

SUNDAY
SESSIONS

BAPTIST
BELIEF & PRACTICE

WEEK 4 - SOTERIOLOGY

What is sin?

Sin is _____ or _____ God in the world he created - not _____ or _____ what he requires in his law.

1. Sin infects the Core of our being - We, at our core, are sinful. We desire sinful things and our natural state is one that does not desire what the Lord desires.
2. Sin perverts goodness - Sin takes what is good and corrupts it. For example, sex, something that Pastor Josh talked about a few weeks ago, something that is designed to bring a husband and a wife together in marriage, has been perverted into the state it is in today.
3. Sin is Universal - Every single human, participates in sin. Romans 3:23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

NCC Q18: Does God allow our disobedience to go unpunished?

A: No, God is _____ angry with our sins and will punish us both in _____ life and the life to _____.

NCC Q19: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God’s favor.

A: YES, God _____ us to himself by a _____.

Notes:

Romans 10:13 ESV

¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 1:21–25 ESV

²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

1. Sin _____ from God, from creation, from each other.
2. Sin _____ us - we stand guilty and rightly worthy of eternal punishment.
3. Sin _____ us - we are unable to free ourselves from its grip.
4. Sin _____ our affections. We love self, not God.

Romans 8:7–8 ESV

⁷ 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.

⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Notes:

Ezekiel 36:22-27 ESV

²² “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Regeneration

John 3:1-8 ESV

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Jesus is describing to Nicodemus how a man enters the Kingdom of God and he uses two illustrations.

1. Birth (a new life is created)
2. Wind (you can’t create it)

We have _____ to spread the seed, but we don’t have the _____ to change the heart.

Notes:

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast

Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins Jesus uses the illustration of being non-existent and then being born. New life is created. Paul here, uses a different illustration to drive the point home - dead person. Spiritually dead. What do dead people do? They be dead - that's it. They don't make themselves alive anymore than unborn things create birth ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Titus 3:3-7 ESV

³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Repentance: a _____ turning from sin _____ God.

(saving) Faith: the _____ of Jesus Christ and _____ of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.

“Repentance means changing one’s mind so that one’s views, values, goals and ways are changed and one’s whole life is lived differently. The change is radical, both inwardly and outwardly; mind and judgement, will and affections, behavior and life-style, motives and purposes, are all involved. Repenting means starting to live a new life.”

- J.I. Packer, Concise Theology

Justification

“Justification is God’s gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.”

- BF&M (2000)

Justification is _____ to the one who placed their faith in Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:21–26 ESV

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Propitiation: The means by which God’s _____ is appeased and our _____ forgiven.

Atonement: _____ for wrongdoing that has been committed

Propitiation: Appeasing of _____

Sanctification

Sin depraves our affections. We love self, not God. → Regenerated

Sin condemns us - we stand guilty and rightly worthy of eternal punishment. → Justified

Sin enslaves us - we are unable to free ourselves from its grip. → Sanctified

What does Sanctification mean?

“Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God’s purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person’s life.

Sanctification begins in the new birth of regeneration, which allows us to be set apart for God’s purposes, and in order to do those purposes those purposes, we must become spiritually mature.”

-BF&M (2000)

What is the Goal of Sanctification?

NCC Definition - Sanctification means our gradual growing in righteousness.

1 John 3:6 NIV

No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

How does Sanctification happen?

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (ESV)

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,

Galatians 5:16–23 ESV

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

_____ for holiness - Heb 12:14

_____ from immorality - 1 Thess 4:3

_____ immorality - 1 Cor. 6:18

Make _____ effort - 2 Peter 1:5

“It is important that we continue to grow both in our passive trust in God to sanctify us and in our active striving holiness and greater obedience in our lives. If we neglect active striving to obey God, we become passive, lazy Christians.” - Grudem

There is no _____ to _____.

Romans 6:22 ESV

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

Glorification

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“Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.”

- BF&M (2000)

John 10:25-30 ESV

²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

Romans 8:28-30 ESV

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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