

NEED SOME HELP WITH SIN

John 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:15; 2 Timothy 2:26

Introduction: "I can do it by myself" is often heard by children when help is offered but that idea is also carried into adulthood. It seems that most people think that they can handle life's situations all by themselves and sometimes don't have the slightest idea where their troubles come from. All troubles come from one source and that is "sin." Nobody can handle sin in their lives by themselves, maybe for a moment or two, but sin keeps hammering away until all resistance is gone and it is so silent at times that it comes and goes before anyone knows and the damage is done. Face it, we need help with sin.

I. SIN RUINED THE PERSONALITY GOD PUT IN MAN

1. Sin killed the spiritual fellowship Adam had with God and continues to do so with every person.
 - *Ephesians 4:18*
 - Sin has taken over the body and soul of every person when the spirit is supposed to but doesn't.
 - Sin brought man from the spiritual level down to the physical level.
 - The body/flesh rules everything of man, even his/her soul (mind).
2. Sin ruined the soul of Adam and all since him.
 - The mind of mankind has been blinded by sin. *2 Corinthians 4:3-4; Colossians 1:21; Titus 1:15*
 - People have a knowledge of evil but are unable to overcome it.
 - People often call evil good and good evil, they are confused.
 - Mankind cannot think spiritually.
 - All the thoughts of people deal with worldly things and reason.
 - People just cannot grasp the mind or ways of God.
 - God intends for people to love Him with all their heart as they do themselves.
 - The will of mankind is perverted for the greatest thing for people to will to do is to do God's will.
 - Everybody lives/operates totally within the materialistic world.
3. Sin has made the human body a battlefield.
 - That which God intended for man to use "spiritually" has become worldly.
 - Satan is using the human body as a way to get to the mind/will of mankind.

II. SATAN APPEARS IN MAN

1. Satan quietly, unnoticed, works at the very core of mankind - the intellect, the emotions and the will.
2. The "core" of a person is SELF.
 - What/how a person thinks gives way to words, actions, attitudes, etc.
 - covetousness - thief - deceit - lies
 - sins of the flesh - unforgiveness - hate - revenge - fear - fretting - unbelief - worry - dislike - backbiting - impatience - nagging - complaining - pride - boastfulness - envy - slander - ambitiousness - jealousy - murder - suicide, etc.
3. There are many degrees of sin but EVERYONE is a sinner for sin dwells within every person.

III. WHERE MANKIND IS HEADED

1. God and sinful man cannot be together - as light and darkness are separated.
- *1 John 1:5-6; Ephesians 5:8*
2. Sin causes people to not care about the things of God and therefore shuns, ignores God.
 - Adam was created without sin.
 - Adam chose to sin and was therefore separated from God.
 - Adam's family chose to sin.
 - Sin is the root of all mankind's problems.
3. People refuse to believe that everybody is evil, sinful, helpless and hopeless as God's judgment states.
 - People attempt to improve themselves in their own ways, like children, "I can do it by myself.." attitude, thinking that God will accept them.
4. Every person is headed for eternity somewhere. Those who die as they were born, separated from God will spend eternity in a place God has prepared for them - Hell.
 - Those who have accepted God's offer of eternal life through His Son, Jesus, will spend eternity in a place God has prepared for them - Heaven.

CONCLUSION:

1. Every human being (except the Lord Jesus Christ) is guilty, defiled, rebellious, lawless and separated from God.
2. Mankind is unable to reconcile him/herself to God, is a sinner and therefore an enemy to God.
3. Sin dominates every person's life until that person turns to God's answer - the Lord Jesus Christ and upon turning to the Lord Jesus in faith, that person is forgiven, cleansed, filled with the Holy Spirit, brought into God's Family, given eternal life and ONLY then can he/she begin to live the life God intended and only then can begin to break away from the hold of sin.