

## Sanctification 101

### Lesson 1 Sin

#### **PART I EXPLANATION**

**Introduction:** For a proper understanding of salvation it is necessary to know what exactly we have been saved from. What exactly is the condition of man prior to salvation. Mt. 1:21 Jesus came to save His people from their SINS. The greatest part of salvation is that we have been saved not only from the curse of our sin but also from the control of sin. Saved not only from the guilt of sin but also from the grip of sin. To have a proper perspective of sin, we need only to look at the cross, to see how God views sin. Let us ever beware of the exceeding sinfulness of sin and its effect in our lives. May God lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

When God imparts to a Christian the Divine nature at regeneration, it is with the intention of freeing them from the bondage and dominion of sin. Prior to salvation man is living under the power and dominion of sin, which the Bible refers to as being “under the law” or being under the condemnation of the law. However, when a soul is converted, they are now under grace and freed from the bondage of sin. It is now expected of a Christian that they will not continue to allow sin to reign in their lives.

For example, prior to the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation there were multitudes of people who were under the bondage of slavery. When the war was over and they were emancipated, many of the slaves continued to live under their master’s dominion even though they had been legally freed. They did not realize the liberty they had received. So the Christian should not continue to live under the dominion of sin, for they have been freed from sin to enable them to now live unto God.

This is illustrated in the Old Testament with the children of Israel entering the promised land under Joshua. When they entered into this life of faith, Joshua led them in victory over the armies of the land. At that point they were freed from the dominion or rule of the Canaanite nations. However, as each individual tribe received their inheritance they were still expected to expel the inhabitants of the land by faith. In the life of the Christian, Christ has conquered sin and death for us. Now we are expected to claim our inheritance by subduing the members of our bodies and not allowing our flesh to remain in control.

The bible contrasts these two influences in the life of a Christian as the flesh and the Spirit. The Christian is not to walk after and be controlled by the flesh but by the Spirit. That is the expectation that God has for His children. An unsaved person, who has not partaken of the Divine nature, does not possess the capacity to live the biblical Christian life and therefore we should not expect them to. However, because of the righteousness given or imparted to a Christian there is an expectation of holiness and service to God.

**Definitions:** *For English use the Webster’s 1828 Dictionary and copy all appropriate definitions for each word. For the Greek and Hebrew use a Strong’s Concordance and copy the definition. The Strong’s number is in parenthesis.*

English : **sin** -

Greek: (266) **hamartia** *ham-ar-tee'-ah* -

Hebrew: (2403) **chattaah** *khat-taw-aw* -

(817) **asham** *aw-shawm'* -

(5753) **avon** *aw-vaw'* -

(7686) **shagah** *shaw-gaw'* -

(6586) **pasha** *paw-shah'* -

**Quotation:**

“Sin is the greatest evil in the universe. It is the parent of all other ills. All manner of evils draw their bitterness from this fount of wormwood and gall. If a man had every possession mortal could desire, sin could turn every blessing into a curse; and, on the other hand, if a man had nothing for his inheritance but suffering, but stood clear from all sin, his afflictions, his losses, his deprivations might each one be a gain to him. We ought not to pray so much against sickness, or trial, or temptation, or even against death itself, as against sin. Satan himself cannot hurt us, except as he is armed with the poisoned arrows of sin. Lord, keep us from sin.” C.H. Spurgeon

“Self-examination is the beaten path to perfection” “Sin never ruins but where it reigns” William Secker

“Men compare themselves with men, and readily with the worst, and flatter themselves with that comparative betterness. This is not the way to see spots, to look into the muddy streams of profane men’s lives; but look into the clear fountain of the Word, and there we may both discern and wash them; and consider the infinite holiness of God, and this will humble us to the dust.” Robert Leighton

“Sin has the devil for its father, shame for its companion, and death for its wages” Thomas Watson

“As dogs have bones they hide and secretly steal forth to gnaw upon, so men have sins they hide under their tongues as sweet bits.” Thomas Goodwin

“A sheep may fall into a ditch, but it is the swine that wallows in it.” William Gurnall

“Men say of their sins as Jacob said of his sons, “Go, all but Benjamin.” Thomas Adams

**Confessions** (Look up and read these articles)

**New Hampshire Baptist Confession of 1833**

Article III The Fall Of Man

**London Baptist Confession of 1689**

Chapter 13 Of Sanctification - paragraphs 1-3

**Spurgeon’s Catechism**

**Q** - What is sin?

**A** - Sin is any want of conformity to, or transgression of the law of God (I John 3:4)

**Q** - Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

**A** - The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself but for his posterity, all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him in his first transgression I Cor 15:22 Rom 5:12

**Q** - Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

**A** - The fall brought mankind into a state of sin and misery Rom. 5:18

**Q** - Did God leave all mankind to perish in the state of sin and misery?

**A** - God having, out of His good pleasure from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life (2 Thes. 2:13) did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the state of sin and misery, and to bring them into a state of salvation by a Redeemer (Rom 5:21).

**Q** - Are all transgression of the law equally heinous?

**A** - Some sins in themselves, and by reason of various aggravations are more heinous in the sight of God than others (John 19:11, I John 5:15)

**Q** - What does every sin deserve?

**A** - Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life and that which is to come Eph. 5:6 Ps. 11:6

## **PART II EXPLORATION**

### **Key Questions** (*Answer in writing*)

1. What two aspects of sin has the Christian been delivered from?
2. What is it that delivers the Christian from the bondage of sin?
3. How does the Bible contrast the two influences in the life of a Christian?
4. What does the Bible mean when it says that we are no longer under the law but under grace?
5. According to I John 3:6-10 how is child of God identified?
6. Why is our body considered the temple of the Holy Ghost?
7. What does it mean to live after the flesh?

8. How and why has the Christian been freed from the dominion of sin?
  
9. Why can't an unsaved person live the biblical Christian life?
  
10. What happened to the children of Israel when they allowed the inhabitants to remain in the land?

**Key Scriptures:** *(summarize what each verse teaches in your own words)*

Judges 2:1-3 When the children of Israel entered the Promised Land they were told not to make a \_\_\_\_\_ or treaty with the inhabitants but to \_\_\_\_\_ down their altars. Because they disobeyed, God promised that He would not \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ but allow them to be as \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_ and allow their gods to be a \_\_\_\_\_ to them. In the same way we are expected to rid sin out of life and not make allowances with it.

Romans 8:1-15 A Christian is identified as someone that does not walk after the \_\_\_\_\_ but walks in the \_\_\_\_\_. The Spirit of God has set us \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ which the \_\_\_\_\_ was unable to do. God sent His Son that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law might be \_\_\_\_\_ in us who have the Spirit of God. We are not to \_\_\_\_\_ the flesh but the Spirit. The fleshly, carnal mind is \_\_\_\_\_ against God and is not \_\_\_\_\_ to the law of God. You are not in the flesh if the Spirit of God \_\_\_\_\_ in you. If you do not have the Spirit you are not a child of God. If the Spirit of God is in you, it is the same Spirit that \_\_\_\_\_ Christ from the \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 14:23 When it comes to questionable practices in life, if we have doubts we should not do it. We must have \_\_\_\_\_ that what we are doing is acceptable with God.

Ephesians 5:3-7 Some sins should never \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ among the saints. Those who live in those sins have no \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom of God. We are not to be deceived by people who practice such things into thinking they are Christians. For those same sins is why the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is coming on the children of \_\_\_\_\_.

I Peter 4:1-5 We should no longer live our life to the \_\_\_\_\_ of men but to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. We spent enough time in our \_\_\_\_\_ life living in excess and our old friends think that we are very \_\_\_\_\_ because we don't continue to \_\_\_\_\_ with them and they will speak \_\_\_\_\_ of you.

James 1:14-15 Sin starts with the temptation of our \_\_\_\_\_ and later produces \_\_\_\_\_ which eventually produces \_\_\_\_\_ .

I John 3:6-10 Those that live in habitual sin are not saved. We are warned against being \_\_\_\_\_ by such people who profess to be saved. God's children are identified as doing righteousness. He that \_\_\_\_\_ sin is of the \_\_\_\_\_. Christ came to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the devil. Whosoever is \_\_\_\_\_ of God does not live in sin because he has the nature of God and \_\_\_\_\_ live a lifestyle of sin. This is how the saved and unsaved are made \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Key Chapter(s)** (*Read daily and summarize in your own words the meaning of the chapter*):  
Romans 6:1-14

### **PART III EXPECTATION**

**Memory verse:** Romans 6:12

**Personal definition:** (*Write a definition in your own words*)

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**Personal confession:** (*Study the confessions and summarize them in your own words*)

Sin -

**Meditation question:** (*be prepared for discussion*)

What sin has dominion in your life?

**Extra Credit:**

Is anyone still under the law today?

Take on one sin a year and attempt to gain victory over it.