

“THE SOURCE OF SIN”

Mark 7:14-23

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I. The scribes & Pharisees measured holiness by tradition. What is the source of true defilement?

“Hear me, all of you, and understand.”

“Nothing outside ... can defile him, but things that come out... defile him.”

“Then are you also with understanding?”

“For from within, out of the heart come... come from within, and they defile a person.”

Jesus reveals the _____ as the source of _____.

Jeremiah 17:9-10

“Sin is not the result of our environment, but of the evil in your own hearts”

- Sinclair Ferguson

“No amount of insulation from ‘the world’ could ever protect them from the power of sin in their hearts.”

-Sinclair Ferguson

II. Did Jesus have a low view of sin?

“evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting”

“wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness”

Jesus helps us _____ the pervasiveness of sin _____.

Romans 8:3-4

2. This sanctification is throughout, in the whole man; yet imperfect in this life, there abiding still some remnants of corruption in every part; whence arises a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

-WCF, XIII

“Indwelling sin is our Judas.”

-Kris Lundgaard

III. Where does this leave those weary with the battle within?

"he declared all foods clean"

Jesus calls us to gospel-_____ & _____ community.

Psalm 139:24

Proverbs 4:23

Romans 14:17

Galatians 5:1

Hebrews 3:13

James 5:16

"Sin finds different outlets in each of us, one individual may need to guard himself in circumstances which do not threaten another individual in quite the same way.

But in every heart lie the seeds of every possible sin." -Sinclair Ferguson

"But it is all too possible to have an evangelical head and a legalistic heart."

-Sinclair Ferguson

BIG IDEA: Jesus says holiness starts in the heart.