

Questions

- Is beauty in the eye of the beholder?
- How does your definition of what is beautiful make you respond to...
 - A sunset
 - A painting
 - A person

Questions

- Is sin in the eye of the beholder?
- How does your definition of what is sinful make you respond to...?
 - Accepted societal norms
 - What is clearly declared in Scripture
 - That which dishonors God

The One Story—Overview

- Every good story has a **context**
 - God’s creation of a “good world”
 - God’s creation of mankind in His own image
- Every good story has tension and **conflict**
 - The antagonist—Satan
 - The challenge—God’s Word set a limitation and God’s adversary offered an alternative

Overview—Second of two weeks dealing with sin

- Genesis 3–11
 - Dealing with temptation
 - Defining and diagnosis sin
 - How serious is the problem?
 - How pervasive?

Overview—Big Picture

- Genesis 1-2 Creation
- Genesis 3 Fall
- Genesis 4-11 Degeneration
 - Murder
 - Polygamy
 - Pride
 - Wickedness
 - Rejection of God

Question

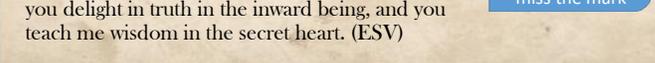
- How would you define sin?
 - List as many “aspects” as possible



Psalm 51:1-6

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my **transgressions**. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my **iniquity**, and cleanse me from my sin! 3 For I know my **transgressions**, and my **sin** is ever before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I **sinned** and done what is **evil** in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. 5 Behold, I was brought forth in **iniquity**, and in **sin** did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. (ESV)

- Transgression**
rebellion, revolt, defy authority
- Iniquity**
guilt, wickedness, wrong doing
- Sin**
wrong, offense against a standard, miss the mark



Psalm 51

- Sin in all of its forms (transgression, iniquity, sin)—is fundamentally against God
 - It is evil in His sight
 - He is just and blameless in judging sin
- God delights in truth—internally motivated truth



Defining Sin

- **Sin is...**
 - any transgression (rebellion) against or failure to conform to clear biblical standards
 - in action or attitude, disposition or outlook, habits or motivations
 - it is pride, self-assertion against God and others
 - including violations of the Lord’s command to love
- **Commission, Omission, Contra-mission**



Sin

Only love for Christ has the power to incapacitate the sturdy love for self that is the bane of every sinner, and only the grace of Christ has the power to produce that love.

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So what is the effect of sin on all of us?

- **Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (ESV)
- **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (ESV)
- **Ephesians 2:1-3** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 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. (ESV)



Total Depravity

- Every part of us is impacted by sin
 - Total effect of sin on every part of human nature/activity
 - Not: As bad as you could be
 - But: As bad off as you could be
- Total responsibility of every human being
- Total inability to undo sin's effects
- Total universality—spread to every human being since Adam



Sin

Sin doesn't always look sinful to us; sometimes it looks beautiful. That's why we need grace to see sin for what it really is—dark, dangerous, enslaving and destructive.

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Calvary's Doctrinal Basis, point # 4

Mankind: Creation and Fall

We believe that mankind was created male and female in the image of God; that our first parents sinned and thereby incurred the judgment of both physical death and spiritual death, which is eternal separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and therefore, are accountable for sin in thought, word and deed.



Romans 5:12-14

12 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—

13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.

14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

Sin
To miss the mark

Transgression
Going aside, defy authority

Romans 5:12-14

- **The point:** sin and death entered the world through one man, with the result that death permeated the whole of mankind.
 - No one escapes the reign of death because no one escapes the power of sin.
- Men are sinners not only because they sin, but because they are united in Adam's sin.



Romans 5:15-17

15 **But** the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. **For** the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.

Romans 5:15-17

17 If, because of **one man's** trespass, death **reigned** through that **one man**, **much more** will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness **reign** in life through the **one man** Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:15-17

- Explanation of differences between Adam and Christ
- The abundance of grace **surpasses** the **devastating** effects of Adam's sin.
 - One man's fall → many died
 - Judgment of one → results in state of condemnation
 - One man's fall → death reigned
- Grace and Gift
 - God's grace and gift → cause many to abound
 - "But the gift is not like the transgression"—we get more
 - God's grace and gift → recipients shall reign in life



Romans 5:18-19

18 **Therefore**, as one **trespass** led to condemnation for **all** men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for **all** men.

19 **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 5:18-19

- The **representative** act of one brings **consequences** on all



Proposition Completed		
Romans 5:18-19		
Consequently Therefore		
Potential: All (v. 18)		
objective		
Representative Acts	Range in Design	Results in Eternity
through one transgression	to all men	Condemnation
through one righteous act		Righteousness of life
Actual: Many (v. 19)		
subjective		
Moral Dispositions of the Agents	Range	More Immediate Effect in Time
through the disobedience of one	the many	constituted sinners
through the obedience of one		constituted righteous

Romans 5:20-21

20 Now the law came in to increase the **trespass**, but where **sin** increased, **grace** **abounded** **all** the more,

21 **so that**, as **sin** **reigned** in death, **grace** also might **reign** through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (ESV)

Romans 5:20-21

- The entrance of the Law revealed the sinfulness of man's sin but this is surpassed by the sufficiency of God's grace and results in eternal life.



Summary

- Sin affects everyone and everything
- Justification is available to everyone, everywhere



Sin

Denial of sin is always accompanied by devaluing God's grace.

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Application

<p>Sin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do we need to know? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No "little" sins • What do we need to do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repent and Confession • How should we respond since we all deal with it? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compassion and grace 	<p>Temptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do we need to know? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take all temptation seriously • What do we need to do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guard against or run away from temptation • How should we respond since we all deal with it? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compassion and grace
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Sin

Denial of sin is always accompanied by devaluing God's grace. The bad news of sin makes you excited about the good news of grace.

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