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## Lesson on the "S" word

### I. Sin From God's Perspective

- A. God CREATES
  - perfection; personal relationship/fellowship
- B. SIN separates
  - broken relationship/fellowship; need for a Redeemer
- C. God's JUDGMENT
  - exile from Eden; the Flood; Tower of Babel
- D. Despite God's Judgment, Blessings, & Forgiveness, people continue to SIN
  - Israelites
- E. The REDEEMER is sent
  - Christ pays one time payment for our sins; we are asked to simply put our faith in Christ
- F. The HOLY SPIRIT is given
  - we now have awareness of sins and the power to overcome sins
- G. We, as Christians, still SIN (**Psalm 14:2-3**)

### II. Sin is...

- A. Not doing the RIGHT thing (**James 4:17**), or doing the WRONG thing (10 Commandments)
- B. A HEART issue
  - \*Jesus taught on the "Sermon on the Mount" not to be like the scribes and Pharisees who try to keep the commandments, but their heart is far from God (**Mark 7:6; 20-23**)

### II. Sin for the Unsaved

- A. For the person who isn't a Christian, sin = DEATH (**Romans 6:23**)
- B. The unsaved will spend eternity in HELL, which was not created for mankind (**Matthew 25:41**)

### III. Sin for the Saved

\*it is far worse for a believer to sin, because he does it with the knowledge of the Truth

- A. Breaks our fellowship with God
  - 1. effects our prayer life
  - 2. effects God's blessings on our life (we miss God's best)
  - 3. effects God's protection on your life
- B. Sin is punished (**Hebrews 12:5-9**)
  - \*God will do what is necessary to bring make you aware of your sins and bring you back in a right relationship with Him.



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Lesson 02—  
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## Small groups

**Discuss:** God is holy. Only someone who is perfectly holy can enter His presence in Heaven. Read James 2:10. Because we all fall short and we all have sinned, Jesus paid the price for our sins. When we truly put our faith in Christ, our sin is forgiven. If we choose not to accept Christ, we face the reality of Hell.

**Ask Yourself:** Have you taken the first step of accepting God’s gift of salvation from sin?

**Talk About It:** Put yourself in God’s shoes. Imagine that you give up what is most precious to you just to have that person accept it, thank you for it, and then they turn around and reject you again. Describe your feelings.

**Ask Yourself:** Knowing that this God who gave everything for you knows your actions, mind, and heart, can you see areas of sin in your life that He is displeased with?

**Ask Yourself:** Do you wish to please the holy God who loves you unconditionally to have a close walk with Him?

Steps to overcome sin:

1. Ask God to reveal to you any sins in your life.
2. Ask God to forgive you for those sins...be SPECIFIC.
3. Be aware of what causes you to fall into sin and avoid those people, places, or things.

### Romans 6:1-2

*“What should we say then? Should we continue in sin...? Absolutely not!  
How can we who died to sin still live in it?”*

### Psalm 139:23-24

*“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns.  
See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way.”*