

Monday **What We Should Do with Sin**

God is very clear that He hates sin and that He doesn't want it to be part of our lives. He has given us some simple, yet very clear instructions about what we should do with sin. We will study a couple every day. Later in the week we will see what God does with our sin.

1. Read Matthew 1:21 – What was Jesus' main purpose for coming to this earth?
2. If it was Jesus' purpose to save us from our sin, what do think God wants for us to do?
3. Read Romans 4:7 – How is a person described who is saved?
4. God wants us to be saved from our sin. That's the first thing you should do with your sin. If you have never been saved from your sin, do it today. Tell God that you are a sinner, ask Him to forgive you, and trust Jesus Christ to save you from your sin. That's why He came. Read Psalm 38:18 – What else should we do about sin?
5. Being sorry for sin is more than being upset that you got caught. What does it mean to be sorry for your sin?
6. Read I John 1:9 – What does this verse say we should do with our sin?
7. Confess means to say the same thing about the sin that God does. It means to agree with Him. If God calls it sin, what should we call it?

It isn't enough just to say that you might have slipped up a little bit or that you had an off day. Confession is when you realize how ugly your sin is and you call it what it is. Sin is always sin, nothing less.

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Being saved from our sin, being sorry for our sin, and confessing our sin isn't all there is. The Bible gives us some other instructions about what to do with our sin. We'll look at two more today.

1. Read Ezekiel 18:30 – What does this verse teach us to do with our sin?
2. Repent means to turn or change your mind. What should we think differently about our sin?
3. According to that verse, from how many sins are we to repent?
4. According to that verse, what is the purpose of repenting?
5. Read Proverbs 28:13 – We already learned about confession. What else should we do about our sin?
6. What does it mean to forsake your sin?
7. Forsaking is abandoning. God wants us to drop our sin and walk away. What will happen to the person who covers his sin?
8. What will happen to the person who confesses and forsakes his sin?
9. Read Isaiah 55:7 – After we confess our sin, where or to whom should we go?
10. What will happen when we do?

Repenting, changing your mind and turning from your sin is very hard. Leaving it behind is also difficult, but thankfully, both are possible. Philippians tells us, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." It is possible to turn from your sin and leave it behind. It's done in the power that Christ supplies.

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So far we have seen five instructions about what we should do with our sin. God hates sin, and He doesn't want it have any part in our lives. Let's learn two more instructions today.

1. Read Proverbs 6:16-19 – What is God's attitude toward these sins?
2. If God hates them, what do you think our attitude should be toward them?
3. What specific sins did God mention in this passage?
4. Do you think those are the only sins God hates?
5. Read Psalm 97:10 – Who should hate sin?
6. Read Ephesians 4:22-25 – The next instruction could be said two ways. How does the beginning of verse 22 describe it?
7. Verse 25 tells us specifically to put off lying and to speak truth with our neighbor. What reason is given?
8. Read Colossians 3:8 – What sins are we to put off?
9. Read Ephesians 4:31 – What should we do with the sins mentioned in this verse?
10. What sins are mentioned in that verse?

“Put away” is the same phrase that is used to describe divorce. God hates divorce when it is between two people, but it is always good for us to separate ourselves from all sin!

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There are three more instructions that God gives us concerning our sin. Every different instruction has a little different meaning or implication, but it could all be summarized in saying that God doesn't want us to have anything to do with sin.

1. Read Hebrews 12:1 – What does God want us to do with our sin in this verse?
2. The sin mentioned specifically in this verse is “the sin which doth so easily beset us.” A besetting sin is one seems to trip us up every time we are tempted with it. What sin gets you every time you are tempted with it?
3. Laying aside our sin gives the picture that we take away as part of who we are. How can you do that with your particular besetting sin?
4. Read Hebrews 12:4 – What does this verse tell us to do with sin?
5. The word “resist” almost gives a picture of one army putting up a fight against another. What is a good strategy for putting up a fight against sin?
6. Here is the last instruction. Read Ephesians 5:11 – What does this verse teach us about dealing with sin?
7. God wants us to rebuke or expose sin. This is the only instruction that involves someone else's sin other than your own. God would probably rather we focus on our own sin a lot more than focus on someone else's. What does that verse tell us not to do concerning sin?

Exposing someone else's sin must always be done when your own heart is made right first. It is for the other person's benefit to have their sin exposed, but it must be done lovingly!

Friday
What God Does with Our Sin

God hates sin. He wants it to have no part in our lives. What does God do with our sin? The Bible also has much to say about that topic. In the last three days of this study, we'll look at ten things God does with our sin.

1. Read Revelation 1:5 – For those are saved, what has Christ done with our sins?
2. What was it that washed us from our sin?
3. Read Colossians 1:14 – What does this verse say that God does with our sins?
4. The last two verses have both mentioned that the blood of Jesus Christ is what washes and forgives us. Read Hebrews 9:22 – Why is the blood of Jesus so important?
5. Read Isaiah 38:17 – Where does God put our sins?
6. Remember, God does not have a physical body like we have. However, sometimes He uses things that we can understand to help us know Him better. We can't see what is behind us. What is God trying to teach with this picture?
7. God may be trying to teach us another lesson by saying He has put our sin behind His back. God turned His back on Christ while He was hanging on the cross to show His disapproval of sin. While God forgives us, He still disapproves of our sin. Read Psalm 103:12 – How far has God removed our sin from us?
8. Do East and West ever meet?

The blood of Jesus Christ makes it possible for God to forgive us, wash us, put our sins behind His back, and remove them an infinite distance from us.

Saturday
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Yesterday we saw four things that God does with our sin. Thankfully for those who are saved, God doesn't hold them against us for the rest of our life. He has made a way for us to be set free from them!

1. Read Isaiah 43:25 – This verse tells us two things that God does with our sin. What is the first one mentioned?
2. God blots out our sin. The word "blot" gives the idea that God erases it, wipes it out, obliterates it, and exterminates it. What benefit is it to you that God does all that to your sin?
3. God said that He blots out our sin for His own sake. How does it benefit God for blot out our sin?
4. The second thing mentioned in this verse is stated in the negative sense. There is something He doesn't do concerning our sin. What is it?
5. There is a difference between forgetting and not remembering. What is it?
6. Read Romans 3:24-26 – This passage tells us that God justifies us from our sin. That means that a person who is saved is declared righteous. Since a Believer is declared righteous, is he under the eternal penalty of his sin?
7. According to verse 25, we are justified through faith in what?

God completely erases our record of sin. He chooses not to remember them ever again. We declared righteous by God. When God makes a declaration, it can't be reversed. Our sin is gone, never to be held against us again.

Sunday
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1. Read I John 1:7 – What does this verse show us that God does with our sins?
2. What makes that cleansing possible?
3. From how many sins does His blood cleanse us?
4. Read Micah 7:19 – God said that He will subdue our sin. What does that mean?
5. Where does God put our sin?
6. Some parts of the ocean are so deep that no submarine could get to such depths. The pressure would immediately crush it. Does God want our sin to be brought up again?
7. If God puts our sin there never to be brought up again, how should we forgive others?
8. Read Isaiah 53:4-6 – Notice all the ways that God said that Christ took all our sin. What does it mean that Christ carried our sorrows?
9. What is described by Christ's being wounded and bruised?
10. Christ had to be chastised so that we could have peace with God. We had to be made right with God. According to verse 6, what have we all done?

11. Whose sins has God laid on Christ?

Through the blood of His Son Jesus Christ, God has cleansed the sin of all those who believe in Him. That cleansing is made available to everyone through the death of Jesus when God laid the sin of everyone on Christ as He died.