

# GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

## Growing Believer's Class

### *Sin – Every Believer's Struggle*

# ***What Is Sin?***

- *Any thinking or activity that goes against God's standards – 1 John 3:4; 5:17*
- *Sin is lawlessness, unrighteousness, and rebellion against God – Deut. 9:7; Job 13:23*
- *The Greek word for sin means, **"To miss the mark."***
- *God's standards are impossible for any human to meet.*

# ***Three Types of Sin***

1. Imputed Sin, aka Adam's Original Sin – 1 Cor. 15:22; Rom. 5:12; 3:23
2. Inherited Sin, aka the Old Sin Nature, the Old Man, or the Flesh – Psa. 51:5; Rom 5:12; 7:14-23
3. Personal Sin – Individual acts of sin compulsively and inevitably committed by all people – Rom.3:23; 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:8

# ***The Essence of the Soul***

- *Self-consciousness*
- *Mentality*
- *Volition*
- *Emotion*
- *Conscience*
- *The OSN (the distorter)*

# ***Facts About the OSN***

- *It is the source of spiritual death – Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:1, 5*
- *It is passed down to all humans through physical birth – Psa. 51:5; 1 Tim. 2:13-14*
- *Believers still have their OSN's after salvation – 1 Cor. 3:1; 1 John 1:8*

# ***Facts About the OSN***

- *Believers under the control of the OSN are called carnal – Rom. 7:15*
- *The OSN frustrates the production of divine good – Rom. 7:15*
- *The believer's resurrection body will not have an OSN – 1 Cor. 15:56; Phil. 3:21; Col. 3:4; 1 Thess. 5:23*

# ***The OSN: Two Trends***

## **Legalism: unrestrained sin → *Moral Degeneracy***

- *Seeming good thoughts*
- *Seeming good motivations*
- *Seeming good deeds*
- *Acceptable to human society but not to God – Isa. 64:6*

## **Lawlessness: unrestrained sin → *Immoral Degeneracy***

- *The source of temptation which directs production of all personal sin.*
- *The OSN is manifested in different patterns of lusts – the basic motivators of carnal desires*

# ***Lust Patterns – Legalism & Lawlessness***

## ***Moral Degeneracy***

- *Sinful thinking*: Pride, ego-lust, envy, possessiveness, praise-lust, judgmentalism etc.
- *Sinful talking*: Gossip, putting down, lying, spreading rumors
- *Sinful actions*: social exclusion, self-righteousness, self-vindication, etc.

## ***Immoral Degeneracy***

- *Sinful thinking*: Sensual fantasy, savoring any fleshly thoughts.
- *Sinful talking*: Filthy talk of any sort, threats, raging, verbal abuse
- *Sinful actions*: fornication, adultery, drug abuse, unnatural vices, unlawful violence, theft, murder, etc.



# ***God's Solution to the OSN***

- *All personal sins were borne by Jesus Christ on the cross – 1 Pet. 2:24 – and will never be mentioned again – Psa. 103:12; Rev. 20*
- *Jesus Christ rejected human good on the cross – Eph. 2:8-9. Unbelievers are condemned because they rejected grace, not because of their sins.*
- *Legalism—human good production—is never the basis for God's blessing; all blessing comes by grace.*

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- *All legalism comes from the lust patterns of the OSN – man's efforts for man's glory.*
- *In Grace God does the work and gets all the credit (glory).*
- *The human good production of all believers will be judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ – 2 Cor. 5:10*
- *There human good (wood hay & stubble) will be burned up; only divine production (gold, silver, precious stones) will remain – 1 Cor. 3:10-15*