

Week 3 – What Is Sin?

It only takes us reading a few chapters of the bible to read about the fall of man in Genesis 3. Before man sinned everything was perfect between God and man. However, after man sinned against God all was changed within man himself and in his relationship with the Creator.

Today when we see the news and look around it does not take very long to know that there are many problems in the world. The fall in the Garden of Eden with Adam & Eve that caused them to sin has since been passed down to every human being who has ever been born. We are all sinners. It says in Rom 3:23 “For all have sinned; and fall short of the glory of God”. Did you catch that? It does not say that “most of us” or “almost every one of us” has sinned; it says that “all” of us have sinned. That means that every one of us, including me, are what the bible calls sinners.

In Psalm 51:5 it says, “I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.” Since we were born this way, none of us can escape our sinful nature.

Because God is holy He hates sin and is displeased when we sin. Our sin is not only against people we know, but is against God Himself. Sin is anything that violates God’s standards. It is rebellion against our Creator. Examples include anger, lying, not helping those in need, selfishness, and cheating.

In the weeks to follow we will look at what God the Father did through His Son Jesus Christ to deliver us from our sin problem.

Discussion Questions:

1. Does anyone have any questions about today’s lesson?
2. What impact did sin have on man? (answer: it changed the perfect relationship God intended for us to have with Him)
3. Why is it important to understand that each of us are infected with this sin nature? (answer: every one of us is in need of a way to restore this relationship with God)