

Christian Living Studies – Study 20

(A simple, comprehensive bible study for NEW CHRISTIANS)

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Foundations for faith

STUDY 20 THE STRUGGLE WITH SIN

WHAT IS SIN?

1. What is sin?
 - a. Isaiah 1:2
 - b. Romans 3:23
 - c. Isaiah 53:6
 - d. 1 John 3:4
 - e. 1 John 5:17
 - f. James 4:17
 - g. John 16:8 – 9

2. Does God consider anyone sinless? (Romans 3:9 – 12)

3. What do the Scriptures teach about man and sin? Select two references for each statement:
 - a. Man is a sinner by nature
 - b. Man is a sinner by choice

John 3:19, Mark 7:20 – 21, Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 3:12

4. What two things are true of the person who says he is not a sinner? (1 John 1:8)

Read Genesis 3 – Man's original turning from God to sin.

Read Romans 1:18 – 32 – Man's subsequent turning to sin in daily life.

WHERE DOES SIN LEAD?

5. What is God's attitude to sin? (Romans 1:18)

6. For whom is God reserving his wrath? (Romans 2:8 – 11, 2 Thessalonians 1:7 – 9, John 3:36)

7. How did Jesus describe hell? (Mark 9:43, 47 – 48, Luke 16:23 – 24)
8. In Ephesians 2:1 – 5
 - a. In what spiritual state is a sinner?
 - b. In what spiritual state is one who is saved?
9. What is ahead for those who belong to God? (Romans 5:8 – 9)

FREED FROM SIN'S PENALTY

10. How is a person saved from God's wrath? (Romans 5:8 – 9)
11. In Romans 4:5 – 8
 - a. In spite of their sins what does God bestow upon those with faith in Christ?
 - b. What happened to their sins?
12. What does belief in Jesus Christ give you? (Acts 10:43, John 6:47, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Romans 8:1, Romans 5:1)

Read Romans 3:21 – 5:21 on justification and righteousness by faith.

FREEDOM FROM SIN'S POWER

13. If you sin as a believer, what two ministries does Jesus have to help you? (1 John 2:1 – 2)
14. What has Christ's death done for you? (Hebrews 10:14)

ATTITUDE TOWARD SIN

15. What attitude should you take toward sin? (Psalm 97:10)
16. How do you learn to hate evil? (Psalm 119:104)
17. What are some common sins of Christians – and their results? (Mathew 23:12, 6:1, 1 Peter 2:11)
18. What other sins of mind and heart must we be aware of? (Hebrews 12:5, 13:5, 1 John 4:20)
19. What sins of the tongue and of relationships to others must you avoid?
20. What was David's decision about his eyes? (Psalm 101:3, Psalm 119:37)

CONFESSION AND RESTITUTION

21. How does God restore our broken fellowship with Him? (1 John 1:9)

22. Who is responsible to take the initiative in restoring fellowship:
- a. When you have sinned against another person? (Matthew 5:23 – 24)
 - b. When another has sinned against you? (Matthew 18:15)
23. What did Zacchaeus promise to do to those he had wronged? (Luke 19:8)

DELIVERANCE AND VICTORY

24. In Romans 6:17 – 18
- a. What have you been freed from?
 - b. Of what are you now a servant?
 - c. What attitude of heart is the key to this new relationship?
25. From Galatians 2:20
- a. Who lives in you to give you victory?
 - b. How do you live this life of victory?
26. In your new life of promised victory what three responsibilities are yours? (Colossians 3:1 – 2, 5)
27. About what has God spoken to you most clearly in this study concerning sin – and concerning victory?