

## Living as God's People

### LESSON 1: PEOPLE IN NEED OF GRACE

BIG IDEA: Everyone at church breaks God's law, harming others and needs God's help.

#### 1. *Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?*

##### **I. SIN AS AN ACT (WHAT WE DO)**

<sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. **JAMES 2**

- Sin is viewed as \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

<sup>17</sup>So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. **JAMES 4**

- Sin is viewed as \_\_\_\_\_ to do what God \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. **1 JOHN 3**

- Whether you do what you shouldn't, or don't do what you should, you \_\_\_\_\_ the law.

... <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,... **ROMANS 3**

- All of us are \_\_\_\_\_. No one is exempt.
- None of us lives up to God's \_\_\_\_\_, and fail to bring God glory.

“All sin comes from not putting supreme value on the glory of God- this is the very essence of sin.”  
**JOHN PIPER**

##### **In Review:**

*What is sin?*

Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God. (WSC, 14)

*Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?*

No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but does daily break them in thought, word and deed. (WSC, 82)

##### **II. SIN AS A CONDITION (WHO WE ARE)**

<sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

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“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be for your husband,  
and he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;

for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.” **GENESIS 3**

- They broke God's commandment by eating of the forbidden \_\_\_\_\_.
- They were \_\_\_\_\_, or separated, from \_\_\_\_\_ - hiding from Him.
- They were alienated from \_\_\_\_\_ - covering up their \_\_\_\_\_.
- They were alienated from one another- shifting \_\_\_\_\_ and struggling for \_\_\_\_\_.
- They were alienated from \_\_\_\_\_ - work is now difficult as a result.
- Their sin created a \_\_\_\_\_ environment. We don't get along with God, ourselves, one another or creation.
- Sin brings \_\_\_\_\_ along with it. It creates \_\_\_\_\_ for us and others.

<sup>9</sup>What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, <sup>10</sup>as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one;

<sup>11</sup>no one understands; no one seeks for God. <sup>12</sup>All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” **ROMANS 3:9-12**

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- Sins flow out of a sinful \_\_\_\_\_, which is turned against God and toward self.
- This means we are tainted by sin at the core of our being, or \_\_\_\_\_.
- Apart from God's grace, no one \_\_\_\_\_ after God, or can \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel.
- This means God must do \_\_\_\_\_ if anyone is to be saved.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ... <sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. **ROMANS 5**

- Adam acted as the \_\_\_\_\_ for all humanity.
- His disobedience brought \_\_\_\_\_ upon all of humanity.
- His disobedience brought us all under the power of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. **ROMANS 7**

- Even Christians continue to \_\_\_\_\_ with our the desire to do what is \_\_\_\_\_.

**AS SINNERS, PEOPLE LIVE FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF HEARTS THAT \_\_\_\_\_  
GOD'S LOVE AND AUTHORITY.**

“So the Ten Commandments teach a person to recognize his illness. They help him see what he cannot do or refrain from doing. They help him see himself as a sinner.”  
**MARTIN LUTHER**

### III. THE PENALTY OF SIN

<sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, ,...” **ROMANS 6**

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the just punishment for sin. The severity is in keeping with the authority you reject.
- We earn death when we sin because we're guilty of \_\_\_\_\_ against God.
- Our actions are \_\_\_\_\_; they have \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>6</sup>For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. **ROMANS 8**

- The main issue is that we were at \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- We refused to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to His commands.
- This rebellion leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

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<sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers,  
<sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **MATTHEW 13**

- \_\_\_\_\_ is a very real place.
- Hell is a very \_\_\_\_\_ place to be. All who do evil deserve to be there.

*What does every sin deserve?*

Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that to come. (WSC, 84)

**AS PEOPLE LIVING FOR THEIR OWN EVIL \_\_\_\_\_, WE DESERVED \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES:**

- Everyone who attends Desert Springs Presbyterian Church \_\_\_\_\_ to live the way God wants to.
- This means that from time to time people here will \_\_\_\_\_ you- including the pastor and leaders.
- As a result, they should seek God's \_\_\_\_\_, and your \_\_\_\_\_.
- And, this means you should be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ them!
- This means that from time to time \_\_\_\_\_ will hurt people here- including the pastor and leaders.
- As a result, \_\_\_\_\_ should seek God's forgiveness and their forgiveness.
- And this means that they should be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ you!
- We cannot live with one another unless we are \_\_\_\_\_ enough to ask for and receive forgiveness!

***WE COME TO CHURCH AS PEOPLE IN GREAT \_\_\_\_\_, AND GREAT  
\_\_\_\_\_, SEEKING \_\_\_\_\_ FROM THE WRATH OF GOD.***