13-15, 19-25
- A. Vs 13-15 Are we responsible for our sins? Do we have a choice whether or not to sin?
 - B. Vs 21 Humbly accepting God's word can do what for you?
 - C. Vs 22-25 What happens if you listen but don't do what God says? Have you ever justified sin?
 - D. How is the Bible a spiritual mirror?...How does it reveal us spiritually to God? Do you want an honest look?
 - E. If you look intently into the Word - *with the determination to make changes* - can you have freedom?
- III. ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALLEN SHORT** Romans 3:23
- A. Who has sinned? - *Everyone!* The Greek word for sin comes from archery (fallen short.) Jesus is only sinless one. (Hebrews 4:15). He was the only one who did not miss the mark. *Have you missed the mark?*
 - B. Illustration: Salvation = swimming to Hawaii. Three different men swim different distances, but none of them make it. Who was better off? Answer: No one, they all drowned. *Is there any way for you to make it to heaven on your own?*
- IV. WHAT IS SIN?** I John 3:4 Galatians 5:16-24
- A. Vs 16-18 Identify your sinful nature, not just one or two acts of sin. Does God arbitrarily tell us to stop doing these *little pleasures* that we enjoy? Sin hurts, wounds, enslaves and destroys lives – what does God want for your life?
 - B. Vs 19-21 Define each one present in your life. If you don't appropriate God's power over sin will you inherit the kingdom of God? (*read v.21*).
 - C. Vs 22-26 Does your sinful nature rob you of the fruit of the Spirit? Many of these are heart sins (sins that are not obvious on the outside.) Sin begins in the heart (Mark 7:17-21). *Do you earnestly desire the Lord to transform your heart?*
- V. WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN?**
- A. Isaiah 59:1-2 – What is taught here about what sin does between us and God? Who erects this wall God or us?
 - B. Romans 6:20-23 – What is the only "benefit" sin has? What does sin cause? *Sin causes death* Ezekiel 18:18-24. How many have been hurt by your sins? Do you enjoy the power & presence of God daily? What has sin done to your relationship with God?
 - C. Heb. 3:12-15 – How does sin harden us? *Time goes on & we begin to compromise and rationalize, and it becomes easier and easier to sin.* (*Potter & clay Rom 9:21 Jer 18:4-6*)
 - D. John 8:34-36 Have you experienced the slavery of sin? (*Rom 6:16-20 II Pet. 2:18 Gal 5:16-18*)
 - G. Psalm 38 What does sin cause?: *Loss of Health, Mourning, Depression, Guilt, Isolation, Anguish, Hopelessness, Loss of Joy, like being in Darkness.* These are signals from God like pain is to the body. Have you ever felt like this?
 - H. Rom. 7:15-24 – Paul described his struggle & defeat when he tried to fight sin with his own power. Good news! V25 We can be victorious! (*Note also: Rom 8:6-8 We will never be able to defeat sin on our own. We must give full control to the Spirit if we are to be victorious over sin*) (*Rom 8:12-14 – "if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live"*) Have you appropriated Holy Spirit Power to overcome the sin in your life? If you belong to Christ Jesus what does Gal 5:24 teach that you have done? Does your life display Holy Spirit Power or are you described in 2 Tim 3:5? Describe your present life – are there sins present that you have not been able to master?
- VI. JESUS IS THE ANSWER TO SIN'S CONTROL** (True freedom can be yours by appropriating Holy Spirit Power)
- A. Does Jesus really provide us the way out? John 8:32,36;
 - B. John 8:34-36 What did Jesus say he would do for us?
 - C. I Jn 3:4-10 What did Jesus come to do? *He came to take away our sins and to destroy the devil's work.*
 - D. Luke 4:18 He came to give us freedom and release us from bondage to sin. (*See Isaiah 61*)

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS AND CHALLENGES FROM THE SIN STUDY:

- * Read Gal. 5:19-21 and Mark 7:17-23 In order to be free from sin you must recognize your own sins.
- * Consider writing down the sins of your past and present life for your own benefit.
- * Before we get together, please read Matthew Chapter 27. (*God's answer to sin is the Cross.*)