

# “Respectable” Sins – Week 1

## Sin Defined:

### **By the world**

How do you think our culture would define the word “sin”?

What words or phrases do you hear in our culture that are used to take the place of the word “sin”?

What other evidence do you see that the word “sin” has virtually disappeared from modern culture?

### **By God’s Word**

Read 1 John 3:4; How does John define “sin”?

Read Gen 1:1 – Rev 22:21; What is God’s Law?

or

Read Deut 30:15-16 & Matt 22:35-40; How is God’s Law best summarized?

Read 1 John 5:17; How does John further define sin?

How does Jesus’ teaching in Matt 5:21-22 and Matt 5:27-28 expand the reality of how we commit sin?

## The Effect of Sin:

### **On the World**

What effects does sin have on mankind and on the world we live in? How do we see those effects manifested in the world today? (Read Isaiah 59:2-4, Rom 5:12, & Rom 8:20-22)

Just to be clear, according to God’s Word, what is the condition of all mankind apart from Christ? (Read Eph 2:1-3)

### **On Believers**

God’s Word identifies the conflict that exists in the life of a believer as they walk through the remainder of their life in the world. Read Rom 7:14-24; in what ways can you relate to the struggle that Paul identifies?

Read Eph 4:30 & 1 Thes 5:19; What does it mean to “grieve” the Holy Spirit? What does it mean to “quench” the Holy Spirit?

Read Hebrews 12:1; The writer of Hebrews identifies sin with the ability to “entangle”. In what way(s) have you seen sin entangle someone’s life, maybe even your own?

## The Remedy for Sin:

### **For Un-Believers**

According to God’s Word, what doesn’t work as a remedy for sin in the life of an unbeliever? (Read Prov 14:12 & Is 64:6)

What is the only remedy for sin in the life of an unbeliever? (Read John 14:6, Rom 5:8, & Eph 2:4-9)

The moment someone receives salvation through Jesus Christ, what does God do for them regarding the guilt and reigning power of sin? (Read Rom 6:1-4 & Col 1:13-14)

### **For Believers**

Who is working alongside every believer in his or her daily effort to have victory over sin? (Read Phil 1:6 & Phil 2:12-13)

What does God use in the life of a believer to help them find victory over sin as well as correction when they fail? (Read Ps 119:11 & 2 Tim 3:16-17)

What motivation is there for the believer to acknowledge sin and seek God’s forgiveness? (Read Prov 28:13 & 1 John 1:8-10)

What promise is provided to believers that victory over sin IS attainable? (Read Rom 8:37-39)