



Spiritual Bootcamp

Session 3: Sin, Obedience, and Forgiveness

Knowing the Word of God is of no value if we do not apply its principle to our lives. That is why obedience is the basic necessity to Christian growth.

1. Sin

1. What is sin?

Isaiah 1:2

Isaiah 53:6

2. Who Sins?

3. Romans 3:23

Why do I sin?

Adam's decision in the Garden of Eden:

God told Adam not to eat the fruit of the tree of Knowledge and of the tree of Good and Evil - Genesis 2:9, 16, 17

Sin in the human race originated in Adam's free decision to disobey God's will - Genesis 3:1-6

The effects of Adam's decision on us today:

Sin entered the world through one man, Adam - Romans 5:12

Adam's sin separated man from God - Genesis 3:22

Adam's sin resulted in both physical and spiritual death for man:

Physical Death - separation of the soul from the body, Genesis 3:19; Spiritual

Death - separation of the soul from God for eternity - Romans 6:23, 2

Thessalonians 1:8-10, Revelation 21:8

Therefore, I sin because I am a _____

Repentance

Repentance is a change of mind or attitude about sin that causes you to turn from sin and turn to God for forgiveness and cleansing.

Repentance has three elements:

- a. Intellectual=change of Mind .. how we think.
- b. Emotional=Change of Heart .. what we desire.
- c. Volitional=Change of Will .. what we do.

Forgiveness

Definition of forgiveness is an act of pardon.

What does God want to do with your sin? 1 John 1:7-10

What must we be willing to do? Mark 11:25

How does God now see my sin? Isaiah 43:25, Jeremiah 31:34

2. What is Jesus' plan for his disciples:

Luke 9:23 states the heart of discipleship.

Deny yourself - Putting the Lord and others first; refusing to live my life to please myself.

Take up your cross daily - Submitting our will to the will of God. Luke 22:42.

Follow me - Following Jesus and no one or nothing else. Matthew 4:19; 1 Peter 2:21.

The whole principle of Lordship is the removal of self off of the throne of one's life, and the invitation to Jesus to sit on the throne and rule, trusting Him to do what is best for us.

The battle of submission: two reasons why people do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord of their life.

We're afraid God may ask us to do something we don't want to do.

We are not sure that God has our best interest at heart. Jeremiah 29:11.

3. How do I know if Christ is Lord of my life?

We show our love for Jesus by obeying His commands. John 14:15, 21, 23.

We must read the Word of God, see what God's will is for our lives and then we must do it. James 1:22-25.

4. What is the blessing of putting Christ first in my life?

1 Peter 3:15-16

Romans 12:1-2

Romans 6:22

The Lordship of Jesus Christ is the most crucial issue of any Christian's life. We are all aware of those around us who are reaping in their lives the by-products of their lack of obedience. Jesus has our best interests at heart. We must give Him our entire life and we must live on for Him daily. Only then will we experience the full life that He has promised us. As we continually confess Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives, we are assured of true faith living in our hearts. (Romans 10:9-10)

What did Christ teach concerning the possibility of serving two masters?
(Matthew 6:24)

What would you say is God's standard of life for those who say they are abiding in Christ? (1 John 2:6)

Where do we get the power to obey God? (Philippians 2:13) (Galatians 5:16-17)

In the light of Christ's illustration in Luke 6:46-49, why do you think obedience to Christ is imperative for your life?

Notes/Questions

Assignments:

Read Romans 6-8, memorize Romans 6:18, and pray for one another.