

Lesson 1-6 Sin

1. Is there some sin in your life that you cannot conquer?

2. Do you have guilt because of this sin?

3. Do you want to be free from it?

4. Read Romans 5:12 and Psalms 51:5.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned--

Psalms 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

In your own words, why do we sin?

5. Years ago I had a bad neighbor, his name was Louis. He didn't respect my property; he had wild, noisy parties late at night; he committed all types of debauchery in his back yard; and he even killed his own son in a fit of rage. Also, Louis never went to church and never read the Bible. As I pondered this situation, I realized that Louis was perfect in God's sight and not guilty of any sin. How can this be?

6. One thing I neglected to tell you in number 5 is that Louis was a cat. How does this change your answer?

7. why was Louis not guilty of any sin?

8. Read Romans 7:7 and Romans 7:25.

Romans 7:7 what then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

Romans 7:25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. (ESV)

Summarize these Scriptures in your own words.

So, why do we sin.

who gave us the law?

who gave us free will?

who is responsible for our human nature?

9. Read John chapter 8: 1-11 and consider this: when Jesus said "go and sin no more," was this command or a release?)

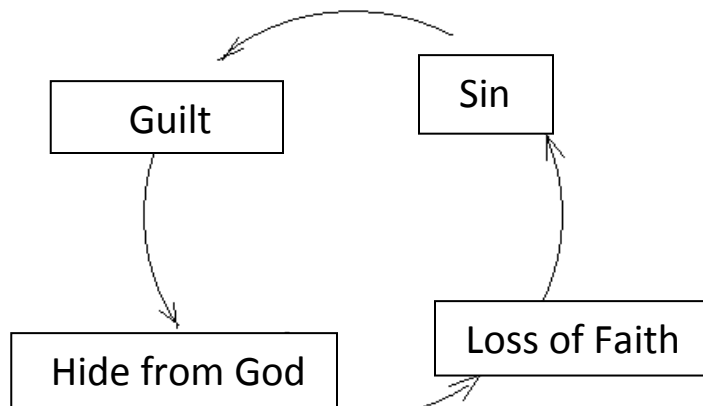
10. (Read Isaiah 1:18) How do you do this? (recall lesson 1-2)

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

11. In James 2:10, we learn that if we are guilty of one sin we are guilty of them all. So if you are guilty of one sin, list the others you are guilty of.

James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

12. Guilt can cause us to hide from God which can cause us to lose faith (See lesson 5). We can get into the circle of unbelief:



13. Paul considered himself the greatest of all sinners, but he reasoned with God and his conclusion is documented in Romans 7:19-25. Explain, in your own words, how Paul dealt with his sin.

Romans 7:19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

Romans 7:20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

Romans 7:21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

Romans 7:22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,

Romans 7:23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Romans 7:24 wretched man that I am! who will deliver me from this body of death?

Romans 7:25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

14. How do you deal with your sins?

15. Read 1 John 1:9 very carefully and ponder this question: If we confess our sins to God, whose responsibility is it to eliminate our sin? who is the "he?"

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

16. Are you willing to let God take control of your life and control of your sin?

17. We have heard it said that Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. What does that mean?

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

18. Read 1 John 1:7 and please put this in your own words.

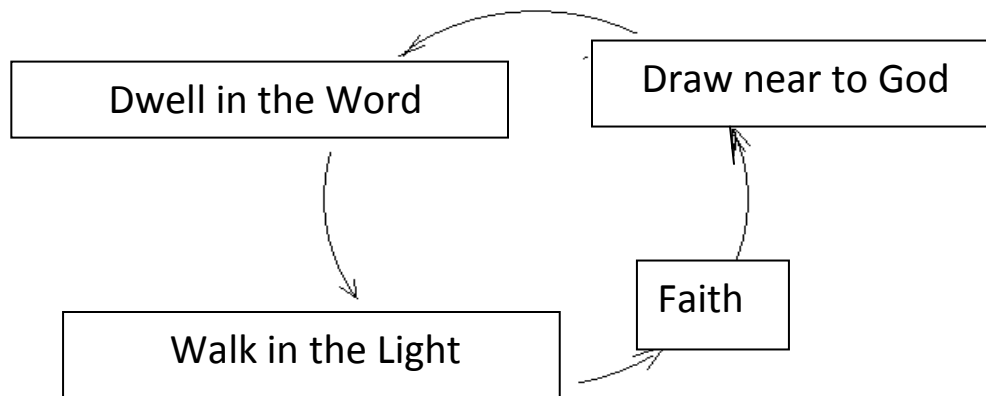
1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

19. Jean Claude is a believer. He has sin in his life that has not yet been conquered. He is feeling guilt and has stopped going to church, he no longer reads his Bible, and rarely prays. Do you have any suggestions for him?

20. Read Psalm 119:11

Psalm 119:11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

21. Lesson 1-7 will focus on Grace. Grace provides with a way to free us from the guilt of sin and enter into the a close relationship with Him, then we can enter the circle of Grace:



22. **Conclusion:** The guilt of sin will stop us growing in faith.

23. Memory verse: 1 Jean 1:7

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